



## REGIONAL DISTRICT OKANAGAN-SIMILKAMEEN PRESS RELEASE October 22, 2008

### Skaha Lake Shoreline Study nears completion

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The Electoral Area D Skaha Lake Shoreline Study is nearing completion and the Regional District is seeking public input on draft conclusions and recommendations for the Study. The conclusions and recommendations are based on comprehensive biological, land use, and geological inventory information, a review of current land use plans and policies, interviews with local organizations, and the results of the September Open House and public survey. The conclusions and recommendations will be presented to the public on October 27 in Okanagan Falls and on October 28 in Kaleden. The presentation will be held twice each evening, once at 5:00 and again at 6:30, in order to provide four opportunities for attendance. A question and answer period will follow each presentation.

The Regional District is expecting a great turnout for these presentations. More than sixty-five people attended the Open House held for the Study in Okanagan Falls on September 15 and almost 100 people completed the Study survey. A summary of the public input received to date is included in an Appendix to the draft report, available at the RDOS office or online at <http://www.rdos.bc.ca/index.php?id=575>.

The Shoreline Study is being guided by the RDOS Area D Shoreline Committee, a group of eleven volunteers from Kaleden, Skaha Estates, and Okanagan Falls. The Committee has developed nine basic principles for shoreline management, which include: enhancing connectivity; limiting noise, water and air pollution; conserving the natural environment; protecting and expanding recreation; increasing accessibility; maintaining opportunities for economic development; enhancing history, culture, and education; protecting and enhancing the character and scenery; and understanding and considering relevant legislation.

Funding for this project has been provided by the Okanagan Basin Water Board and the RDOS with support from the Okanagan Nation Alliance and Fisheries and Oceans Canada.

Details for the Presentations are as follows:

Date: **Monday, October 27, 2008**

Time: **5:00 and 6:30 pm**

Location: **Okanagan Falls Community Centre Gymnasium, 1141 Cedar Street**

**OR**

Date: **Tuesday, October 28, 2008**

Time: **5:00 and 6:30 pm**

Location: **Kaleden Community Hall, 320 Lakehill Rd**

For more information about the Skaha Lake Shoreline Study, see <http://www.rdos.bc.ca/index.php?id=575> or call the Regional District Okanagan-Similkameen at 250-492-0237.

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