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Pacific Salmon Foundation Announces Over \$250,000 Dollars For Community Salmon Projects in British Columbia

VANCOUVER, February 6, 2007 – Pacific Salmon Foundation (PSF) is pleased to announce that 29 salmon conservation projects in B.C. received grants worth \$269,338, with many projects commencing in 2007. The total value of the projects is over \$1.8 million.

Grants were made possible through partnership funding from Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO), Living Rivers Georgia Basin Trust Fund, PetroCanada, Alcan Primary Metal Group BC, TimberWest, PSF fundraising dinners and auctions, local fishing derbies, and private donations.

“The Community Salmon Program continues to be at the core of what Pacific Salmon Foundation does so well: work in partnership to support groups already working on the ground to restore wild salmon populations to their rivers,” says Dr. Paul Kariya, Executive Director for the Foundation. “I am thrilled with the quality of applications and these proposals show depth and breadth of commitment to salmon by so many communities throughout the province.”

DFO’s Salmon Conservation Stamp program provides CSP funding through the sale of tidal fishing licenses. \$1.00 of the \$6.36 annual fee from saltwater recreational anglers and \$10.00 from commercial fishing operators is directed to PSF for salmon conservation work. Now, salmon conservation groups from all over the province will be able to implement innovative conservation, recovery, and education projects.

PSF grant funding comes from our 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 \$6 million in long-term funding for 790 community salmon projects for a total project value of over \$39.5 million.

PSF has two funding rounds each year and the next submission deadline for proposals to the Community Salmon Program is February 15, 2007. 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 over \$6 million for 790 community salmon projects for a total project value of over \$39.5 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.

Province of BC - 2006 Fall CSP Projects

Organization	Location	Project Description	Project Type	Recommended Grant	Total Project Cost
A Rocha Canada - Christians in Conservation	Surrey	Riverbank Stabilization Along the Little Campbell River, Phase III	Habitat Rehabilitation	\$5,500	\$17,700
Alouette River Management Society (ARMS)	Maple Ridge	Pesticide Community Awareness Project	Education & Awareness, Training	\$5,875	\$12,345
BCIT Foundation for BCIT Fish, Wildlife and Recreation	Burnaby	Guichon Creek Enhancement Project	Stewardship/Community Planning	\$7,620	\$23,040
Kanaka Education and Environmental Partnership Society (KEEPS)	Maple Ridge	Shelter to House Sump Pump: Part 2	Stock Enhancement	\$21,500	\$97,600
Morten Creek Salmon Enhancement Project	North Vancouver	Hatchery Retrofit	Stock Enhancement	\$800	\$2,660
Nicomekl Enhancement Society	Langley	Elgin Creek Base Flow Augmentation	Stock Enhancement	\$10,000	\$184,000
Seymour Salmonid Society	North Vancouver	Steelhead Smolt Acoustic Tracking	Stock Enhancement	\$36,500	\$75,000
Stave Valley Salmonid Enhancement Society	Mission	Brood Stock Collection Fence	Stock Assessment & Enhancement	\$1,500	\$3,375
Cowichan Lake Salmonid Enhancement Society	Lake Cowichan	Chum Enhancement at Sutton Creek	Stock Enhancement	\$4,600	\$23,350

Discovery Coast Greenways Land Trust Society	Campbell River	Caddisfly Creek Mapping Project	Stewardship/Community Planning	\$2,905	\$6,711
Ecole des Deux Mondes	Campbell River	<i>Stream of Dreams</i> Mural	Education & Awareness, Training	\$250	\$4,280
Fanny Bay Salmonid Enhancement Society	Fanny Bay	Hatchery Upgrades	Stock Enhancement	\$13,900	\$40,400
Mid Vancouver Island Habitat Enhancement Society	Parksville	Mt. Arrowsmith Biosphere Reserve Community Mapping	Stewardship/Community Planning	\$3,000	\$88,585
Millard/Piercy Watershed Stewards	Courtenay	Flow Monitoring Program	Habitat Assessment	\$3,500	\$15,454
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Northern Vancouver Island Salmonid Enhancement Association	Port Hardy	Northern Vancouver Island Salmon Stewardship Centre	Stewardship/Community Planning	\$70,000	\$850,000
Quadra Island Salmon Enhancement Society	Heriot Bay	Watershed Extension/Education Program	Education & Awareness, Training	\$7,750	\$33,420
Quamichan Watershed Stewardship Committee	Duncan	Engineers Survey of Creek in Support of Water Storage Initiative	Habitat Assessment	\$4,690	\$9,380
Raincoast Conservation Foundation	Victoria	Determining Historic Salmon Abundance in Rivers Inlet	Stock Assessment	\$12,000	\$119,250
Sayward Fish and Game Association	Sayward	Chinook Recovery Program - Rearing Cost - Feed	Stock Assessment & Enhancement	\$2,500	\$10,130
SeaChange Marine Conservation Society	Brentwood Bay	BC Eelgrass Community Network Conference 2007	Education & Awareness, Training	\$3,500	\$21,910
Sooke Salmon Enhancement Society	Sooke	Mesh Covers for Capilano Tanks	Stock Enhancement	\$3,500	\$7,000
Sooke Salmon Enhancement Society	Sooke	Wall Tent	Education & Awareness, Training	\$1,500	\$3,000
Tsolum River Restoration Society	Merville	Upper Tsolum Watershed Flow Augmentation Project	Habitat Rehabilitation	\$10,000	\$23,700
Watership Foundation	Victoria	Aquarium Chiller Purchase Plan, Year 15	Education & Awareness, Training	\$4,285	\$16,830
Baker Creek Enhancement Society	Williams Lake	Salmonid Enhancement Program Community Conference	Education & Awareness, Training	\$11,300	\$24,700

MC3 Water Management Association	Williams Lake	Mackin Creek Water Conservation Project	Habitat Rehabilitation	\$10,000	\$50,000
Oona River Resource Association	Oona River	Upgrade Filtration System to Improve Water Quality: Chum Enh.	Stock Enhancement	\$7,403	\$59,022
Okanagan Nation Alliance	Westbank	Okanagan Nation Fisheries Cultural and Education Resource Kit	Education & Awareness, Training	\$3,000	\$34,675
			TOTAL	\$269,338	\$1,840,996