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## **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **Pacific Salmon Foundation Announces Over \$470,000 in Funding for Community Salmon Projects throughout British Columbia**

**VANCOUVER, May 29, 2007** - Pacific Salmon Foundation (PSF) is pleased to announce that 75 projects throughout BC have received grants in the spring funding round of the Community Salmon Program (CSP). Grants worth \$479,684 have been allocated to community stewardship groups to undertake salmon projects valued at over \$3 million.

Through the CSP the PSF funds all aspects of salmon conservation, including: habitat rehabilitation, habitat assessment, stock enhancement, stock assessment, education and awareness, and community stewardship.

“We are thrilled with the quality and number of proposals received in the 2007 spring funding round,” says Dr. Paul Kariya, Executive Director of the Foundation. “Pacific Salmon Foundation is pleased to work in partnership with volunteers, stewardship groups, the broader community, government and industry to rehabilitate and protect Pacific salmon and their habitat. These proposals demonstrate the commitment of community groups across the province to the conservation of Pacific salmon.”

Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) provides funding to the Community Salmon Program through fees collected from the sale of tidal fishing Salmon Conservation Stamps. Of the \$6.36 stamp fee paid by recreational anglers, \$1.00 is directed to PSF. Commercial fishermen can direct \$10.00 of their commercial Salmon Conservation Stamp fees to PSF in support of salmon conservation projects. The conservation stamp program is providing \$308,877 in funding for 2007/2008.

Further funds for CSP were made possible through the BC Living Rivers Trust Fund: Georgia Basin and Fraser Basin Initiatives, Petro-Canada, TimberWest, Alcan Inc., regional derbies and tournaments, PSF fundraising dinners and auctions, and private donations.

The Community Salmon Program provides grant funding to volunteer, stewardship and community organizations within the Pacific region that undertake projects that result in

improved salmon habitat, conservation and enhancement of salmon stocks and increased awareness of issues facing Pacific salmon. Since 1989, CSP has provided 865 community salmon projects with over \$6.5 million of funding for projects valued at over \$42.5 million.

Pacific Salmon Foundation is an independent, non-profit organization and a national leader in the conservation and recovery of Pacific salmon. Established in 1987, PSF directs funding to community based organizations working to conserve and enhance Pacific salmon. PSF is the leading Canadian, non-profit organization working in partnership with volunteers, stewardship groups, communities, First Nations, all levels of government, industry, educational institutions and commercial and recreational fishers to rehabilitate and protect Pacific salmon. Started in 2006, in concert with Fraser Basin Council, and with support from both the federal and provincial governments, PSF and partners are embarking upon a targeted program to save and protect Fraser River and Georgia Basin salmon.

PSF works in partnership with the 30,000 aquatic stewards in BC to “Bring them back stream by stream.”

The CSP program has two rounds of funding each year. The next submission deadline for proposals is October 15, 2007. Submission guidelines and further information can be found at [www.psf.ca](http://www.psf.ca).

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## Backgrounder

Since 1989, PSF has granted over \$6.5 million for 865 community salmon projects valued at over \$42.5 million. The Community Salmon Program supports volunteers and stewardship groups in BC and the Yukon through the funding of projects that work to rehabilitate and protect Pacific salmon populations and their habitat.

PSF funds all aspects of salmon conservation, including: habitat rehabilitation, habitat assessment, stock enhancement, stock assessment, education and community stewardship.

Applicants are evaluated by a CSP Project Selection Committee with representation from Fisheries and Oceans Canada, BC Ministry of Environment, BC Wildlife Federation, Pacific Streamkeepers Federation, Pacific Salmon Foundation and others with technical expertise.

### Province of BC – 2007 Spring CSP Projects

Organization	Location	Project Type	Project Description	CSP Grant	Total Project Cost
Alberni Valley Enhancement Society	Port Alberni	Habitat Rehabilitation	Somass Estuary Salt Water Marsh Restoration	\$15,000	\$179,051
Alberni Valley Enhancement Society	Port Alberni	Stock Assessment	Adult and Juvenile Monitoring Project	\$7,500	\$40,075
Alberni Valley Enhancement Society	Port Alberni	Habitat Rehabilitation	Creek Bank Restoration	\$12,500	\$73,080
Alouette River Management Society (ARMS)	Maple Ridge	Stock Enhancement	Allco Hatchery Facility Modifications	\$3,650	\$7,311
Baker Creek Enhancement Society	Williams Lake	Education & Awareness, Training	Stream Monitoring Education Program	\$3,000	\$7,800
BC Conservation Foundation	Nanaimo	Habitat Rehabilitation	Stream Enrichment	\$5,000	\$14,076
Central Westcoast Forest Society	Ucluelet	Habitat Rehabilitation	Bedwell River Sidechannel Restoration	\$10,000	\$176,750
Chilliwack River Action Committee	Chilliwack	Habitat Rehabilitation	Off-Channel Habitat Restoration	\$6,000	\$29,400
Comox Valley Project Watershed	Courtenay	Education & Awareness, Training	Stream Signage Project	\$10,000	\$47,645

