



# ANNUAL REPORT

## 2008

The Campbell River Salmon Foundation (CRSF) has completed its first year in operation. This report is intended to update the membership and stakeholders on activities and accomplishments over this inaugural year and to provide readers with an idea of the direction the Foundation plans to take in the coming year.

The Society was formed to “*promote salmon enhancement in watersheds between the Oyster River and south of the Salmon River estuary and the adjacent mainland coast*”. It is the intention of the Board to partner with others as much as practicably possibly to ensure maximization of available funding sources.

To cover off a little bit of housekeeping, CRSF became a Society (#S-52336) on June 22, 2007. Charitable Organization Status was granted on January 8, 2008 (#852809417RR001). The inaugural Board meeting was held on May 23, 2007.

The current Board of Directors is comprised of:

M.B. (Mike) Gage, Chairperson  
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Mark Gage, Director

The First Annual Dinner Auction was held on March 22, 2008 and was attended by approximately 400 people. The Dinner Auction was a huge success, raising approximately \$74,000 during the evening. Due to the success of the event, CRSF plans to hold The Second Annual Dinner Auction in March, 2009 and is committed to making the event an even bigger success. Watch for announcements and mark your calendars.

CRSF will be involved in two large projects during the summer of 2008.

Salmon River Fish & Game Association embarked on a Bridge Coastal Fish & Wildlife Restoration Program (BCRP) funded study in the Big Tree Creek area of the Salmon River. Northwest Hydraulic Engineering conducted the \$25,000 study. As a result of recommendations arising out of the study, a 1.2 km channel will be constructed in the Big Tree Creek area of the Salmon River. This channel will connect with 2 kms of natural ground water (flood) channels that have become home to thousands of Coho fry each year. The juvenile Coho enter this area at high water in the spring of each year and then become stranded there due to a lack of high water until the fall season arrives. This newly constructed channel will provide both a steady water supply and also exits to the main stream of the Salmon River. This project should be underway by mid July, 2008. The total cost of the project is \$300,000 with funding secured thanks to the following partners:

BCRP	\$185,000
British Columbia Conservation Foundation/Georgia Basin Living Rivers	\$ 50,000
Habitat Conservation Trust Fund	\$ 25,000
Western Forest Products (Forest Industry Account)	<u>\$ 75,000</u>
With a 10% contingency, total =	\$335,000

Secondly, CRSF has been granted \$275,000 by BCRP to build a reservoir that will improve the flow of water from the Campbell River into the Elk Falls #3 Channel. Last year, BCRP also funded \$25,000 towards the engineering and design for this project. Elk Falls #3 was constructed about seven years ago and because the gradient is less than 1% it has not been very attractive to the juvenile Coho rearing that it was designed for. Several Beaver have also added to the flow of problems by installing their own form of flow controls (dams!).

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Two CRSF director's also sit on the board of BCRP. Brian Assu represents the First Nations' interest in BC Hydro's Footprint Issues and Mike Gage represents the Publics' Interest. BCRP has a total of nine people on their board: 3 first nation, 3 public, and 3 from agencies (DFO, MOE and BC Hydro). The BCRP mandate is to review, select and fund Foot Print issues relating to Fish and Wildlife on BC Hydro's fifteen facilities on Vancouver Island and the Lower Mainland. The Campbell River and its estuary has received well over \$1,000,000 from BC Hydro through BCRP since its inception in early 2000.

CRSF has partnered with the following groups in 2008:

Sayward Fish and Game Association captured its Chinook brood stock in October 2007 and moved them to their hatchery facility where eggs were fertilized. Later, the eggs were taken to the Quinsam Hatchery where they were cared for until the fry were released at the Salmon River Diversion Bridge on Menzies Bay Mainline in May 2008. To facilitate the delivery of the 85,000 smolts an old tote road had to be rehabilitated. This was done by Westmore Contracting and the cost was paid for by CRSF of \$525.

CRSF's first contribution was made in March 2008 when \$5,000 was donated to the BC Centre for Aquatic Health Sciences (CAHS) which operates out of Campbell River's Marine Heritage Building. This donation was given to CAHS to help fund their studies on the timing of the abundance of planktons as they relate to the timing of the release of Salmon smolts by the Quinsam Hatchery.

CRSF's next contribution will be to the Simms Creek Watershed Society for a few truck loads of spawning gravel to be placed in Simms Creek close to the Island Highway. This will be in partnership with the CR Community Foundation. Total project cost is estimated at \$2,300.

CRSF provided \$500 in July 2008 to Discovery Coast Greenways Land Trust to assist with funding the Haig-Brown Kids Camp. 2008 is the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the birth of Roderick and Ann Haig-Brown. Being held on the Haig-Brown property, the Haig-Brown Kids Camps will assist in the creation of the next generation of stream stewards.

Other groups that are passionate about our stream and fish heritage and fall within our mandate will be considered for funding upon review of their application. Application forms can be obtained by contacting Monique Hebert at 250-850-3222 or [monique.hebert@seymourpacific.ca](mailto:monique.hebert@seymourpacific.ca).

In closing, I wish to thank the entire Board of Directors, the Inaugural Members of the Campbell River Salmon Foundation and our numerous stewardship partners for their support in our first year of operation. The year has been a great success and I look forward to the continuous growth of CRSF in the years to come.







Thanks to Seymour Pacific Developments for the use of their excellent facilities and also to their friendly staff for all of the support.

Sincerely,

Mike Gage  
Chairperson



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