



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: Province wide

Community Advisor:

Date: May 18, 2015

Key Issues:

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

1. Streamkeepers need help to distill the data they are gathering. Work direct with DFO to capture the data needed to make future strategic enhancement decisions. (coho number cut in half at hatcheries – our community members have watershed and enhancement plans as well – lets work together to know our watersheds and fish populations they can support) Please do not read this as community to be responsible to do this on their own – we need to see and have DFO leadership in the creeks. Care for health of the environment that SEP fish are entering into. Strengthen programming to have end purpose beyond the release of the fish. With 20 years under the DFO Streamkeepers Program belt there is some good long term info and groups are seeing trends.

Idea) what if DFO ask and work with Streamkeepers to ask a specific question? What is the habitat like in the areas of stream where hatchery fish are to be released next spring? Study now to next spring f water quality quantity, fry numbers stream habitat

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and food, So Modules 2, 3, 4 and 11. Then in fall conduct Module 12 spawner surveys. This information would assist in finding great fish release sites and along with other data can be given to those involved in watershed planning and roundtables.

2. Streamkeepers need help when they find a problem, suggestions of what specific monitoring should be done prior, during and after fish releases in areas where problems have been found. Byrne as an example but not the only place- Goal of SEP is not to release fish – it is:

The program's activities aim 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.

3. Loved the SEP workshops and the training – approached by many to get more training quickly. In between workshop. We have amazing community full of passion and willingness to work on protection of salmonids and their habitat.

Of note it is time to renew your Streamkeepers VIP or Streamkeepers / Hatchery VIP policies. Application forms at <http://www.pskf.ca/ins/index.html>

Stories:

A few examples of successes, failures, challenges.

Byrne Creek

Displays at workshop told many of these stories of hard working dedicated volunteers

Streamkeeper volunteers are the success story – having community caring and actively sharing their care and concern within their communities is a wonder

Noticing more groups changing leadership to consulting firms – I think this is a direct reflection on new funding - watch that group isn't ignored once project funds come in as leader is too busy overseeing the project. Watch that group stays intact and active in group mission statement activities so they don't step back to a bigger force (excavators instream pretty impressive but not a great addition to have)

Seems we are still restoring (or at least changing the creek) but not protecting existing or future habitat as well as we could. Municipalities making lots of choices that impact local streams, not as aware of the rules as needed? Who to help them? Who to help us understand the policies to protect?

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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:

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