

## SEHAB PAR Committee Report

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Recent changes to PAR, longer term licencing – we were told this was to happen at the last SEHAB meeting. Industry meetings still happen. Unsure of who at department is there for SEP community licencing process, our PAR committee of SEHAB and some hatchery managers could be a great way to get feedback.

New Aquaculture Licensing in British Columbia to Improve Business Planning and Encourage Investments in Sustainable Practices, February 12, 2015,

The Honourable Gail Shea, Minister of Fisheries and Oceans, announced that the Department will be implementing multi-year licensing for aquaculture operators in British Columbia. The changes will provide the industry with more operational certainty and longer term planning capacity while allowing them to invest in sustainable practices.

For more information, please click here<<http://www.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/media/news-presse-eng.htm>>.

Was odd to talk to DFO aquaculture during workshop preparation and while talking about SEP licencing they hesitated and then commented yes I guess they have to have a licence as well.... Granted they aren't in the licencing department but communications could improve at DFO. Still getting lots of mixed messages as to how licencing for SEP came about – the only constant message is we took it with too much drama and it's not a problem there's no enforcement out there anyway so why would we worry. (poor messaging)

Steelhead still an issue – up to DFO to call meeting as we have no authority – again a reason that things can't get downloaded to community. Can give the task but not the responsibility or authority so no need for others to come out for talks to resolve problems put upon us.

Still no consultations with affected groups. Salmonid Enhancement Program

SEHAB has brought together an amazing team of SEHAB members and community hatcheries, it's time for DFO to set up a meeting with staff who are directly involved in PAR licencing with authority. We have brought forward our concerns a number of times, but people we have been working with are gone from the department or the file.

Bringing up our concerns piecemeal is not affective. It is time to have consultation and to determine route reasoning (although it looks like rushed and piecemeal process)

Let's clearly look at the objectives licencing was to address and see how this can be accomplished with DFO partners (we are partners but I think we have a different definition)

Accomplishing the objectives will have a better outcome for community then the current – stop worrying, there's no enforcement out there anyways. We are working with animals and want to do what's right and has sound reason.