

Round table Report
June 2024 SEHAB meeting
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Summary

1. Any issues that are affecting groups and their projects that are directly related to DFO
 - Stewardship Directorate transition not well understood and not totally smooth for Haida Gwaii. At this time there is no SD rep on Haida Gwaii and it seems to us that Community Advisor was already filling the role and is located on Haida Gwaii. As SEHAB rep and as a member of a stream keeper group that does not do any enhancement, I am little worried about what this transition means for Haida Gwaii and for my group and would caution against reinventing the wheel.
2. Any positive things that are directly related to DFO
 - Haida Gwaii groups very happy to have a CA and commend Erin Harris for all of the support she has given to community groups
3. Any things coming up that DFO should know about
4. Any issues that are affecting groups and their projects that are related to other agencies.

Group reports

Projects of note include:

- Upgrades underway or recently completed at Old Masset's Marie Lake CEDP hatchery (new egg take shed) and the Hecate Strait Stream Keepers (HSSK) NTA CIP hatchery (intake upgrades)
- Tlell Watershed Society (TWS) undertaking a smolt trapping program this spring with StAD to test possibility of tagging future years, work is also underway designing some fence upgrades with support from RRU and StAD funds
- Concerns about drought in community of Skidegate have led to development of a restoration plan for T'am Gandlaay developed with the help of the CA, RRU staff and contractors, a plan has also been put in place to trap and transport fry with the assistance of the Skidegate Youth Center if water is too low again this summer.
- HSSK and the Haida Fisheries Program (HFP) are partnering to CWT tag and clip Honna Coho to better understand the success of their hatchery program.