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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 Victoria-Southern Gulf Islands-Port Renfrew region received \$70,205 in grants made 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 this region to implement 16 conservation, habitat rehabilitation, stock enhancement 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 a n 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 million in grants towards 141 projects in the Victoria-Port Renfrew region for a total project value of over \$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.

Victoria-Southern Gulf Islands-Port Renfrew - 2005 CSP Projects					
Organization	Location	Description of Project	Project Type	PSF Grant	Total Project Value
Family Fishing Society of BC	Victoria BC Wide	BC's Family Fishing Weekend 2005	Education and Awareness	\$4,000	\$273,735
BC Conservation Foundation (BCCF)	Victoria	Vancouver Island Stream Enrichment	Habitat Rehabilitation	\$5,000	\$14,076
Friends of Mount Douglas Park Society	Victoria	Restoration of Douglas Creek	Habitat Rehabilitation	\$400	\$12,550
Friends of Tod Creek Watershed	Victoria	Upgrade of water storage facility	Habitat Rehabilitation	\$2,730	\$9,528
Greater Victoria Pink Salmon Festival Society	Victoria	PINK SALMON FESTIVAL – Take a Kid Fishing event	Education and Awareness	\$1,550	\$56,650
Land Conservancy of BC	Victoria	Gorge Waterway Restoration Project	Habitat Rehabilitation	\$8,500	\$96,150
Pacific Centre Family Services Association	Victoria	Bee Creek Rehabilitation Project Estuary to 2005 Site	Habitat Rehabilitation	\$10,000	\$65,352
SeaChange Marine Conservation Society	Victoria	BC Estuaries Project	Habitat Rehabilitation	\$2,156	\$197,851
Watership Foundation	Victoria	Classroom Incubation Program - Aquarium Chiller Purchase Plan, year 14	Education and Awareness	\$6,420	\$20,938
Watership Foundation	Victoria	Classroom Incubation Program - Aquarium Cart Purchase Plan year 7	Education and Awareness	\$3,849	\$15,598
Juan de Fuca Restoration Society	Sooke	Charters Creek Off Channel Habitat Construction	Habitat Rehabilitation	\$10,000	\$56,280

Island Stream and Salmon Enhancement Association	Salt Spring Island	Burgoyne Bay Watershed Restoration Project	Habitat Rehabilitation	\$4,000	\$17,000
Pender Islands Conservancy Association (PICA)	Pender Island	Biological Assessment of Hope Bay Stream	Stewardship Community Planning	\$1,350	\$9,113
Valley Fish and Game Club	Lake Cowichan	Ocean Grow Out Net Pen	Stock Enhancement	\$4,800	\$19,600
Koksilah Elementary School Streamkeepers	Duncan	Stewardship Signage	Education and Awareness Stewardship and Community Planning	\$1,450	\$4,450
Cowichan Lake Salmonid Enhancement Society	Cowichan Lake	Chum Enhancement Program Sutton Creek	Stock Enhancement	\$4,000	\$26,000
			Total	\$70,205	\$894,871