

Fraser South

June 2023 SEHAB Report

Representative: Lesley England

Community Advisor: Paul Neufeld

1. Any issues that are affecting groups and their projects that are directly related to DFO.

- No issues

2. Any positive things that are directly related to DFO.

- Fin Clipping of Coho. With the assistance of our Community Advisor and DFO biologist, Tynehead Hatchery clipped 5,500 Coho and Little Campbell clipped 20,000 Coho. All Coho will be going into their respective Coho Rearing Ponds.

Nickomekl enhancement society: Nickomekl Hatchery

- Will be getting a new fish fence this fall. DFO is doing the design. In addition, the plan is for a camera to be placed to assist with counting numbers of returns. There will be some alterations to the stream to allow this to occur; however, have legislation applications and approval completed. LaForge is supplying all the concrete for the project (hatchery has a 5-year working agreement with this company)

3. Any things coming up that DFO should know about

Nothing. All good..

4. Any issues that are affecting groups and their projects that are related to other agencies.

Nickomekl and Tynehead Hatcheries

- Hatcheries are still wanting answers on why they must pay for well water when the water is used directly for raising salmon.
 - Under the Water Sustainability Act, the Nickomekl has been charged for using the water from their well which is used only for raising salmon. Several years ago, they were back charged five years and had to pay out over \$1,000. They have not heard anything else since

Nickomekl Enhancement Society: Nickomekl Hatchery

- Sea Dam – they have been informed by the City of Surrey that the new Sea Dam Construction has been awarded to the Hatfield Environmental Group. This group has already been in contact with the hatchery to obtain information regarding the river and fish numbers. Plans include a ladder system for returning salmon. Completion date is planned for 2027.

Serpentine Enhancement Society: Tynehead Hatchery

- Sea Dam – The City of Surrey has a new Sea Dam in the planning, and it will be moved. Not sure of current plans and timelines.

5. A general update of what has been happening with your society that you would like to share.

Nickomekl enhancement society: Nickomekl Hatchery

- Difficulty maintaining a webpage due to lack of funds and volunteer experience.
- No classes this Spring due to not having any fish to release. All Coho died on hatch.
- The PSSSI assessment team has been through.
- Unexpected 1700 community members attended the Chum Sendoff – nearly three times as usual. Parking was a big issue, but all went well

Serpentine Enhancement Society: Tynehead Hatchery

- Difficulty maintaining a webpage due to lack of funds and volunteer experience.
- Awaiting rescheduling of PSSSI assessment team. Last date cancelled due to strike.
- First year back to full spring classes. Due to lack of volunteers, were only able to do 32 classes with a wait list of 14 schools. Also, several scout group tours were done on weekends.
- First year back to full annual Salmon Send Off with 833 attendees. Fun was had by all.
- Volunteers are down to 30. Obtaining volunteers that are available for weekdays is extremely difficult.

Semiahmoo Fish and Game Club– Little Campbell Hatchery

- Had 60 classes go through this spring with majority involvement in the Salmonids in the Classroom Program
- Did not get funding from their application to BCSCRIF for a new hatchery. The feedback was that they were not working with stocks of concern and that they did not have a corporate sponsor. Members are very disappointed.