



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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Date: May 18-19, 2015

Key Issues: Habitat work notification, concern over increased shipping in the north, shift to more aggressive fisheries management with less science input

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

1. Lack of notifications/oversight for work around streams is leading to more casual attitude towards these activities. Examples—very easy to find a place for a project to fit within the “Project activities and criteria where DFO review is not required”. We need to create regulations that require that projects near water provide notification to DFO
2. Increased shipping results in increased risk to the north coast a draw on limited DFO resources and there are not enough dedicated resources available to respond and avert disaster. Example - near miss with the Simishir this past October spill in Burrard Inlet and DFO science being pulled away to work on “world class” oil spill response project
3. The drive to industry funded science and stock assessment appears to be resulting in less precautionary fishing decisions and at the same time less data is being collected. Examples Haida Gwaii herring fishery in both 2014 and 2015 and stopping of collection/retaining sales slip

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data and even less salmon spawner enumeration than in the past with the loss of the patrol vessel as a platform for DFO staff to do enumeration.

RF CPP- needs to include \$s for inventory for the planning phase.

Stories:

A few examples of successes, failures, challenges.

We receive good support from our CA and RRU. Examples are the NTA hatchery which has been moved to its new location and ran last winter. This would not have been possible without the technical support of the CA and RRU, the support of the Village of Queen Charlotte and the financial support of the PSF and the Gwaii Trust.

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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)	No requirement to notify DFO of projects near water if they are not requiring project review or authorization. No definition of QEP in habitat regulations.		Need to lobby for creation of regulations requiring notification for all projects near water. Need DFO to provide a definition of QEP.
Aquaculture			
Capacity & Core Funding			

Submissions, Comments from Groups:

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