



## Bequests to the Pacific Salmon Foundation Instructions and Sample Language

Thank you for your interest in leaving a legacy for wild Pacific salmon. Because a gift as part of your estate is the most personal gift you will make, we advise you to proceed carefully. Looking after your family is your first priority, but after these commitments are made, we hope you will consider making a gift in your will to the Pacific Salmon Foundation.

Of course, we strongly recommend that you to talk to a lawyer or notary before confirming your legacy.

Here is some information that may be helpful:

- Our legal name is Pacific Salmon Foundation
- Our charitable registration number is 11907 5638 RR0001
- Our address is 300 – 1682 West 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Vancouver, BC V6J 4S6

While undesignated gifts will allow Pacific Salmon Foundation to direct the funds to areas of highest priority, you may wish your legacy to:

- Establish or donate to an endowment
- Fund future scientists and biologists through bursaries and awards
- Support dedicated Community Salmon Program grants

The following are some possible ways to make legacy gifts in your will, along with sample wording for consideration for your lawyer or estate planner.

- A general bequest for a specific sum of money:** “I give to the Pacific Salmon Foundation the sum of (\$00,000) to be used in such a manner as the Board of Directors of the Pacific Salmon Foundation shall, in its sole discretion, determine.”
- A specific gift of tangible assets:** You may give gifts such as proceeds of your retirement fund, publicly traded stocks and securities, personal property or real estate. “I give to the Pacific Salmon Foundation (X shares of ABC stock).” See footnote below for details<sup>1</sup>.
- A residual bequest:** This bequest will designate all or a specific portion of what remains after all debts, taxes, expenses and other bequests have been paid. “I give (X%) of the residue of my estate to the Pacific Salmon Foundation.”
- A gift of life insurance:** You may choose to make Pacific Salmon Foundation the beneficiary of your life insurance policy. Exempt from probate and estate administration costs, gifts of life insurance come to the Pacific Salmon Foundation upon your death. See footnote below for details<sup>1</sup>.

<sup>1</sup>Ask your bank, investment firm, financial representative or life insurance agent for a “Change of Beneficiary Form” to enact this gift option.

If you have questions about what type of gift will work best for you, please contact us. We will be happy to work with you and your family to help you meet your goals.

**If you have chosen to include Pacific Salmon Foundation in your Will, please let us know.** We would love to thank you personally and ensure that you receive the special benefits of our Legacy Circle. Contact Margaret Buttner, Manager of Annual and Planned Giving at [mbuttner@psf.ca](mailto:mbuttner@psf.ca) or 604-664-7664 ext 128 for a confidential conversation about your intentions for a future gift.