

**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: ZoAnn Morten**

**Area: Province – wide – Pacific Streamkeepers Federation**

**Community Advisor:**

**Date: October 20<sup>th</sup> 2013**

**Key Issues:**

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

1.Changes to the Fisheries Act - hints at changes but no information coming to community. Groups are concerned about habitat protection being lost. Staff disappearing, offices closing download to nowhere. People of Canada care because Canada cares.

2.Changes to Water Act – time is now to send in comments

3.RAR – Ombudperson has taken on a review to see if it is working as expected.

Many thanks to all at SEHAB and those who responded from the PSkF messageboard as to comments as to RAR and how it is being implemented

If you haven't done so as yet you may want to sign up today

**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>
Wild Salmon Policy (Stock Assessment, Habitat)	People still talk about the wild salmon policy as a way to protect fish but are un=sure as to where / who else is looking to protect fish? How can there data be used. Streamkeepers data that is mentioned in WSP implementation plan – can it be reviewed and can the reviewers help groups to understand the data that has been collected?  Lots of stock assessment taking place. Groups are very interested in the returns to streams.	Would be good to include this information in the management planning processes	

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

**Roundtable**

<p><b>Aquaculture</b></p>	<p><b>See SEHAB PAR report</b></p> <p><b>Although groups I worked with in the summer had mixed understandings of an aquaculture license and what it was for</b></p>		
<p><b>Capacity &amp; Core Funding</b></p>	<p><b>While new funding opportunities have arisen it seems that most re more popularity / vote based. New rec fish \$'s had such a tight timeline many were unable to get applications in. Funding is hard, you need partners but everytime you add a finding partner you add another report to write and a new way to do your budget. Each funder has own time frames. Report needs, budget lines. More partners, more time reporting out less time for project. More people are able to take part in the project then are capable / willing to write applications / report out. Partners with agencies / consultants ....well ..... Is often done as is the only way to improve the stream in your area.</b></p> <p><b>Harder to set meeting these days,harder to get the programs, events done even ones we have been doing for years.Comox office closed, now to even meet with DFO including the CA you will need to set up an appointment. Getting approvals for use of CA time takes preapproval in some circumstances</b></p> <p><b>Sep community workshop groups have expressed interest</b></p>		