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Comox Valley Project Watershed Society	Courtenay	Education & Awareness, Training	Puntledge Sign Project	\$1,500	\$21,239
Desolation Sound Salmonid Enhancement Society	Lund	Habitat Rehabilitation	Salmon Enhancement	\$11,300	\$25,450
Discovery Coast Greenways Land Trust	Campbell River	Habitat Rehabilitation	King Fisher Creek Habitat Restoration	\$5,000	\$13,878
Discovery Coast Greenways Land Trust	Campbell River	Education & Awareness, Training	Haig Brown Kids Summer Camp	\$1,500	\$33,303
False Creek Watershed Society	Vancouver	Education & Awareness, Training	The Salmon Celebration	\$4,000	\$26,000
Fanny Bay Salmon Enhancement Society	Fanny Bay	Habitat Rehabilitation	Bob Springs Creek Restoration	\$6,700	\$13,943
Fanny Bay Salmon Enhancement Society	Fanny Bay	Habitat Rehabilitation	Mud Bay Creek Restoration	\$10,000	\$67,300
Fanny Bay Salmon Enhancement Society	Fanny Bay	Habitat Rehabilitation	Chef Creek Salmonberry Ponds Habitat Restoration	\$10,000	\$57,825
Fraser River Coalition	Vancouver	Education & Awareness, Training	Interpretation Centre Restoration	\$5,000	\$34,000
Fraser Valley Regional Watersheds Coalition	Chilliwack	Habitat Rehabilitation	Stoney Creek Restoration and Stewardship Project	\$10,000	\$106,650
Friends of French Creek	Parksville	Habitat Assessment	Assessment of Weir impact on Hamilton Marsh	\$5,000	\$25,875
Friends of Mount Douglas Park Society	Victoria	Stewardship / Community Planning	Restoration of Douglas Creek	\$200	\$12,140
Friends of Mount Douglas Park Society	Victoria	Habitat Rehabilitation	Creation of spawning habitat	\$7,004	\$43,604
Friends of the Marble River Society	Port McNeill	Stock Enhancement	Stream Enrichment	\$2,500	\$7,500

Friends of the Marble River Society	Port McNeill	Stock Enhancement	Hatchery Net Pen Replacement	\$9,000	\$41,400
Hecate Strait Streamkeepers Society	Queen Charlotte	Habitat Assessment	Stream Assessment and Rehabilitation	\$5,350	\$34,490
Hoy Scott Watershed Society	Coquitlam	Stewardship / Community Planning	Platform and Housing for Pumps	\$2,000	\$4,060
Hyde Creek Watershed Society	Port Coquitlam	Habitat Rehabilitation	Education Centre & Hatchery Project	\$10,000	\$87,900
Ladysmith Sportsmen Club	Ladysmith	Habitat Rehabilitation	Holland Creek Restoration	\$3,740	\$15,080
Lakelse Watershed Society	Terrace	Education & Awareness, Training	Sockeye Education Boards	\$2,040	\$6,240
Malaspina University College	Nanaimo	Stock Assessment	Wild Coastal Cutthroat Trout Study	\$1,500	\$22,728
Mid Vancouver Island Habitat Enhancement Society	Parksville	Habitat Rehabilitation	Centre Creek Restoration	\$6,780	\$16,730
Mid Vancouver Island Habitat Enhancement Society	Parksville	Habitat Assessment	Estuary Care	\$10,000	\$109,914
Mid Vancouver Island Habitat Enhancement Society	Parksville	Habitat Rehabilitation	Water Intake Installation	\$4,846	\$11,946
Millard/Piercy Watershed Stewards	Courtenay	Habitat Rehabilitation	Riparian Re-vegetation Project	\$3,000	\$20,130
Millard/Piercy Watershed Stewards	Courtenay	Habitat Rehabilitation	Channel Restoration	\$25,000	\$66,506
Musqueam Ecosystem Conservation Society	Vancouver	Habitat Rehabilitation	Cutthroat Creek Restoration	\$25,000	\$177,240
Namgis First Nation	Alert Bay	Stock Enhancement	Gwa'ni Hatchery	\$1,475	\$2,950

