

Deer-Vehicle Crash Reductions Meeting in Madison, Wisconsin

Submitted by Engineering Branch, Headquarters

On October 25th, 2005, Leonard Sielecki, the Ministry's wildlife accident expert, was invited to speak about the Ministry's wildlife accident reporting and mitigation initiatives to representatives of the US Federal Highway Administration, US State departments of transportation and natural resource agencies and leading non-government organizations. The "Deer-Vehicle Crash Reductions: Setting a Strategic Agenda" meeting was organized by the Deer-Vehicle Crash Information Clearinghouse at the University of Wisconsin – Madison and held in Madison, Wisconsin. The Clearinghouse is the leading US source of information on deer-vehicle accidents.

The deer-vehicle accident problem has been identified as a serious national transportation issue in the US. The international meeting brought together leading researchers, transportation and ecology professionals, American Automobile Association (AAA) officials and insurance company representatives to develop a strategic agenda to guide future US

Federal and State activities and policies related to deer-vehicle accident reduction.

The meeting was sponsored by the US Federal Highway Administration, the Wisconsin Department of Transportation, the Iowa Department of Transportation, the Western Transportation Institute, the Defenders of Wildlife, AAA-Wisconsin, AAA-Minnesota/Iowa, the Sand County Foundation, and the US National Center for Transportation and Environment. The meeting was attended by over seventy representatives from the US Federal Government, twenty-five US States and three countries.

Among US Federal and State transportation and wildlife officials, BCMoT is recognized as one of the world's pioneers and leaders in wildlife accident reporting and mitigation. The Ministry is well respected for its willingness to share knowledge and expertise with other transportation agencies encountering problems with wildlife.

Gilligan's Team Heads to the Charlottes

Submitted by Don Ramsay, District Manager Transportation, Skeena

The Terrace design and survey team recently spent a week on the Queen Charlottes working on surveys in preparation for future paving and intersection improvements, delineating pit boundaries, check and flagging a clear zone on Beitush Road in Tlell and dealing with some troublesome drainage issues. They met with all types of weather, from rain and gale force winds to snow and even some sunshine. Always happy to see visitors to her islands, Area Manager Stephanie Gillis says it was great having them on the Charlottes dealing with all these

issues. Although Denise caught a cold, she was a trooper and kept up with the guys throughout, not to mention keeping them in line.

