

**Wild Salmon Policy Public Forum  
Salmon Enhancement and Habitat Advisory Board  
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The following is a brief report of a three-hour consultative forum hosted by the Salmon Enhancement and Habitat Advisory Board (SEHAB). Please note that the recommendations listed on pages two through four are in addition to the recommendations submitted by SEHAB on February 17/05. (See “Comments on the Wild Salmon Policy” SEHAB February/05)

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## Recommendations

- 1 The following over-arching recommendations will, if accepted and implemented, determine the Department's genuine commitment to meet the stated goals of the Wild Salmon Policy.
  - (a) Make policy happen, don't just write it
  - (b) Act in the absence of all information
  - (c) Define roles for partners (All levels of government, community, First Nations)
  - (d) Demonstrate leadership
  - (e) Stay engaged in an integrated effort
  - (f) Enforce the mandate
  - (g) Build a conservation ethic
  
- 2 Infusion of badly needed resources should be guided by the following to maximize the number of tools available for the Department and its community partners:
  - (a) *Resources*
    - i) Fund the mandate
    - ii) Enable a substantial increase in A-based funding:
      - For assessment and enforcement
      - To empower the community as a viable partner
      - In general, to staff resources on the ground (Not Regional Headquarters or Area Management offices)
      - To the entire DFO pie (Do not rob Peter to pay Paul)
  - (b) *Priority areas on the ground*
    - i) Riparian protection
    - ii) Strategic enhancement
    - iii) Habitat restoration, maintenance and protection
  - (c) *Design principles*
    - i) Identify core values through public consultation
    - ii) Identify the community's agenda
    - iii) Share the data
    - iv) Fill information gaps prior to making decisions on CU's, etc.
    - v) Design a deliverable, measurable action plan (Goals, dates, etc.)
    - vi) Establish comprehensive indicators