Nanaimo Fish & Game Protective Association	Nanaimo	Habitat Rehabilitation	Millstone River By-Pass Side Channel	\$20,000	\$420,400
Nanaimo Fish & Game Protective Association	Nanaimo	Stock Enhancement	Pinks for the Pier	\$3,800	\$9,005
Nanaimo Fish & Game Protective Association	Nanaimo	Stock Enhancement	Egg Incubation and Chiller System	\$15,000	\$42,120
Nanaimo Schools Financial Assistance Society	Nanaimo	Education & Awareness, Training	Millstone River Restoration	\$4,990	\$17,490
Nanoose Streamkeepers Society	Lantzville	Stock Enhancement	Wild Salmon Fry Salvage	\$2,298	\$8,358
Nature Trust of British Columbia	North Vancouver	Stewardship / Community Planning	Stewardship Group Mixer	\$905	\$3,455
Nisga'a Lisims Government, Fisheries Department	New Aiyansh	Habitat Rehabilitation	Hatchery Upgrades	\$10,000	\$98,600
Nootka Sound Watershed Society	Gold River	Stock Enhancement	Net Pen Project	\$1,700	\$4,800
North Shore of Fraser Lake Community	Fraser Lake	Stewardship / Community Planning	Livestock Fencing near Fraser Lake	\$3,700	\$8,682
North Shore Streamkeepers	North Vancouver	Habitat Rehabilitation	Creek Restoration	\$1,000	\$17,000
Okanagan Nation Alliance	Westbank	Education & Awareness, Training	Kokanee in the Classroom	\$1,000	\$3,520
Okanagan Nation Alliance	Westbank	Education & Awareness, Training	School Incubation Project	\$1,650	\$3,000
Oyster River Enhancement Society	Black Creek	Education & Awareness, Training	Interpretive Centre	\$7,500	\$47,767
Pemberton Wildlife Association	Pemberton	Habitat Rehabilitation	Canal Improvement	\$5,000	\$53,012
Peninsula Streams Society	Sidney	Habitat Rehabilitation	Creek Rehabilitation	\$1,300	\$3,400
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Powell River Salmon Society	Powell River	Stock Enhancement	Fish Pump	\$15,000	\$91,660
Prince Rupert Salmonid Enhancement Society	Prince Rupert	Stock Enhancement	Ice Prevention Project	\$3,564	\$11,035
Prince Rupert Salmonid Enhancement Society	Prince Rupert	Stock Enhancement	Water System Upgrade	\$6,671	\$19,019
Rivers Inlet North Coast Salmon Enhancement Association	Port Coquitlam	Stock Enhancement	Chinook enhancement and assessment	\$8,472	\$87,822
San Juan Enhancement Society	Port Renfrew	Stock Enhancement	Net Pen Floats Repairs	\$4,500	\$9,500
Seymour Salmonid Society	North Vancouver	Stock Assessment	Steelhead Acoustic Tracking	\$11,400	\$43,744
Skowkale First Nation	Chilliwack	Education & Awareness, Training	Hatchery Revitalization and Education	\$20,000	\$106,100
Squamish Streamkeepers	Brackendale	Habitat Rehabilitation	Habitat Restoration	\$13,500	\$27,800
Stave Valley Salmonid Enhancement Society	Mission	Habitat Rehabilitation	Off-Channel Spawning Habitat	\$11,250	\$43,375
Still Creek Stewardship Society	Burnaby	Stewardship / Community Planning	Still Creek Salmon Release	\$300	\$850
Tahsis Salmon Enhancement Program	Tahsis	Stock Enhancement	Net Pen Project	\$2,300	\$7,700
Thornton Creek Enhancement Society	Ucluelet	Habitat Rehabilitation	Spawning Gravel Placement	\$1,400	\$11,504
Thornton Creek Enhancement Society	Ucluelet	Stock Assessment	Smolt Program	\$5,000	\$8,580
Tofino Streamkeepers Society	Tofino	Habitat Rehabilitation	Mackenzie Creek Rehabilitation	\$2,350	\$7,140
Tsolum River Restoration Society	Merville	Habitat Rehabilitation	River Bank Stabilization	\$10,000	\$70,444

Tyee Club of British Columbia	Campbell River	Stewardship / Community Planning	Chinook Net Pen Project	\$4,400	\$13,590
Tynehead Hatchery (Serpentine)	Surrey	Education & Awareness, Training	Salmon Development Display Vials	\$2,000	\$6,800
Valley Fish and Game Club	Lake Cowichan	Stock Enhancement	Ocean Grow-out Net Pen	\$1,500	\$15,500
Watership Foundation	Victoria	Education & Awareness, Training	Purchase Plan, Year 16	\$5,099	\$18,497
West Vancouver Streamkeepers Society	West Vancouver	Stewardship / Community Planning	Rodgers Creek Fish Ladder	\$1,500	\$3,000
Western Canadian Universities Marine Sciences Society	Bamfield	Habitat Assessment	Eelgrass Stewardship Project	\$4,000	\$34,560
WWF Canada	Prince Rupert	Habitat Assessment	Eelgrass Map & Monitoring	\$550	\$1,100
			<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$479,684</b>	<b>\$3,075,638</b>