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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 Vancouver-Fraser Valley-Hope to Sechelt region received \$138,532 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, Petro-Canada, PSF fund-raising dinners and auctions, local fishing derbies, and private donations. These funds will allow salmon conservation groups from this region to implement 22 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 \$1.5 million in grants towards 188 projects in the Vancouver-Fraser Valley-Sechelt region for a total project value of over 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 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.

Vancouver-Fraser Valley-Hope to Sechelt - 2005 CSP Projects					
Organization	Location	Description of Project	Project Type	PSF Grant	Total Project Value
West Vancouver Streamkeepers	West Vancouver	West Brothers Creek Adult Salmon Access	Habitat Rehabilitation	\$6,100	\$12,900
Still Creek Stewardship Society	Vancouver	Still Creek Enhancement Project - 3003 Grandview Highway	Habitat Rehabilitation	\$2,500	\$113,000
A Rocha Canada - Christians in Conservation	Surrey	Fish Habitat Enhancement In a Tributary of the Little Campbell River	Habitat Rehabilitation	\$2,350	\$14,950
Britannia Beach Stewardship Group	Squamish	Workshop 2005 – Leading the Way: Facility Rental of Totem Hall	Stewardship and Community Planning	\$2,672	\$8,765
Sunshine Coast Salmonid Enhancement Society	Sechelt	Sunshine Coast Stream Team	Education and Awareness	\$4,450	\$11,210
Old Clegg Farm	Rosedale	Old Clegg Farm – Interpretational Salmon Forest	Habitat Rehabilitation	\$2,500	\$19,000
Marine Educational Services Association (MEDUSA)	Port Moody	Sustaining Salmonids at Sea	Habitat Rehabilitation	\$4,500	\$47,603
Hyde Creek Watershed Society	Port Coquitlam	Hyde Creek Education Centre and Hatchery Classroom Operational Equipment	Education and Awareness	\$29,750	\$384,548
Ruby Lake Lagoon Nature Reserve Society	Pender Harbour	Educational Displays and Programs about Salmon at the Iris Griffith Interpretive Centre	Education and Awareness	\$2,000	\$15,000
Coho Society of the North Shore	North Vancouver	Coho Festival	Education and Awareness	\$3,000	\$68,000

Kanaka Education and Environmental Partnership Society (KEEPS)	Maple Ridge	Mainstone Creek Daylighting and Conservation Area Rehabilitation	Habitat Rehabilitation	\$3,750	\$14,260
Bell Irving Hatchery Kanaka Education and Environmental Partnership Society	Maple Ridge	Improvements to Incubation System	Stock Enhancement	\$2,500	\$10,850
Sakinaw Lake Recovery Team Volunteers	Maderia Park	Herring Skiff Rebuilding	Stock Assessment	\$1,700	\$3,400
BC Conservation Foundation (BCCF)	Lower Mainland	Lower Mainland Stream Enrichment	Habitat Rehabilitation	\$795	\$5,048
Langley Environmental Partners Society	Langley	Citizen Action – Stewardship Solutions	Education and Awareness	\$3,265	\$72,396
Corporation Of Delta	Delta	Watershed Creek Restoration Project	Habitat Rehabilitation Stock Enhancement	\$5,000	\$45,000
Cougar Creek Streamkeepers	Delta	Cougar Canyon Elementary School Rain Garden Project	Education and Awareness	\$12,300	\$49,950
Alton Streamkeepers	Chilliwack	Alton – Atchelitz Creek Restoration Project	Habitat Rehabilitation	\$3,500	\$22,800
Chilliwack River Action Committee	Chilliwack	Completing the Stabilizing of the Tolmie Clay Slide	Habitat Rehabilitation	\$20,000	\$62,800
Chilliwack River Action Committee	Chilliwack	Nonie Creek Off Channel Habitat Restoration	Habitat Rehabilitation	\$13,500	\$30,100
Great Blue Heron Nature Reserve Society	Chilliwack	Salwein Creek Slough Restoration	Habitat Rehabilitation	\$5,000	\$34,700
Bowen Island Fish & Wildlife Club	Bowen Island	Terminal/Killarney Spawning Channel	Habitat Rehabilitation	\$7,400	\$16,200
			Total	\$138,532	\$1,062,480