



Garry Point Park – Scotch Pond - by Terry Slack

This site is over in Richmond. It's Garry Point Scotch Pond on the southeast corner of Richmond. We call it Steveston today. It was the site of numerous catches of white sturgeon, and the very strange fish called the green sturgeon. Not too many people have seen or know that there are two species of sturgeon in the Fraser River. One is the white sturgeon and the other is the green sturgeon. This is the only place in the Lower Mainland historically and up to the 1970's where people who were fishing on the river, like recreational fishers, could fish in this one little spot and one place you could catch green sturgeon and another place you could catch white sturgeon. So Garry Point as we know it today, Scotch Pond was a place where you could do that. There are a lot of stories, and people have called me and told me about these wonderful stories, of catching monstrous sturgeon on one side of this Scotch Pond and Garry Point. And on the other side, where the river entrance was, they would catch the other species of sturgeon. So, I think, it is very important that we recognize this place because it is very important in our history of sturgeon. It is a place of both species, and the green sturgeon were coming off of Sturgeon Bank. They were entering into the Fraser River through the Scotch Pond and they were meeting the white sturgeon of the Fraser River. It must have been a great meeting to see the white sturgeon and the green sturgeon meeting each other right at the river. And of course it was a great place for the recreational fishers to fish for them.