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NEWS RELEASE

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Pacific Salmon Foundation Announces Over \$498,000 for Community Salmon Projects Throughout British Columbia

VANCOUVER, December 13, 2005 – Pacific Salmon Foundation (PSF) is pleased to announce that 92 salmon conservation projects in BC received grants worth \$498,444 for the 2005 year. The total value of the projects is close to \$3.9 million.

The Comox Valley region received \$42,080 in grants made possible through partnership funding from saltwater recreational anglers and commercial fishing operators through Fisheries and Oceans Canada's Salmon Conservation Stamp program, TimberWest Forest Corp., PSF fund-raising dinners and auctions, local fishing derbies, and private donations. These funds will allow salmon conservation groups from Tahsis, Kyuquot, Union Bay, Courtenay, Comox, Black Creek and Fanny Bay to implement 7 conservation, recovery, and education projects.

“PSF works in partnership with the community, government and industry to restore salmon habitat. Applicants must be supported by Fisheries and Oceans Community Advisors, and PSF is pleased to be part of such an integrated team,” says Paul Kariya, Executive Director for the Foundation. “I extend my appreciation to the recipient organizations as they continue to do the front-line work of helping in the conservation and recovery of Pacific salmon populations and their rivers.”

The funding comes from PSF's Community Salmon Program (CSP), a program developed in 1989 and is designed to help locally-based volunteer community organizations undertake projects that lead to improved salmon habitat and increased awareness of issues facing Pacific salmon. To date, PSF has provided close to \$424,000 in grants towards 41 projects in the Comox Valley region for a total project value of close to \$2.6 million.

The next submission deadline for proposals to the Community Salmon Program is February 15, 2006. A backgrounder listing successful projects is attached, and more information can be found at www.psf.ca.

Pacific Salmon Foundation is an independent, non-profit organization and a national leader in the conservation and recovery of Pacific salmon. Formed in 1987, PSF directs funding to

grassroots, volunteer-driven projects specifically focused on the conservation and of Pacific salmon. PSF has grown into the leading Canadian non-profit organization to forge partnerships with local communities, First Nations, all levels of government, industry, educational institutions, commercial and recreational fisheries, and non-profit organizations all working together to restore and enhance Pacific salmon.

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Backgrounder

Since 1989, PSF has granted nearly \$5.5 million for 674 community salmon projects for a total project value of over \$35 million. The Community Salmon Program aims to support community volunteer stewardship groups in BC and the Yukon through the funding of projects that contribute to the restoration of Pacific salmon populations and their habitat.

PSF strives to ensure all aspects relating to salmon survival are funded, including: habitat assessment, stock rehabilitation, habitat restoration, education and awareness, stock assessment, and community stewardship.

Applicants are evaluated by a CSP Project Selection Committee with representation from Fisheries and Oceans Canada, the BC Ministry of Environment, BC Wildlife Federation, and Pacific Salmon Foundation. Our funding partners and others are invited to the project selection meetings to provide technical expertise.

Comox Valley - 2005 CSP Projects					
Organization	Location	Description of Project	Project Type	PSF Grant	Total Project Value
Nootka Sound Watershed Society	Tahsis	Net Pen Project	Stock Enhancement	\$2,000	\$13,316
Kyuquot Elementary Secondary School	Kyuquot	Enabling Streamkeepers and Environmental Education for Kyuquot Elementary School	Education and Awareness	\$7,050	\$16,875
Hart Watershed Society	Courtney Union Bay	Hart Creek Rehabilitation Project – Phase 4	Habitat Assessment	\$4,680	\$27,945
Tsolum River Restoration Society	Courtenay	Tsolum River Bank Stabilization Assessment and Prescriptions	Habitat Assessment	\$6,200	\$14,166
Little River Enhancement Society	Comox	Little river Hatchery Water Aeration and Hatchery Improvement		\$5,150	\$25,400
Oyster River Enhancement Society	Black Creek	Connolly Side Channel	Habitat Rehabilitation	\$15,000	\$103,247
Fanny Bay Salmonid Enhancement Society	Fanny Bay	Rosewell Creek Urban Stream Habitat Survey	Habitat Assessment	\$2,000	\$8,780
			Total	\$42,080	\$209,729