

NORTH COAST



CAPE CAUTION TO CAAMANO SOUND, EAST TO TATLA LAKE

“Two highlights during the last year came with help from the Pacific Salmon Commission Northern Fund. McLoughlin Hatchery in Bella Bella received funding for modest upgrades to double their chum smolt release from one million to two million. The Johnston Creek coho project in Rivers Inlet was supported so a coded-wire tag group can be tracked through migration, interception in the various fisheries and return. Of course, none of this would have happened without people stepping up to the plate and the staff of McLoughlin Hatchery, Snootli Hatchery and members of the Rivers Inlet North Coast Salmon Enhancement Association (and their pocket books!) are to be commended for “fielding” first class teams that can boast very successful seasons to date!

In Klemtu, Kitasoo Hatchery staff have an agreement with the Co-management Program to supply fish culture expertise to the Victor Creek sockeye facility through the winter and spring/summer rearing programs. This is welcome news for both the staff and the sockeye! Speaking of sockeye, the Heiltsuk Fisheries program Emily Hatchery project crew enjoyed seeing so many Tankeeah River 2003 brood adipose-marked adults return in 2007 and 2008 and are hoping to add incubation capacity in 2009 to increase fry production. In a year when sockeye food fish were harder to come by the harvest opportunity at Tankeeah was much appreciated.

On the local coho front, the Central Coast Fisherman’s Protection Association (CCFPA)/Snootli Hatchery coho initiative is ongoing and as this goes to press impressive numbers of 2005 brood marked fish returns are coming in – welcome in a year with poor returns overall.

The Rivers & Smith Inlet Salmon Ecosystem Planning Society (Rivers Partner Group) continues to be active and is now looking at conservation units and targets for fisheries management. The Bella Coola Watershed Conservation Society has been involved in a watershed ortho-photo/mapping project and will collaborate with other partners to secure the maps so essential to planning.

The Stream to Sea program and classroom incubator project continue to be favourites in the schools with support from the CCFPA and project crews in Bella Bella and Klemtu.” – *Sandie MacLaurin, CA*

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| | Initiated 1977. Hatchery, sea pens and education on MacLoughlin Creek. | | | |
| Bella Bella (AFS) | Ross Wilson | Heiltsuk Band Council, Box 880, Waglisla V0T 1Z0 | 250-957-2303 RWilson@heiltsuknation.ca | 3 |
| | Initiated 2000. Hatchery on Emily Creek, habitat restoration and education in traditional territory. | | | |

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| Bella Coola Watershed Based Fish Sustainability Planning Project | Niel Osborne | Bella Coola Watershed Conservation Society, PO Box 623, Hagensborg V0T 1C0 | 250-982-2589 info@bellacoolawatershed.com | 5-10 |
| | Initiated 2002. Streamkeepers, restoration and watershed planning for Bella Coola Valley. | | | |
| Central Coast Fisherman's Protection Association | Darwin Unrau | PO Box 773, Bella Coola V0T 1C0 | 250-982-2633 ccfpa@belco.bc.ca | 10 |
| | Initiated 1981. Streamkeepers, hatchery, assessment and education on the Bella Coola river and tributaries. | | | |
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| | Initiated 1980. Hatchery, sea pen, and education on Kitasoo Creek. | | | |
| Klemtu (AFS) | Larry Greba | Kitasoo First Nations, General Delivery, Klemtu V0T 1L0 | 604-669-9324 Greba@telus.net | 3 |
| | Initiated 1994. Hatchery, stock assessment on Victor Creek and Alexander Inlet. | | | |
| Oweekeno Fisheries Program (AFS) | Jennifer Walkus | Oweekeno Nation, PO Box 3500, Port Hardy V0N 2P0 | 250-949-8625, ext. 230 wuikinuxvfisheries@wuikinuxv.net | 1-4 |
| | Initiated 1982. Egg-takes, fry release, assessment and education on Wannock River and Oweekeno Basin tributaries. | | | |
| Rivers and Smiths Salmon Ecosystems Planning Society | David Stevenson | 1719 Beaufort Ave., Comox V9M 1R8 | 250-890-0297 rsseps@telus.net | 12-20 |
| | Initiated 1997. WFSP process, habitat and stock assessment, restoration and enhancement on Rivers Inlet, Oweekeno Basin tributaries and Wannock River and Smiths Inlet. | | | |
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| | Initiated 1985. Hatchery, captive brood, assessment, advisory and planning on Rivers Inlet, Chuckwalla and Kilbella Rivers and Wannock River. | | | |