

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
May 7, 2020

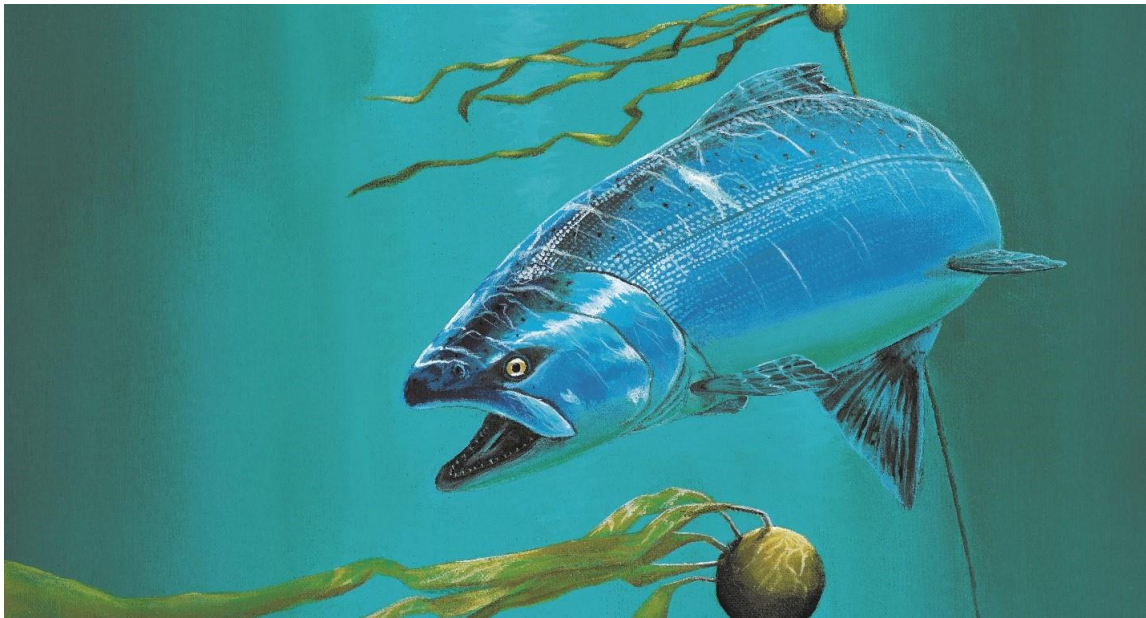
Pacific Salmon Foundation Announces \$1.2M to 117 Grassroots Salmon Projects

VANCOUVER – Today, Pacific Salmon Foundation is announcing more than \$1.2M in grants to 117 grassroots salmon conservation projects across British Columbia. The value of these projects is nearly \$10M including local fundraising and volunteerism. Thousands of volunteers will be supported to:

- Restore salmon habitat in streams, rivers and estuaries
- Operate conservation hatcheries & related education programs.
- Undertake a variety of “citizen science” projects to help better understand the challenges Pacific salmon face amidst climate change.

“Pacific salmon are crucial to marine ecosystems throughout the West Coast and they hold incredible cultural significance for First Nations and British Columbians. I am very proud of our Government’s continued partnership with Pacific Salmon Foundation and look forward to the results of these vital restoration and conservation projects. By working together, through real collaboration, we will be able to rebuild this critical stock,” Hon. Bernadette Jordan, Minister of Fisheries, Oceans, and the Canadian Coast Guard.

“These projects and the people behind them will help wild salmon return to B.C.’s streams and rivers, and will let communities share the environmental, social and economic benefits salmon bring with them,” said B.C. Agriculture Minister Lana Popham, “British Columbians are known for their volunteer spirit and while we still have to follow the recommendations of public health officials, these programs will provide opportunities for people to get back to what they love doing as we work to protect Pacific Salmon throughout B.C.”



