



SEHAB Roundtable Template (May 2015)

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: Acting alternate/visitor

Area:

Community Advisor: Brenda Donas

Date: May 19, 2015

Key Issues:

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

1. Lack of monitoring in the Upper Bulkley River system except for a few DFO overwintering surveys. Coho declining (?) but nobody knows why and nobody is watching. DFO has said they recognize it's declining but it's not a big system therefore not a priority.
2. Lack of a united effort and vision – communication between hatcheries, data collectors, etc. is non-existent in some areas therefore data has to be collected multiple times by each organization. Also projects are happening ad-hoc and are not feeding into a larger vision with questionable end product.
3. CA doing most of the work and not engaging volunteers and non-profit organizations for anything other than their own activities.

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Stories:

Successes

PSF funding for Streamkeepers and Hatchery activity in UBR which is getting real community support. After community was made aware that a Fish Hatchery was in the works people started coming out of the woodwork offering to help.

Failures

Communications break down between hatcheries and CA has left bitterness and division in a united effort to care for the resource.

Challenges

Gathering a community of monitors, volunteers and professionals who will work together to allow the resource to be restored and researched.

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Issues Specific to SEHAB’s Work Plan: *I don’t feel I have the experience at this point to fill this out.*

SEHAB Work Plan	Local Issue, Specific Examples	Actions by Community or DFO	SEHAB Opportunity
Wild Salmon Policy (Stock Assessment, Habitat)			
Aquaculture			
Capacity & Core Funding			

Submissions, Comments from Groups: