

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.

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Key Issues:

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

1. Increasing concern over lack of planning (development plans) and regulation in marine areas and along shorelines. Natural and sensitive habitats seen by developers as “threats” to proposed development.
2. Questions still arising about how DFO comes to decisions and does assessments, especially with no staff.
3. Lack of enforcement (same old story) Increased poaching, no monitoring. People don't bother to call in, feel there is no use in doing so.

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Stories:

A few examples of successes, failures, challenges.

Chapman Creek Hatchery was very happy to report that there was a Pink salmon fishery open in Chapman Creek for the first time ever this year. Mid August to mid September.

Powell River Salmon Society had no comments.

Story about Eelgrass Restoration

Eelgrass restoration projects have been ongoing on the Sunshine Coast for several years, particularly in areas where old log sort and dump sites are adjacent to eelgrass, indicating that a continuous bed has been impacted by the human activity.

This summer the dive crew was approached by a person telling them to “cease and desist” as the area is a private water lease and the lease owner did not want eelgrass in “his lease area”. The property manager was told by the lease holder that in Vancouver, developers have been prevented from proceeding with developments due to presence of eelgrass.

When asked if there could be a meeting with the lease owner, particularly to discuss the fact that eelgrass and development can co-exist, the response was no, the owner has a property manager because they do not want contact with local people.

Eelgrass is perceived as a threat to development.

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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			
Capacity & Core Funding			

Submissions, Comments from Groups:

Questions from SCSES (Sunshine Coast Salmon Enhancement Society) on methods that DFO uses to assess stocking numbers. SCSES are being asked to install a counting fence in Chapman Creek, do creel surveys and counts. Where is the funding going to come from, and why is this no longer the responsibility of DFO?

Since Chapman Hatchery raises fish for recreational purposes only (terminal fishery) should there have to be assessment?

Shouldn't DFO be doing habitat assessments and making this information public so that there is understanding of the logic behind their decisions?

All stakeholders need to share information and data, including First Nations, IREC data, CA's, PIPs, CEDPs, DFO facilities, interest groups.