2020 – 2021 Salmon Conservation Stamp “Untouchable” by Joshua Hansen

“Given this challenging time, we at the Pacific Salmon Foundation are carrying on by continuing to support the important work of community and First Nations salmon stewards through our Community Salmon Program. Our announcement today is to send a strong and clear message

that the work of salmon stewardship at the community level is vital, and will carry on. We will have to adapt within public health guidelines, but want our community and First Nations partners to know their good ideas will still be supported,” says Michael Meneer, Pacific Salmon Foundation President and CEO. “The Community Salmon Program is the heart of the Pacific Salmon Foundation’s work. By working together, we can find solutions and the best way to ensure the future of Pacific salmon across the province.”

PSF’s Community Salmon Program is funded primarily from sales of the federal government’s Salmon Conservation Stamp. The Salmon Stamp is purchased annually by saltwater anglers who participate in the public fishery. Proceeds from the \$6 stamp are returned to British Columbia through PSF, generating nearly \$1.5 million for community grants annually.

The Province of British Columbia also contributed funds to Community Salmon Program as part of a \$5 million grant, through 2023 to address the immediate and ongoing needs of Pacific salmon and their habitats.

Community Salmon Program grants support projects from across British Columbia and the Yukon, with a focus on habitat stewardship, salmon enhancement, science and education. In addition to funds generated from the Salmon Conservation Stamp, and from the Province of BC, these grants are made possible by corporate donations from Trans Mountain, Mosaic Forest Management, BC Hydro, Enbridge, Methanex, Seaspan, FortisBC Energy. Funds are also raised through Pacific Salmon Foundation fundraising dinners, auctions and donations from individuals, foundations and businesses.

-END-

Notes

Video link: [PSF announces over \\$1.2 million in grants to 117 grassroots salmon conservation projects across BC!](#)

Contact

Jollean Willington
Pacific Salmon Foundation
Manager, Media & Public Relations
O 604.664.7664 ext.129
C 778.881.7792
jwillington@psf.ca

About the Pacific Salmon Foundation:

PSF is the independent, thoughtful leader and catalyst in conservation, restoration, and enhancement of Pacific salmon and their ecosystems through strategic partnerships and leveraged use of resources. www.psf.ca

Pacific Salmon Foundation Community Salmon Projects, Spring Round 2020

Location	Applicant	Project Title	CSP Grant \$	Total Value \$
Abbotsford	BC Family Fishing Society	21st Annual BC's Family Fishing Weekend	5,000	209,720
Bella Bella	Heiltsuk Integrated Resource Management Department	Heiltsuk-led life-cycle monitoring in the Koeye River – building tools for community-led adaptive management	31,735	468,805
Bella Coola	Nuxalk Nation	Strengthening baselines for conservation of Atnarko and Kimsquit sockeye	41,600	461,620
Black Creek	Oyster River Enhancement Society	New Equipment	4,900	11,480
Brackendale	Cheakamus Foundation for Environmental Learning	Spectacular Salmon!	1,500	4,450
Burnaby	Gilmore Community School	Salmonids in the Classroom - chiller repair	1,500	3,000
Burnaby	Lakeview Elementary	Stream of Dreams at Lakeview Elementary and Sapperton Landing	3,288	10,721
Burns Lake	Lake Babine Nation	Invisible Migration Event 2020	3,560	42,103
Campbell River	Tyee Club of BC	Campbell River Estuary Rehabilitation	1,200	2,500
Chilliwack	Promontory Heights Elementary School	Salmonids in the Classroom - filter system	300	600
Chilliwack	Watson Elementary	Salmonids in the Classroom - bus rental	1,500	1,500
Coquitlam	Porter Street Elementary School	Salmonids in the Classroom	1,300	2,935
Courtenay	Comox Valley Project Watershed Society	Volunteer training and equipment to identify forage fish spawning beaches in the Northern Salish Sea	1,500	56,200
Courtenay	Comox Valley Project Watershed Society	Riparian Habitat Restoration and Reed Canary Grass Removal in Mallard Creek	6,382	19,582
Courtenay	Millard-Piercy Watershed Stewards	Piercy Basin Habitat Assessment	12,636	32,831

