

**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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**SEHAB Member: Zo Ann Morten**

**Area: Pacific Streamkeepers Federation**

**Community Advisor: learning their schedules**

**Date: October 6th, 2014**

**Key Issues:**

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

- 1. Lack of ability to hire permanent community advisors from vacant positions**
- 2. Lack of assuredness that the fisheries act is able to assist in protection. Some muni staff wanting to set new more stringent rules in light of “loss of Fisheries Act” while those who can actually make decisions on land use think they know the latest rules or lack thereof and are pushing forward**
- 3. SEP community workshop 2015. Local community input, DFO expertise as to sector, CA all in and now we can work at ensuring Province wide perspective with lots of local examples. DFO teaching time for protocols and programs. New travel protocols for departmental staff**

**Stories:**

**Was just at the Living Waters Rally in Ottawa – point that struck me was that on Friday morning on TV the Association of Mines was meeting with Senate committee to discuss their need for changes to the assessment process while the NGO’s were talking to each other. At the end of the senate discussion one senator asked the association if they wanted anything else changed. How can water and habitat get a fairer shake at having changes be to the positive side of protection. Streamlining of process is great IF the outcome of protection still occurs.**

**The Streamkeepers Federation just undertook a mapping and monitoring project with the City and District of North Vancouver to pilot how the information**

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gathered using Streamkeepers Module 1,2,3 and 4 can inform the ISMP planning process. This included a public engagement project that Evergreen staff attended from this Evergreen has determined to work with Streamkeepers to have their citizen science project “uncover your Creeks” use the DFO Streamkeepers protocols with training for community. They can then use the PSkF database to store and share their information.

We continue to expand on the Streamkeepers database we can now align photos from the features mapped during Module 1 mapping. There has been refinements such as on Model 12 on the reports page you can now get a summary of how many live / dead you found each survey date. Databases seems to come with bugs :->) the difference with ours is that the author of the program still works alongside us to make it right and make it work. I shared some ways streamkeeper groups are sharing their data and we are working on the reporting section next.

If you haven't subscribed to our Streamkeepers online messageboard I will again suggest you do so. This board is populated by a number of people and can get out some great info.

Remember the Water Act is OPEN. If you don't engage now you won't know what could have been

West Coast environmental law has condensed some of the “here are things to think about” worth a look especially changes to the societies act

**BC societies shouldn't be dragged into court**

The BC Government wants to hear your views on a new Societies Act that would allow anyone who believes that a society is acting “*to the detriment of the public interest*” to file a court petition against that Society.

These alarming provisions, which have the potential to allow deep-pocketed interests to drag community groups that oppose them into court and to silence the civil sector. Click [here](#) to read our legal analysis of how the proposed Societies Act could result in “mini-SLAPPs” against BC's non-profits.

If you agree that BC's societies don't belong in court, [take action now](#).

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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>Consultations set for Jan or Feb as to how to this and new FA mesh. SEP Community Workshop session??</b>  |                                    |                          |
| <b>Pacific Aquaculture Licencing</b>                  | <b>Recent meetings where DFO mentioned all in compliance at this tie</b>   |                                    |                          |
| <b>Capacity &amp; Core Funding</b>                    | <b>Funders shifting where money goes, groups follow.</b><br><br><b>IE: RBC – urban waters</b><br><br><b>Note of interest: just heard that some funders are working together to see what they fund and what has had the most effect. Not just that brochures were given out but what changed. MORE evaluation of projects to come, Be ready, know hat you are undertaking and why, have deliverables that can be quantified</b> |                                    |                          |