



PACIFIC SALMON FOUNDATION TO ADDRESS CHALLENGES FACING SALMON

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Pacific Salmon Foundation is providing a forum for partners and supporters to evaluate their place in the challenging environment facing salmon conservation and stewardship practitioners. The workshop, scheduled for June 4th to 6th, 2003 in Vancouver, features leading researchers and conservationists and will bring together key sector representatives to explore the many facets of ensuring a sustainable wild salmon resource.

Dr. Paul Kariya, Executive Director of Pacific Salmon Foundation (PSF) says that “in addition to presentations on the latest research, panel discussions and information-sharing sessions, we’re providing networking opportunities for PSFs traditional Community Salmon Program volunteers with our colleagues and partners from the federal and provincial governments, First Nations, science and academia, and the business community”.

Dr. Kariya also noted that an additional key component of the workshop is to provide attendees with the opportunity to meet and hear first hand from four stimulating and thought-provoking proponents of salmon conservation in the Pacific Northwest:

- **Dr Rick Routledge** from Simon Fraser University will provide insight from his research into the decline in populations of sockeye salmon in Rivers and Smith Inlets.
- Award winning BC journalist, author and conservationist **Terry Glavin** will talk about a role for public interest groups in fisheries decision making in BC.
- President of the Wild Salmon Center from Portland, Oregon, **Guido Rahr** will present on the theme of preservation versus restoration. Wild Salmon Center is dedicated to ensuring a sustainable future for salmon right around the Pacific Rim – including the identification of the last pristine salmon refugia in Cascadia, the Bering Sea and Russia’s Kamchatka Peninsula.
- The Honorable **John Fraser**, former Canadian Minister of Fisheries and now Chair of the Pacific Fisheries Resource Conservation Council, will discuss current issues affecting salmon conservation and stewardship in BC.

“Our workshop will be a time to raise our commitments to a new level; to confirm direction and goals and to move forward with our partners, sponsors and supporters sharing a Common Vision,” said Dr. Kariya.

While the workshop sessions are by invitation only, there will be static floor displays and posters at the event that will be available for public viewing while the workshop is underway.

For more information on this event or on the Foundation, please visit www.pacificsalmon.ca or contact: Angus Mackay, E-mail: amackay@psf.ca or Telephone 604-664-7664.