



Salmonid Enhancement Program

Salmonid Enhancement Directorate & Community Involvement Program Update

Salmonid Enhancement & Habitat Advisory Board
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Salmonid Enhancement Directorate Program Update Outline

- CIP Organisational Update – Recent staffing
- PSSI Investments
 - New Hatchery Announcements
 - CEDP & PIP Programs Update
 - StreamTalk Update
- Facilities Management Plans – Erica Blake



Staffing Changes

Ongoing program changes:

- BC Interior
 - Enhancement Technician Spencer Neufeld has resigned
- Lower Fraser
 - No changes at this time
- South Coast
 - Jacob Melville – Parental Leave
- North Coast
 - Smithers CA - Tasheena England temp.
 - Haida Gwaii Tech – James Polk (P/T)
 - New Enhancement Tech hiring – Prince Rupert
- Expect some upcoming changes. Decisions on restaffing will be dealt with on a case-specific basis.

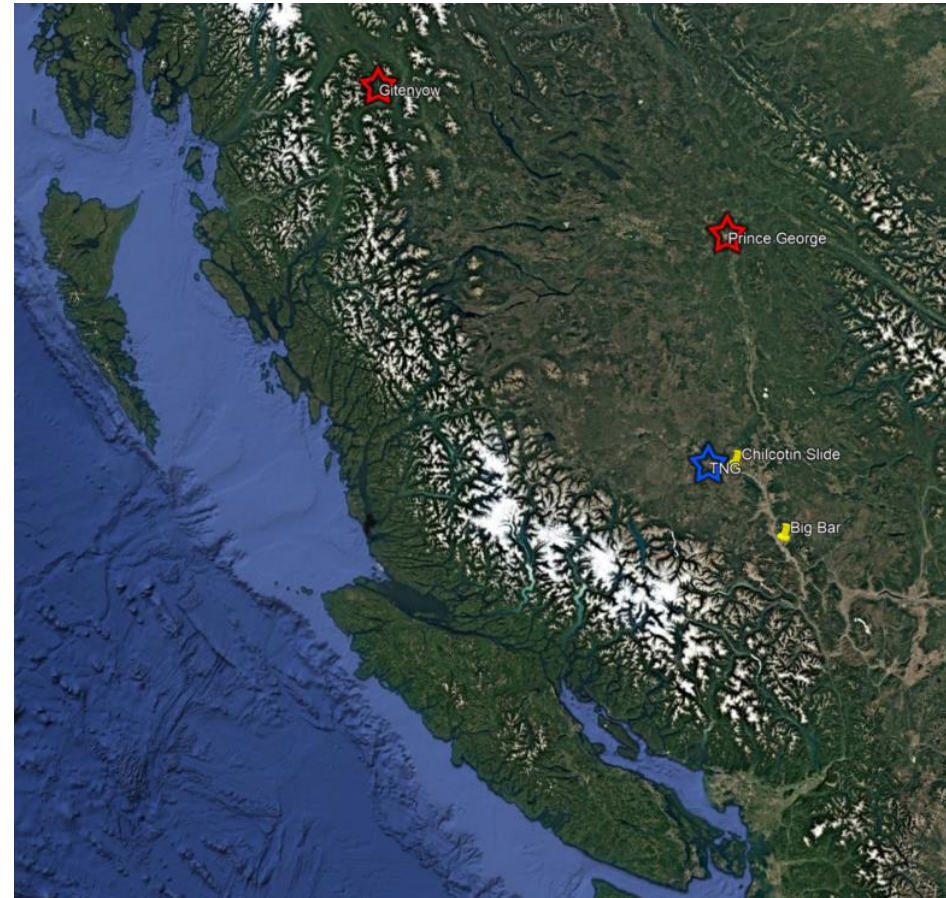




New Hatchery Announcement

DFO announced in December the last of 3 new hatcheries in northern portions of BC.

1. A new CEDP hatchery will be operated in partnership with the Tsilquotin National Government
 - Specific stocks to be determined, but will be Chilcotin Chinook populations with significant conservation concerns.
 - Additional Indicator Stock programming may be possible
2. This is in addition to the August announcements of:
 - A DFO-operated hatchery in Prince George in collaboration with Lheidli T'enneh First Nation
 - A new Skeena watershed CEDP that will be operated by the Gitenyow Nation





PSSI Pillar 2 - CIP Investment Summary

Preparing for the final year of PSSI investments.

Analysing the progress to date and developing plans to complete projects by deadlines (March 31, 2026)

Phase 1 (2022/23)

- Evaluation Process & Planning
- Began engagement with select CEDP facilities
- Supported **17** CEDP hatcheries with funding to address priority issues through G&C Agreements
- Initiated independent 3rd party infrastructure & biological assessments

Phase 2 (2023/24)

- Implemented Pillar 2 strategic retrofits at **16** CIP facilities
 - 4 CEDPs
 - 12 PIPs
- Pillar 2 strategic retrofits are guided by the 3rd party Engineering assessments, Biological reviews & SME input
- Strategic investments - operational improvements to further program development & advance Pillar 2 objectives at **55** CIP facilities
 - 17 CEDPs
 - 33 PIPs
 - 5 Upper Fraser Rebuilding

Phase 3 (2024/25)

- Implemented Pillar 2 strategic retrofits at **20** CIP facilities
 - 9 CEDPs (6 CEDPs & 3 DFO-Owned CEDPs)
 - 11 PIPs
- Strategic investments - operational improvements to further program development & advance Pillar 2 objectives at **71** CIP facilities
 - 17 CEDPs
 - 49 PIPs
 - 5 Upper Fraser Rebuilding

Phase 4 (2025/26)

- Commissioning of Pillar 2 Retrofit projects
- Continue implementation of priority retrofit projects at key CEDP/PIP facilities and review budget available, for implementation of highest priority remaining projects
- Support CIP facilities with remaining critical needs, operational training and SOP development



Additional CIP Items

- StreamTalk Restart
- Promotional and Educational Material Procurement
- Letter from SEHAB regarding Stewardship



Facilities Management Plans – Erica Blake

