

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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Area: Sunshine Coast/Powell River

Community Advisor: Grant McBain

Date: October 5, 2014

Key Issues:

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

- 1. Lack of enforcement /perception of presence.**
- 2. Lack of direction – who to contact, when, what are the requirements? Lack of communication.**
- 3. Onus should not be placed on private citizens for enforcement.**

Stories:

A few examples of successes, failures, challenges.

- Many reports and comments from community on groups with rakes and five gallon buckets overharvesting shellfish.**
- community members and groups have poor relationship with CA**
- Friends of Forage Fish still active and positive beaches for surf smelt and sand lance eggs are increasing in numbers.**
- alliances being forged with Sechelt Nation in eelgrass mapping, monitoring and restoration.**

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Issues Specific to SEHAB's Work Plan:

SEHAB Work Plan	Local Issue, Specific Examples	Actions by Community or DFO	SEHAB Opportunity
Wild Salmon Policy (Stock Assessment, Habitat)			
Aquaculture	Evidence of overharvesting		
Capacity & Core Funding			

Submissions, Comments from Groups:

A lack of representation from our area representatives. Unanswered emails concerning funds for health and safety, fish production, and educational funding.

Our industry has a somewhat false economy in that it is primarily volunteer. However, it takes professionals to run and administrate it.

Most of our contracts are 30 years old with no indexing for inflation ever.
Increases in demand.

More specific questions: what help can our elected officials provide to insure the sustainability of our grass root programs that have been built up over the years.

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Remember, we aren't talking grants and project applications; we are talking specifically **operating funds** for the grass root organizations and contractors.

Do they expect to draw future professionals into our field with this current operational funding model?

What revenues do government collect from the resource?

How much is reinvested?

What is the specific business planning process used for deciding on funding our programs? Who participates?

As far as concerns of the community goes from what I am hearing mostly lie on who the public/community can address their concerns to within the DFO as well as Porpoise Bay. Why there is no Coho being stocked into Porpoise Bay anymore and **how they can have their collective voice heard on these issues to implement change.**