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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 Powell River region received \$18,000 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, PSF fund-raising dinners and auctions, local fishing derbies, and private donations. These funds will allow salmon conservation groups from Powell River and Desolation Sound to implement 2 habitat rehabilitation 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 over \$78,000 in grants towards 5 projects in the Powell River region for a total project value of close to 1.2 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](http://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.

<b>Powell River-Saltry Bay to Lund - 2005 CSP Projects</b>					
<b>Organization</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Description of Project</b>	<b>Project Type</b>	<b>PSF Grant</b>	<b>Total Project Value</b>
Sliammon Salmonid Enhancement Society	Powell river	Theodosia Stream Restoration Project	Habitat Rehabilitation	\$10,000	\$249,270
Desolation Sound Salmon Enhancement Society	Desolation Sound	Desolation Sound Salmon Enhancement 2006	Habitat Rehabilitation	\$8,000	\$33,870
			<b>Total</b>	<b>\$18,000</b>	<b>\$283,140</b>