

Round table Report
November 2022 SEHAB meeting
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Summary

1. Any issues that are affecting groups and their projects that are directly related to DFO
2. Any positive things that are directly related to DFO
3. Any things coming up that DFO should know about
4. Any issues that are affecting groups and their projects that are related to other agencies.

Group reports

Roy Creek Salmonid Enhancement Society

RCSES has concerns on the way water licenses are currently being used in regards to withdrawals from Roy Creek. With the self-governing current regulations, it is allowing farms to state that the water is for domestic purposes. So therefor they have no restrictions on withdrawing water during drought conditions. We have one property of major concern that we have monitored just downstream, that the water levels drop 6 inches daily. The water levels return overnight, but drop again during the day, this was first noted by the neighboring property. This subject property is running a hobby farm with a large garden and fruit tree orchard.

It was also concerning to learn that a property owner does not require a section 11 to conduct instream work to secure themselves more water, ie constructing a small dam to hold back more water for easier withdrawal.

We had an old Railroad bridge collapse into the river, we were successful of punching a hole through the 1.4-meter-high jam spanning from bank to bank. This is something that will require a proper fix\removal in the near future. There are other vary old crossings that will need attention in the near future as well

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