

**Roundtable Report
November 6-8 2023 SEHAB Meeting
Pacific Streamkeepers Federation
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1. Any issues that are affecting groups and their projects that are directly related to DFO

Many groups had wondered how the pillars of PSSI would affect their relationship with department. Most have found they continued to have close working relationship with their DFO CA. New hires are very hands on, DFO hiring of CA's continues to be of high quality.

Questions as to new Stewardship Coordinators under Stewardship pillar and how they will work with groups is still unclear.

Job posting: The PM4 and PM5 job descriptions and processes related to the Area Stewardship Coordinators were done through a general process which created a pool of candidates for various positions. The Area's ran their own process via a Statement of Merit and Criteria Evaluation. The job descriptions used were used from a standard Resource Manager job description.

The jobs were posted to Government of Canada jobs - Canada.ca website where candidates then submitted their resumes and cover letters. PM04 & PM05 - <https://emploisfp-psjobs.cfp-psc.gc.ca/psrs-srfp/applicant/page1800?poster=1887851>

The Stewardship Coordinator PM 4 and PM5 defined roles and responsibilities for the pool were as follows:

PM5

1. Work with Indigenous groups, governments, community groups, non-government organizations, and industry to promote collaborative and targeted action for salmon conservation and rebuilding;
2. Identify and engage in Pacific salmon habitat conservation initiatives through participating in existing and emerging land and water use planning processes and associated collaborative bodies
3. Facilitate integration of local (Area) interests and knowledge into emerging regional PSSI plans and activities;
4. Work with Regional Coordinators and analysts to undertake environmental scans and participatory research to aid in policy and plan development, support coordination of PSSI collaborative process
5. Work with regional G&C coordination and collaborative tool development team to identify and communicate supports (resources, information, training) to empower local conservation stewardship efforts

6. Work with Area and Regional restoration staff to share information, coordinate and report on stewardship activities.
7. PM4
8. Support Area Stewardship Coordinator to facilitate engagement with Indigenous groups, governments, community groups, non-government organizations, and industry to promote collaborative and targeted action for salmon conservation and rebuilding;
9. Support Area Stewardship Coordinator through engagement with Area and Regional restoration staff to share information, coordinate and report on stewardship activities.
10. Support Area Stewardship Coordinator engage in Pacific salmon habitat conservation initiatives through participating in existing and emerging land and water use planning processes and associated collaborative bodies

2. Any positive things that are directly related to DFO

Through SEP the Pacific Streamkeepers Federation was able to get a grant to cover the costs of Streamkeepers volunteer insurance policy for the small/medium size Streamkeeper / SEP groups. This was such a surprise to the groups and they have expressed their appreciation for this relief of funding need. The groups also were pleased with their profile pages for the Streamkeepers insurance, they liked the ease of which they could renew their volunteers coverage and insurance plan as all the base info is there (society number, name, address etc)

Many will have noticed our postings as to the updates to DFO's Streamkeepers Modules. DFO team has determined the changes and now we are making our way through the design aspect.

Module 2 [Module 02.pdf \(pskf.ca\)](#)

Module 5 https://www.pskf.ca/publications/23-10-12_Module05.pdf

Module 9 <https://www.pskf.ca/publications/2020update/uploads/Module%209.Oct23Final.pdf>

Module 12

https://www.pskf.ca/publications/2020-update/uploads/Module-12_23-Oct-22.pdf

Reminder to use the Streamkeepers data entry tool. The reporting tool allows you to easily see, understand and share your data. Example

https://www.streamkeepers.info/module12/report12_annual4.php?year=2022&stream=677011&specie=Coho%20Salmon

I use the reports when sharing with others as to the benefits of Streamkeepers, consultants have been using local data to ground truth their info, when groups are prioritizing streams for works they often use existing data amounts as criteria for prioritizing streams / works. No data to be found and your stream may not make the list.

Two new Streamkeepers trainers for Victoria area are in the process of accreditation. They have attended the train the trainers sessions, we are awaiting their final home work assignment.

At SEHAB the PSkF learned of the tire tread toxins (groups referred to the prespawn mortality to salmon as urban road runoff) this knowledge was then linked through local group to DFO Science (North Shore Streamkeepers) – the NSSK shared spawner survey data with Tanya

Brown, as well PSkF/NSSK were able to share with Tanya more groups who had surveyed and found high rates of prespawn mortalities. A monitoring protocol was set up – Tanya is now comparing DFO water monitoring with Streamkeepers mod 12 spawner survey data. Tanya is available to come to next SEHAB meeting to update on findings.

While doing a spawner survey refresh session in Squamish we spotted a sockeye, posted this finding and got comments from Sunshine Coast Streamkeepers, North Shore Streamkeepers, Kanaka Creek Education Centre as to their findings of sockeye this year as well (Brennan Channel, Robertson Creek, Seymour River, Kanaka Creek) PSkF contacted DFO stock assessment to see if we should be sampling to send in info as to where these fish strayed from. DFO Stock assessment connected with Pacific Salmon Commission who shared their desire in having the sampling done. DFO stock assessment sent PSkF the sampling sheets we made up sampling kits and got these to the groups. Late for this year but all set for next. Greta to have the observations of our volunteers in order to be able to take a closer look at what's happening in the rivers. Interested eyes on the stream find interesting things.

Pacific Streamkeepers Federation has met with reps from PSSI SEP pillar, Stewardship Pillar and some section heads. All speak highly of the DFO Streamkeepers program and people. Looking forward to seeing how the new structure will offer more assistance to groups and help to incorporate their local knowledge in processes.

Pleased to see DFO tweets that are including more on the grounds work – this has been something we at SEHAB have been asking for. DFO website has improved as to SEP CA's groups (could still be tweaked to have CA and groups on same page for clarity)

PSkF secured funds that we are able to use to purchase smaller items for groups. We listen and watch for these needs and can get the groups the materials / equipment easily, no need for additional granting process.

5 year review of Fisheries Act is being formulated. National group of interested NGO's have started working on ideas for review. PSkF is on this panel.

3. Any issues that are affecting groups and their projects that are related to other agencies.

Water quality remains of concern

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The above would benefit from being of higher priority and visibility during times of development
ORR – many people think first of Streamkeepers when they see a concern on the creeks, would be good to have ORR have a higher profile

