

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](#)

SALMON ENHANCEMENT AND HABITAT ADVISORY BOARD
SEHAB, The Voice of the Salmon Enhancement Program Volunteer

Roundtable

SEHAB Member: Ian Bruce

Area: SVI

Community Advisor: Shona Smith

Date: Oct 6-14

Key Issues:

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

- 1. CA Stability**
- 2. Habitat protection process under new FPP**
- 3. Low summer flow issues – small streams, Cowichan – leadership from department**

Stories:

A few examples of successes, failures, challenges.

Dredging of Victoria Harbour outside of window – 2010 measures not being followed

Sidney Anglers Assn– chinook fishery in Area 18 – are requesting a relaxation of the chinook closure to aid their DNA sampling program....

SALMON ENHANCEMENT AND HABITAT ADVISORY BOARD
SEHAB, The Voice of the Salmon Enhancement Program Volunteer

Roundtable

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)	Sidney anglers want relaxation of Saanich inlet chinook fishing – retention of hatchery fish and dna sampling of non-hatchery	DNA sampling – citizen science	Ask RH to review....Sid. Anglers
Aquaculture	Salmon farms out of ocean		
Capacity & Core Funding	CA stability, RRU support, partnerships	National	Support process

Submissions, Comments from Groups: