



**PROCEEDS FROM PACIFIC SALMON FOUNDATION OKANAGAN  
CHARITY DINNER AND AUCTION TO FUND RESTORATION OF NATURAL  
HABITAT DEVASTATED BY FOREST FIRES**

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In consultation with the Mayor's office of the City of Kelowna, Pacific Salmon Foundation (PSF) has decided to continue with its plans to host its Okanagan Charity Dinner and Auction in Kelowna, BC, on Thursday, September 18, 2003. The majority of the proceeds will be dedicated to restoring natural areas impacted by forest fires in the Central Okanagan region.

"We are very grateful for the generosity of our volunteers and supporters in the Okanagan. Like all British Columbians, we have been devastated by the images of the destruction caused by the fires," says Executive Director, Dr. Paul Kariya. "Once an assessment of the damage has been completed, PSF will work with the appropriate government agencies, private partners and community groups to identify opportunities to assist with the recovery effort which are consistent with our mission."

Pacific Salmon Foundation is the leading not-for-profit organization dedicated to conserving and restoring Pacific salmon. Since 1987, PSF has contributed to over 480 salmon projects through its Community Salmon Program, and is widely recognized for its conservation efforts in many communities throughout BC.

In addition to the Community Salmon Program, PSF is the Program Manager of the Pacific Salmon Endowment Fund, the income from which is invested to help rebuild key watersheds in British Columbia.

If you would like more information about this event, to purchase tickets, to contribute a donation to the auction, or to help as a volunteer on the committee please contact John Macdonald or Paul Bell at (250) 717-8989 Monday to Friday, or anytime on cellular (250) 868-5599.

For further information on Pacific Salmon Foundation, please visit [www.pacificsalmon.ca](http://www.pacificsalmon.ca).

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