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

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Wow, oh what a day it was! Our 10th annual festival “The River Never Sleeps” was an outstanding day with over 500 visitors, 29 FBSES volunteers and 57 people manning their booths. Weather was perfect, good entertainment, concession as usual was much appreciated, great comments by everyone. Definitely a day when families could attend, kids had so much to do, fish painting, face painting, bug education, releasing coho smolts and parents enjoyed talking to people in the many diverse booths. Thanks to Erna Smith for producing our poster, Sandra Martindale for advertising, Brenda Fisher for concession and the many wonderful FBSES volunteers who really made this day possible; if it wasn’t for them the festival would not have happened. Our major donors were Union Bay Credit Union, Island Timberlands, Thrifty Foods, Mac’s Oysters, Scott Plastics and Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO). Winners of the prizes were Allister Clisham (Pacific Salmon Foundation print), Kieran Maxwell (gift basket) and Rosie Wood (gift bag). A perfect day, thank you to all!

The cool rainy weather has kept the streams flowing but we know fry salvage could start anytime. This is a labour-intensive job that is carried out by our volunteers, the final outcome is thousands of saved wild salmon that would have died in the steadily diminishing pools. Coho smolt counts – smolts leaving the creeks and rivers for the ocean – have been carried out daily in the Relic Channel (Cook Creek), Wilfred side channel and Mud Bay Creek. The smolt numbers will be sent to DFO. Again, great work by volunteers!

Isn’t this amazing! YOU TOO can play a part! Come and join our volunteer crew! Our hours of operation are 9 am to 12 pm Wednesdays and Saturdays, at the Rosewall Creek FBSES hatchery on Berray Road. For more information, visit our website at **www.fbses.ca**.