



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.

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Area: Sunshine Coast

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Date: May 15/15

Key Issues: Mistrust of CA (which then projects on to DFO in general) by recreational fishing community, lack of CA involvement with SFAC. (no attendance for last three years)

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

1. South Coast community is being told there is nobody fishing for coho, so why bother to raise them for enhancement. Disbelief in this statement – need for better communication and explanation.
2. Powell River salmon society are happy with additional funding they have received, and assistance from CA.
3. Not much community input – no DFO presence.

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Stories:

A few examples of successes, failures, challenges.

Challenge is that people would like to do enhancement or restoration work, and are being told it is not feasible or not necessary without adequate explanation.

Example – stocking Colvin Creek in Sargeants Bay, and Halfmoon Bay Creek. Both have historically had Coho and Chum. Numbers have dwindled in Colvin Creek (which is a tiny creek, but high public visibility in a Prov. Park) Halfmoon Bay Creek has a barrier, but there is a strong group of stewards that have moved fish up past barrier in the past. They would like a small number of fish restocked in these creeks.

Both have been turned down for any enhancement.

Chapman hatchery have been told they need to have a survey of water flows this summer to see if there is enough flow to maintain the hatchery.

The hatchery is currently looking into wells to supplement water supply, have begun the process, and hope to have implemented by 2016. They were told the flow monitoring will happen this summer.

They fear being shut down due to lack of water before they have the chance to remedy the problem with wells for back up.

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Issues Specific to SEHAB's Work Plan:

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:

Question – Would PSF fund creel census for Lower Sunshine Coast to verify recreational fishing numbers?