Location	Applicant	Project Title	CSP Grant \$	Total Value \$
Cowichan Bay	Cowichan Estuary Nature Centre Society	Restoring Riparian Habitat in the Cowichan: Youth Engagement	1,440	77,050
Delta	Burns Bog Conseration Association	Lower Cougar Creek Riparian Restoration	2,400	64,900
Delta	Cougar Creek Streamkeepers	Cougar Creek Beaver Pond Leveller	1,129	2,287
Duncan	Cowichan Estuary Restoration and Conservation Association	Estuarine Health Assessment	700	5,100
Duncan	Cowichan Station Area Association	Koksilah Watershed Community Conversations	1,500	8,000
Duncan	Somenos Marsh Wildlife Society	Somenos Bring Back the Salmon Project	1,469	14,989
Enderby	Kingfisher Intepretive Centre Society	Conservation Through Education	11,100	121,500
Fanny Bay	Fanny Bay Salmonid Enhancement Society	River Never Sleeps Festival	1,500	7,000
Fort St. James	Binche Keyoh Bu Society	Binche Whut'en Aquatic Monitoring Training and Language Project	8,974	75,049
Galiano Island	Galiano Conservancy Association	Salmonids in the Classroom	1,500	8,575
Gibsons	Gibsons Marine Education Centre Society	World Oceans Day - Eelgrass Debris Cleanup	5,062	11,962
Hazleton	Gitksan Watershed Authorities	McCully Creek Restoration Initiative Phase 2	21,000	42,100
Herrling Island	Outdoor Recreation Council of BC	Fraser River Juvenile Salmon Study- Environmentally Significant Area Designation	29,250	70,450
Hope	Silver Creek Holdings, Ltd.	Collum Creek Channel Restoration 2020	25,307	62,852
Hornby Island	Conservancy Hornby Island	Beulah Creek Salmon Access Improvement	7,955	16,955
Horsefly	Fraser Basin Council	Horsefly Watershed Salmon Habitat Restoration	29,820	207,918
Horsefly	Horsefly River Roundtable	Horsefly Streamkeepers Support	1,500	11,100
Houston	A Rocha Canada	Watershed Stewardship Facility Addition	22,500	191,696
Kamloops	BC Conservation Foundation	Louis Stream Bank Riffle 2020	27,533	340,507

Location	Applicant	Project Title	CSP Grant \$	Total Value \$
Kamloops	BC Conservation Foundation	Upper Nicola Riffle Complex 2020	37,739	332,957
Kamloops	BC Conservation Foundation	Upper Nicola Streambank Complex 2020	40,990	254,508
Kamloops	BC Conservation Foundation	Louis Creek Streambank Complex 2020	42,007	306,036
Kamloops	BC Conservation Foundation	Paul Creek Riffle Complex 2020	51,731	350,872
Kitwanga	Gitanyow Fisheries Authority	Kitwanga Sockeye Salmon Stewardship and Survival Project	13,250	76,124
Klemtu	Kitasoo/Xai'xais Stewardship Authority	Building genetic baselines for conservation and recovery of salmon in Kitasoo Xai'xais territory	8,700	337,450
Klemtu	Kitasoo/Xai'xais Stewardship Authority	Leveraging technology to support Kitasoo/Xai'xais community-led indicator stocks programs - camera purchase	14,725	99,855
Lake Cowichan	Cowichan Lake Salmonid Enhancement Society	Outdoor Education	3,238	10,488
Langford	Peninsula Streams Society	Millstream Fishway Project	75,000	848,600
Langley	Langley Christian School	Salmonids in the Classroom	1,300	2,785
Langley	Langley Environmental Partners Society	Cave Creek Culvert Replacement	11,000	32,650
Langley	Murrayville Academy	Stream of Dreams	1,200	3,867
Langley	Rivershed Society of BC	Fraser River Watershed Education and Leadership Development	10,000	97,700
Maple Ridge	Alouette River Management Society	Alouette Watershed Salmonid Habitat Assessment & Education Project	4,425	16,205
Maple Ridge	Alouette River Management Society	Allco Fish Hatchery Incubation Equipment Updates	1,500	211,970
Merville	Tsolum River Restoration Society	Comox Valley Regional Flow Monitoring Project	19,000	41,800
Nanaimo	Nanaimo & Area Land Trust	Beck Creek Nanaimo Outreach	1,500	5,113
Nanoose Bay	Guardians of Mid Island Estuaries Society	Eco-Cultural Estuary Restoration in Mid Vancouver Island	19,250	108,675

