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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 Nanaimo-Ladysmith-Chemainus region received \$24,310 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 Nanaimo and Ladysmith to implement 6 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. Since the CSP program began, PSF has provided over \$318,000 in grants towards 38 projects in the Nanaimo-Ladysmith region for a total project value of close to \$1.9 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 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.

Nanaimo north of Chemainus to Nanoose - 2005 CSP Projects					
Organization	Location	Description of Project	Project Type	PSF Grant	Total Project Value
BC Conservation Foundation	Nanaimo	Vancouver Island Stream Enrichment	Habitat Rehabilitation	\$5,000	\$14,032
Nanaimo River Hatchery	Nanaimo	Incubation Room Water Filtration	Stock Enhancement	\$1,000	\$6,140
School District 68 Fish Tech	Nanaimo	Fire In the Stream Millstone River Smolt Fence	Education and Awareness	\$3,000	\$19,075
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Ladysmith Sportsmen's Club	Ladysmith	Ladysmith Hatchery Stock Enhancement	Stock Enhancement	\$6,500	\$44,185
Ladysmith Sportsmen's Club	Ladysmith	Bush Creek Falls - Fish Access Project	Habitat Rehabilitation	\$6,250	\$14,400
			Total	\$24,310	\$119,392