

## Settlement Lands old dumps

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On 24 July 2015 I inspected the two former 'dump' sites on the Settlement Lands.

Site 1 is located alongside Central Road, west from the centre of the southern bend. Within 10 meters of the roadside there is a steep bank dropping right down to the edge of the water in the adjacent Pickles Marsh. The most recent dumping appears to be several tree stumps dating from about 15 years ago. There is only a single access point so debris is scattered in a cone shape down the slope. Salal extending 3 meters from the water's edge obscures any material that might have reached that far. A truck, perhaps a 1940s vintage, is stopped against a mature Fir tree near the bottom of the slope. Parts of other vehicles and a cook stove were observed. Despite careful observation, no clear evidence was found of oil seeping into the adjacent waters.



Site 1. Truck carcase lower right.



Site 1. Looking downslope, note water at foot of slope.



Site 1. Truck body from below

Site 2 is located at the junction of Central and Chickadee Roads. A long gully bounded by a rocky bluff to the east about 8 meters high was used as a dump site by the community up to about 20 years ago. Garbage items are scattered along the gully for about 60 meters. The largest item observed was a Moffat electric range. A colony of Saint John's wort occupies the top of the bluff and a steep slope into the gully extending 30 meters along the crest and about 10 meters down the slope. The bottom of the gully was dry though it appears that water ponds form just a little further southeast than the garbage extends.



Stite 2 looking Southeast. Chickadee Road, to the right had not been built when this site was in use.



Site 2. St. John's wort patch at crest of slope



Site 2. Debris visible on lower slopes below St. John's wort.