

Snow Geese and Mosquitoes at the Steveston Highway Outfall – Harold Steves

Every fall thousands of Snow Geese and widgeon are attracted to the wet area created by the outfall and by spring it is a sea of mud. When there is snow in winter, the warmer water from the outfall provides a “green” area for the geese to stay and feed instead of going south. In summer, the water from the outfall it is a breeding ground for mosquitoes that must be monitored and treated by the Richmond Health Dept. 30 years ago Kelvin Higo said areas such as this should be filled to eliminate mosquito habitat. Instead the area has increased by several acres. We cannot put cattle on the wet area because of the mud and because it makes it more difficult to control the mosquitoes. Since the Snow Geese arrived we have had four years of losses on the farm.



Schedule 1 to the Minutes of the
Parks, Recreation and Cultural
Services Committee meeting
held on Tuesday, June 29, 2010.

The foreshore marsh is a “jumping off” area for flying inland to our farm, school and park sites

