During a sunny weekend in June 2006 watershed groups reps from across the Columbia Basin came to Mark Creek at Rotary Park, Kimberley for training in water quality monitoring.

CBT's Kindy Gosal coordinated the first Water Symposium 2005 at Castlegar. More that fifty organizations attended and the event concluded with a resolution that CBT help to build the capacity of watershed groups to conduct water quality monitoring.

Kindy arranged for Dr. Hans Schreier and Dr. Ken Hall from the University of British Columbia with Gayle Moyle from Environment Canada to lead the training.

Training concluded with 4-groups forming the Columbia Basin Water Quality Project (CBWQ. Mainstreams and Kimberley Wildsight from the East Kootenay and Slocan River Streamkeepers and Salmo Watershed Streamkeepers Society from the West Kootenay. Since then 12-watershed groups have partnered with the CBWQ.

Ongoing funding from the Trust has been key to keeping this unique project operating. CBWQ is unique because it is a grass-roots project guided and administered by community watershed groups. CBT funding ends in June 2018.

Mainstreams Environmental Society, who has coordinated and administered the project since the beginning will keep the website (cbwq.ca) with the important project database alive and accessible to citzens and researchers.

## CBWQ DATABASE on cbwq.ca

## 12 watershed groups

- 189 CABIN Analytical Reports
- Water chemistry master sheets

## 9 watershed groups

- **Summary Reports**
- Velocity & Flow data (continuous)
- Temperature graphs (continuous)

## 8 watershed groups

Project Monitoring Reports





Slocan River Watershed Water Quality Monitoring



Salmo River Watershed Water Quality Monitoring 2007-2014

















