



## **SEHAB Roundtable Template** (Oct. 2014)

**Our Vision:** Pacific Region communities living sustainably within the natural limitations of healthy ecosystems supporting abundant and biologically diverse Pacific salmonids.

**Our Mission:** SEHAB C.A.R.E.S. SEHAB is the voice of the volunteer community dedicated to:

- Communicating
- Advocating
- Representing
- Educating, and
- Supporting its endeavours

SEHAB and the community have a shared commitment of ensuring functioning ecosystems supporting viable, genetically diverse and abundant indigenous fish populations.

**SEHAB Member: ZoAnn Morten Pacific Streamkeepers Federation**

**Area: Province wide**

**Community Advisor:**

**Date: Jan 17 2015**

**Key Issues:**

**What top three points can you distill from community input to take to DFO RHQ?**

1. Still the who to call when. Must get this on the SEP workshop schedule . C&P came to Bowen and were a big hit. How to report and to whom do we report. People calling Streamkeepers as to logging right to rivers edge and bring up drinking water issues. Callers want to know the name of local streamkeepers to call, these are hard "cold calls" to get when groups and individuals are fully subscribed. We need to ensure the correct agencies are receiving and working on the issues arising from community. Hazardous waste proposal on the Fraser should be covered by DFO and EC as there are other places to put the facility rather than directly on this amazing waterway, this should be a no brainer but instead groups are being kept busy fighting this. What permits would be needed by the people proposing this site? What safe guards are in place, do we as citizens really have to learn all the policy, process and protocols? Each time "we" do the process changes?? Where is the agency staff? Who clearly understands the processes and is working to ensure the best outcomes for the environment?

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2. Lots of interest in data by agencies but they are having troubles finding it. Environment Canada is latest to take interest. Would love to train the CAs in data entry. If your group has collected data please get it into a format where it can be found online and shared. Data in boxes under your desk is still not helping the environment.
  
3. Went to Vancouver ISMP meeting only 5 of us in attendance. Streamkeepers groups and monitoring protocols are ideal to be directly embedded into the ISMP process. I will be presenting on how this can be done well at the SEP Community Workshop 2015 may 15- 17 In the process of setting times with groups to work one on one with them for 2015 workplan.

Check out the Pacific Streamkeepers Federation facebook page to see what we are up to and to see how we merged FB with data collection and a new idea of Streamview that is similar to Google Streetview.

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### Stories:

#### **A few examples of successes, failures, challenges.**

Nets on the Lynn called ORR line, they said call Steveston office, they checked the records but no permits were listed so suggested either scientific work or poaching. The Steveston folks aren't sent scientific permit info. Could save a trip by C & P if they knew what was going on or even plan to go and check it out if in the area.

#### Mosquito Creek sidewalk story told

Basic – developer building bridge with sidewalk but was told that with a sidewalk it would need an authorization, so they erased the sidewalk line on the plans, (left all the measurements the same) built the bridge without authorizations needed and now low and behold the bridge has a sidewalk.

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### Issues Specific to SEHAB's Work Plan:

<b>SEHAB Work Plan</b>	<b>Local Issue, Specific Examples</b>	<b>Actions by Community or DFO</b>	<b>SEHAB Opportunity</b>
<b>Wild Salmon Policy (Stock Assessment, Habitat)</b>	<b>Where does new information come from these days for this?</b>		
<b>Aquaculture</b>	<b>Numbers of releases. Steelhead groups feel left out and confused</b>	<b>Request a meeting with SEHAB PAR group with steelhead folks and whomever is making the decisions within DFO</b>	
<b>Capacity &amp; Core Funding</b>	<b>Groups with co ordinators need funds hard to come by.</b>		

### Submissions, Comments from Groups:

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### Our partner, Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO)

**DFO Vision:** To advance sustainable aquatic ecosystems and support safe and secure Canadian waters while fostering economic prosperity across maritime sectors and fisheries.

**DFO Mission:** Through sound science, forward-looking policy, and operational and service excellence, Fisheries and Oceans Canada employees work collaboratively toward the following **three strategic outcomes**:

- Economically Prosperous Maritime Sectors and Fisheries;
- Sustainable Aquatic Ecosystems;
- Safe and Secure Waters.

In working toward these outcomes, the Department will be guided by the principles of sound scientific knowledge and effective management.

**Salmonid Enhancement Program:** The Salmonid Enhancement Program (SEP) plays a key role in conserving and managing Pacific salmon stocks. The program aims to rebuild vulnerable salmon stocks, provide harvest opportunities, work with First Nations and coastal communities in economic development, and improve fish habitat to sustain salmon populations. SEP broke new ground when it was launched in 1977 by working closely with citizens and schools to raise awareness of salmon conservation and to carry out hands-on community salmon enhancement and stewardship projects. Three of the program's main activities are: Hatcheries, Resource Restoration, Stewardship and Education.