

**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.**

Our partner, Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO)

DFO Vision: Excellence in service to Canadians to ensure the sustainable development and safe use of Canadian waters.

DFO Mission: It is our mission, as DFO employees, to deliver to Canadians the following outcomes:

- Safe and Accessible Waterways;
- Healthy and Productive Aquatic Ecosystems; and
- Sustainable Fisheries and Aquaculture.

In working toward these outcomes, the Department will be guided by the principles of sound scientific knowledge and effective management.

DFO Mandate, on behalf of the Government of Canada, DFO is responsible for developing and implementing policies and programs in support of Canada's scientific, ecological, social and economic interests in oceans and fresh waters.

### **Salmonid Enhancement Program:**

The Salmonid Enhancement Program (SEP) plays a key role in DFO's work to conserve and manage Pacific salmon stocks. 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. SEP broke new ground when it was launched in 1977 by working closely with citizens and schools to raise awareness of salmon conservation and to carry out hands-on community salmon enhancement and stewardship projects. Three of the program's main activities are:

- [Fish Hatcheries](#)
- [Resource Restoration](#)
- [Stewardship and Education](#)

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**Roundtable**

**SEHAB Member:** Leandre Vigneault

**Area:** Haida Gwaii

**Community Advisor:** Pat Fairweather

**Date:** Oct 6, 2014

**Key Issues:**

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

1. Stock assessment further eroded – counting pinks and chums with same amount \$s as for chum only last year, loss of patrol boat, sale slip collection?
2. Habitat questions – timing windows, fish sampling permits, wet crossing approvals, enforcement when things don't seem to be working.
3. Oil and gas shipping
4. Sport fishing expansion, seems to have peaked but community would like to local anglers treated differently from guided and unguided non-locals

**Stories:**

**A few examples of successes, failures, challenges.**

**Success**

The NTA hatchery was moved to a new site to address issues when the land owner of the original site. The volunteer group wants to extend a huge thank you to the DFO CA, the RRU team, the municipality, and the Provincial Ministry of Transportation. They also wanted to acknowledge the funding contributions from the Gwaii Trust and the Pacific Salmon foundation.

**Failures**

Stock assessment further eroded this year, the loss of the access for stock assessment by DFO staff to the patrol vessel with the retiring of the Arrow Post. Funding for charter

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patrol program this year the same as last but longer season as this year both pinksand chums are counted.

Loss of notification process for projects around streams makes proponents feel that there is not oversight and promotes a sense of impunity.

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**Issues Specific to SEHAB's Work Plan:**

<b>SEHAB Work Plan</b>	<b>Local Issue, Specific Examples</b>	<b>Actions by Community or DFO</b>	<b>SEHAB Opportunity</b>
<b>Wild Salmon Policy (Stock Assessment, Habitat)</b>			
<b>Aquaculture</b>			
<b>Capacity &amp; Core Funding</b>			

**Submissions, Comments from Groups:**

Concerns about the issue of fish timing windows - do they exist?

Huge thank you to CA and RRU for help with getting the NTA hatchery moved and operational again.