

**TO: Administrators  
Directors of Engineering / Planning**

**FROM:** Jared Wright, Policy Analyst

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**RE: RIPARIAN AREAS REGULATION - LOCAL  
GOVERNMENT TRAINING SESSIONS AND  
IMPLEMENTATION TOOLS UPDATE**

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Please consider this a reminder that the Ministry of Environment will be delivering one-day workshops for local governments on the implementation of the Riparian Areas Regulation (RAR) with its project partners, the Department of Fisheries and Oceans and the Union of British Columbia Municipalities.

The dates and locations of the training sessions are as follows:

**Monday, January 16, 2006 – Nanaimo**

9:30am to 3pm  
Coast Bastion Inn  
11 Bastion Street, Nanaimo

**Wednesday, January 18, 2006 – Port Coquitlam**

9:00am to 2:30pm  
Best Western Poco Inn  
1545 Loughheed Hwy, Port Coquitlam

**Thursday, January 19, 2006 – Kelowna**

9:30am to 3:00pm  
Kelowna Best Western Inn, Woodfire Conference Center  
2400 Hwy. 97, North Kelowna

The workshop agenda topics include:

- Introduction Model
- Overview of the Legislation
- Overview of Regulation
- Implementation tools
- Overview of Cooperative Agreement
- Monitoring and Compliance
- Q&A

Lunch will be provided.

Please send your RSVPs by email to Jared Wright, Policy Analyst, at [jwright@civicnet.bc.ca](mailto:jwright@civicnet.bc.ca) or by fax to **604-270-9116**.

**Please note that the following materials are now available on the Ministry of Environment website:**

- **Staples, MacDannold, Stewart (SMS) Liability Review**
- **Ministry Response to the SMS Liability Review**
- **Protocol of Interaction on Monitoring**
- **Updated Implementation Guidebook**

UBCM is also working with the Ministry on a database of local government approaches to compliance with the Riparian Areas Regulation.

It is recommended that local governments review, if possible, these documents prior to attending the RAR workshops. The documents can be found at:

**[http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/habitat/fish\\_protection\\_act/riparian/riparian\\_areas.html](http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/habitat/fish_protection_act/riparian/riparian_areas.html)**