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1. Any issues that are affecting groups and their projects that are directly related to DFO.

Water quality concerns continue to light up our phone and emails. Sewage overflows and construction waste are top concerns. Groups have reached out in a number of ways but find the traction to source the problems and solve these concerns doesn't seem to be happening.

Storm water overflows and sewage spills (some) can be tracked using Metro Vancouvers Ap

2. Any positive things that are directly related to DFO.

Groups continue to write to say Thank you for the PSSI grant to pay for their Streamkeepers VIP / Streamkeepers VIP / Hatchery policy payments. As they plan for the upcoming year and fill in their granting requests they are hopeful this grant can be extended into upcoming year(s)

Good to have DFO Streamkeepers Module 2, 5, 9 and 12 updated and available online. Groups love the new look and clarity of protocol directions. We look forward to continuing getting these completed as at this time there is no Streamkeepers hard copy manuals due to the works being incomplete.

3. Any things coming up that DFO should know about

The upcoming Fisheries Act 5 year review will be underway shortly and groups have to opportunity to take part. Watch for more news to come.

Riparian tree cutting continues, sometimes for safety / sightlines, hazardous tree removal, Looper beetle concerns, view enhancement, bike lanes. etc it seems fairly easy to get around the riparian area guidelines and fisheries habitat protection rules.

Drought / floods. These words seem to be joined together these days. The decrease of water and increase of flows is alarming and causing concerns for salmon. Streams are going subsurface earlier in the season and staying this way for long periods of time. Floods push the boundaries of flows that the stream can keep in her channel and causes more barriers to fish passage in particular in areas where humans have confined the flows and then built too close the streams edge.