

# Pacific Salmon Foundation

SEHAB Roundtable

October 7 2024

1. The **Community Salmon Program** is currently open and accepting new applications for funding through October 15 2024. As we are at the end of a five-year funding agreement with DFO, all funded projects must be resolved and final reports received before March 31 2025. Any new projects funded this fall will need to be completed by then so this round is good for small simple projects and material purchases.
2. The **Stewardship Community Bursary** is open to applications in BC for post-secondary students enrolled in a course of study leading to a career in salmon conservation: aquatic science, conservation biology, wildlife, outdoor rec, etc. Preference is given to applicants with stewardship volunteer experience. 20-25 bursaries are typically awarded each year, each for \$2500.
3. The **Climate Adaptation** team has recently funded a number of small drought mitigations and watershed recovery planning work on the Upper Fraser. They are also convening advisory committee meetings for the pilot Nigiri Project, a salmon habitat and agriculture demonstration project to repurpose fallow agricultural lands as seasonal salmon rearing habitat based on similar sites using rice fields in California.
4. PSF has been commissioned to oversee a stream crossings validation process for **TMX** and will begin assessments later this year once post-construction habitat construction is completed. This agreement was established some time ago but commencement of this work has been delayed as our consultant is waiting to receive mandatory site orientations.
5. **Hatchery Accessibility Program** in partnership with the Rick Hansen Foundation and piloted with Mossom Creek Hatchery. PSF deploying a funding pot to accommodate assessments and select improvements. Seymour Hatchery was issued a grant to begin accessible improvements but will need several years to complete modifications to spec.
6. **PSF's State of Salmon Report:** The State of Pacific salmon is a broad-scale evaluation of the state of all six species of Pacific salmon found in BC and the Yukon. The State of Salmon provides clarity on the key question, "how are salmon doing?" by comparing current salmon abundance to a long-term average and by examining short- and long-term trends. A launch event was held in Vancouver Sept 18 and the State of Salmon website is now live.

- 7. BC Salmon Recovery & Resilience Conference** Dec 3&4 2024, Vancouver Convention Centre in partnership with First Nations Fisheries Council and Province of BC. Keynotes confirmed so far: Ann Willis from American Rivers, Murray Ned First Nations Fisheries Council, Dr. Jonathan Moore Salmon Watersheds Lab SFU