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

**November 2017**

We are pleased to announce that once again this year the Comox Valley Pacific Salmon Foundation Fundraising Dinner and Dance was a resounding success. Thanks to the many donations, willing participants and hardworking Committee members, headed by Judy Ackinclose, over $40,000 will be available to Comox Valley fish enhancement organizations in 2018.

Who among us doesn’t pay attention to the weather? Especially when it is blowing 70 km/h and graces us with 60 mm of rain in 24 hours! The fish love it! This heralds in the chum and coho salmon to local creeks. Once again volunteers will be entering Rosewall and Wilfred Creeks to capture adult coho and chum for brood stock. Now you may have wondered what exactly does that mean and how is it accomplished? Well brood capture and egg take is an enhancement method, in part utilizing chest waders, nets, Zack knives, large aluminum basins, ice cream buckets and baking soda!! Now, we encourage all you curious folks to come to the hatchery for a visit to see how all these items play a part in brood take!

We are now up to 30,000 adipose fin clipped coho fry with 40,000 left to go. As well, the 30,000 salvaged coho fry (from Cook, Rosewall, Hart, McNaughton, Emily and Hindoo creeks) will shortly be returned to their natal streams.

Fall time is an excellent time for planting! And not just your garlic but for riparian areas too! Four hundred trees have just left the tree nursery at the hatchery for Little River Enhancement Society and a coalition of volunteers in the Saanich area. We expect more orders shortly.

Our work parties are Wednesdays and Saturdays, 9 am to 12 pm, at Rosewall Creek hatchery on Berray Road. Come and pot up a tree, clip an adipose fin and find out what the heck baking soda has to do with fish eggs!!!! For more information, visit our website **www.fbses.ca**.