Location	Applicant	Project Title	CSP Grant \$	Total Value \$
Nanoose Bay	Mid Vancouver Island Habitat Enhancement Society	Stream Crossing Yellow Fish Signs for the Englishman Watershed	915	2,000
North Vancouver	Seymour Salmonid Society	Seymour Hatchery Ongoing Hatchery Equipment Replacement Project	60,424	185,605
Parksville	Parksville Fish & Game Association	Marion Baker Hatchery Water Quality Improvement	1,500	3,160
Port Coquitlam	Westwood Elementary	Stream of Dreams at Westwood Elementary and the Port Coquitlam Heritage Museum	2,727	8,676
Port Renfrew	Four Mile Creek Enhancement Society	Four Mile Creek Hatchery Chinook Maturing Pens	14,648	29,527
Port Renfrew	Four Mile Creek Enhancement Society	Emergency Generator Purchase	27,700	32,360
Powell River	Powell River Salmon Society	Lang Creek Stock Enhancement	40,100	512,100
Powell River	Tla'amin Nation	Tla'amin Nation Salmon Hatchery - Equipment Upgrades	16,800	55,575
Prince George	Heritage Elementary	Stream of Dreams	5,444	17,674
Prince George	REAPS Recycling & Environmental Action Planning Society	Stream to Sea Program Equipment	1,500	48,000
Prince George	UNBC	Using eDNA to assess the distribution of juvenile salmonids in the Nechako basin	15,966	63,986
Prince Rupert	North Coast Skeena First Nations Stewardship Society	Restoration and Rehabilitation	1,100	2,200
Prince Rupert	Prince Rupert Salmonid Enhancement Society	Visualizing our streams: A map of our enhancement area	1,440	2,940
Quadra Island	Quadra Island Salmon Enhancement Society	Hyacinthe and Open Bay Creeks Salmonid Habitat Assessments	3,500	7,000
Qualicum Beach	Nile Creek Enhancement Society	Hatchery Upgrades	3,000	23,524
Quesnel	Baker Creek Enhancement Society	Build A Whale	2,000	13,325
Quesnel	Baker Creek Enhancement Society	Juvenile Chinook Tank Repairs	2,772	5,632

Location	Applicant	Project Title	CSP Grant \$	Total Value \$
Richmond	Richmond School District	Salmonids in the Classroom - chiller repair	1,000	2,560
Roberts Creek	Sunshine Coast Streamkeepers Society	Native Plants for Replanting at Malcolm Creek	450	1,000
Saanich	Peninsula Streams Society	Tod Creek Enhancement Project	7,500	20,500
Salmo	Salmo Watershed Streamkeepers Society	Streamkeepers Training - Columbia Basin	1,500	3,027
Salt Spring Island	Fernwood Elementary	Stream of Dreams	2,604	8,499
Scotch Creek	Adams River Salmon Society	Salmon Education and Community Outreach at Tsútswecw Provincial Park	10,500	37,250
Shawnigan Lake	Shawnigan Lake School	Shawnigan Creek Coho Hatchery Well Project	6,500	27,580
Sidney	Shaw Centre for the Salish Sea	Salish Sea Centre's Live Pacific Herring Exhibit	10,750	37,200
Simoom Sound	Salmon Coast Field Station Society	Boat Trailer for Salmon Coast Field Station	1,500	10,365
Smithers	Bulkley Valley Rod and Gun Club	Club Creek Restoration	1,487	5,287
Squamish	Squamish Montessori	Salmonids in the Classroom	1,300	3,185
Surrey	A Rocha Canada	Jenkins Creek Salmon Passage Enhancement	10,810	26,960
Surrey	BC Conservation Foundation & Community Mapping Network	Stewardship Project Registry Phase 2	37,900	90,900
Surrey	BC Wildlife Federation	Reel Fishing Workshop	3,200	22,090
Surrey	Ducks Unlimited Canada	Trophic Impacts of Invasive Cattail on Juvenile Chinook Salmon in the Fraser Estuary	12,500	141,550
Surrey	HT Thrift Elementary	Salmonids in the Classroom - chiller repair	539	1,839
Surrey	Kirkbride Elementary	Salmonids in the Classroom - chiller shipping costs	91	191
Surrey	Royal Heights Elementary	Salmonids in the Classroom - chiller repair	400	1,540
Surrey	SD36 and Pacific Heights Elementary	Salmonids in the Classroom	1,500	3,425

