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

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A few weeks ago we were all wishing for warmer weather and no rain but now we are hoping for even a few drops of moisture! There’s no pleasing us! Even with this warm weather, major work has progressed in Rosewall Creek taking advantage of the drying trend. Ministry of Transportation, Highways and Infrastructure (MOT) has returned to complete their work on Berray Road from last year. Excavating, hauling, anchoring woody debris, and stabilizing banks are just some of the jobs that have been completed. As MOT was leaving, the Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO) arrived to install a Coanda screen water intake to help provide more water for our aging infiltration gallery during low flows. With this addition we should be able to utilize creek water over a longer period.

And if that wasn’t enough the fibre glassing of our two raceways was completed. After seeing this type of project at Robertson Creek Hatchery and Quinsam Hatchery we concluded it was the only way to stop the water loss in the 1960s raceways. Robin Thacker of Atlantis Kayaks did a magnificent job and we know the salmon will love it! There is one more project to finish for this summer and that is bank stabilization at Hart Creek. Work should be starting at the end of August or early September.

As an update to the ongoing salvaging of creeks, we have approximately 14,000 coho summer vacationers in residence and these fish will be returned to their creeks this fall.

Then it is usual duties at the hatchery, feeding the fish, cleaning tanks, clipping coho adipose fins and preparing for the return of adult chum and coho.

If you would like to join us on a Wednesday or Saturday work party 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**.