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

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As I look back to a year ago we were gasping for a drop of water, and now it seems to rain at least a little every day, that’s life! At least we don’t have to water our gardens as much and we, at the hatchery, are pleased with the flows in the creeks. At sometime or other there will be sunshine, lots of it!

Our crews have been out doing the usual fry salvage in Hart, Emily, Hindoo Creeks (thanks to the Union Bay stewards), Cook and McNaughton creeks. Special mention of one of our members, Ron Mielke, who has been out just about every day to save that last fry from a disappearing creek. Ron has spent hour after hour bringing back thousands of fry that, if left, would die. Many thanks to our very special volunteer.

Since our hatchery was built in 1965 we have spent the last 10 years renovating, rebuilding, repainting and just completely redoing everything. One of the last jobs (we hope) is protecting two of the raceways that have many cracks in the concrete. This month they are being fibre glassed which will prevent the water seepage, a better coating and colouring that is better for the young coho fry and easier for volunteers to clean. Many thanks to Pacific Salmon Foundation for the funding to help us get the job so desperately needed, done.

In August, we are partnering with DFO and the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure with an upgrade to our present infiltration gallery, more to come in next month’s newsletter!

Please join us on a Wednesday or Saturday work party for coffee and learn more about what our volunteers do. Our hours of operation are 9 am to 12 pm, Rosewall Creek on Berray Road. For more information, visit our website **www.fbses.ca**.