Location	Applicant	Project Title	CSP Grant \$	Total Value \$
Surrey	Semiahmoo Fish & Game Club	Hatchery Upgrade & Counting Fence Maintenance	6,400	12,800
Surrey	Serpentine Enhancement Society	Tynehead Hatchery 2020 Project Funding	4,333	9,035
Terrace	Lakelse Watershed Stewards Society	Scully Creek Salmon Escapement	1,470	5,861
Tofino	Cedar Coast Field Station Society	Juvenile salmon assessments in Clayoquot Sound	1,500	81,620
Tsawwassen	Raincoast Conservation Foundation	Field Monitoring and Stewardship Program	5,000	98,254
Ucluelet	Central Westcoast Forest Society	Shuhum Creek Restoration Project	30,000	726,500
Ucluelet	Central Westcoast Forest Society	Hydro Hill Watershed Restoration Project	33,090	113,615
Ucluelet	Thornton Creek Salmon Enhancement Society	WCVI Juvenile Chinook Survival and Hatchery Release Strategy Project	12,000	100,725
Vancouver	Florence Nightingale Elementary	Salmonids in the Classroom	1,300	2,815
Vancouver	Maple Grove Elementary	Salmonids in the Classroom	1,300	3,280
Vancouver	Sea Smart School Society	Marine Biologists in Training (MBIT) Summer Camps	2,000	138,425
Vancouver	Sir William Van Horne Elementary School	Bus funds for Seymour Fish Hatchery Field trip	517	1,570
Vancouver	Tides Canada Initiatives Society	Resilient Waters	15,000	710,432
Vancouver	West Point Grey Academy	Salmonids in the Classroom - chiller repair	400	1,075
Victoria	Doncaster Elementary	Salmonids in the Classroom - chiller repair	500	1,450
Victoria	Friends of Mount Douglas Park Society	Douglas Creek Bridge and Interpretive Area 2020	15,000	214,500
Victoria	Goldstream Volunteer Salmonid Enhancement Association	Salmonids in the Classroom - chiller repair	3,200	7,100
Victoria	Peninsula Streams Society	The Beach Education and Conservation of Habitat (BEACH) Initiative	4,000	30,500
Victoria	Peninsula Streams Society	Swan Creek Enhancement Project	2,200	13,300

Location	Applicant	Project Title	CSP Grant \$	Total Value \$
Victoria	Peninsula Streams Society	Tetayut Creek Stewardship Project	2,400	7,750
Victoria	Peninsula Streams Society	Eastridge Colquitz Mainstem Restoration Project Phase 2	30,000	113,000
Victoria	SeaChange Marine Conservation Society	Operaion Save the Eelgrass	37,575	75,444
Victoria	World Fisheries Trust	Urban Salmonid Celebration	3,479	15,156
Victoria	World Fisheries Trust	The Gorge Herring Project	1,500	33,825
West Vancouver	Capilano Little Ones School	Salmonids in the Classroom	1,300	2,785
West Vancouver	West Vancouver Streamkeeper Society	Nelson Creek Mouth - Fish Passage Improvement	18,500	174,530
Westbank	Okanagan Nation Alliance	Fish in Schools (FinS)	1,500	8,580
Whitehorse	Canadian Wildlife Federation	Upper Yukon River Chinook Salmon Conservation Monitoring and Research	9,985	229,993
Whitehorse	Stream of Dreams	Stream of Dreams Yukon	21,862	59,610
Grand Total	117 Projects		\$1,256,973	\$10,257,454