**FANNY BAY SALMONID ENHANCEMENT SOCIETY (FBSES)**

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Presently at the Rosewall hatchery we have released all our 2015 chum fry, 150,000 into Rosewall Creek. All of the 2015 pinks from the Wilfred Creek hatchery have now made their way to the ocean. There were 50,000 of the one million incubated pinks that were transported to Chef Creek and released. Within the next month all of the 2014 Rosewall coho (approx. 60,000) smolts will be released into the creek. After all the spring releases we will be left with the 2015 coho fry (approx. 38,000 from Rosewall Creek and 1600 from Wilfred Creek) – a relatively small number for this year.

Also in mid-April we will start the operation of two smolt traps for approximately two months. One on the Mud Bay Creek indicator creek and the second on the Relic side channel. A smolt trap enables us to count the coho smolts and other creek dwelling creatures moving down the creek out to the ocean. All gathered data are passed on to the Department of Fisheries and Oceans. This is valuable ongoing information for tracking coho numbers in our area.

In March, ten of our volunteers completed a CPR/First Aid course.

Once again this year FBSES will be hosting the River Never Sleeps Festival at our Rosewall hatchery on Sunday, May 1st. We will have many of the popular activities like smolt release, caricatures, touch tanks, insect/reptile tanks and of course oysters and a family friendly concession. Come, tour the hatchery and note the size difference between the coho smolts at 18 grams versus the fry at 1.5 grams! Every year there is something new to see and learn. Truly a wonderful outing for the whole family or the grand children!

You are most welcome to come and check out the goings on at the hatchery on any work party Wednesday and Saturday from 9 am to noon on Berray Road. It is certainly a great opportunity to see some of the good work done in the community. For more information, visit our website **www.fbses.ca**.