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

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On August 20th, 47 FBSES volunteers and significants enjoyed an amazing potluck salmon barbecue. Everyone really outdid themselves creating wonderful dishes that were an epicurean delight! Fun and good times were had by all and we all learned a little more Canadian history with a Canada 150+ quiz!

The volunteers from both the Rosewall and Wilfred Creek hatcheries have been very busy in the past few weeks. The Wilfred Creek side channel team worked at cleaning out the main intake pond and preparing for pink salmon eggs. This involves organizing 21 volunteers for five days of egg takes at the Quinsam Hatchery in Campbell River, thus allowing us to receive a million eyed pink eggs later in the year. At the Rosewall hatchery volunteers have begun the ongoing adipose clipping of hatchery coho fry. A job that involves good eye sight, a steady hand and a willingness to listen to a few bad jokes. We have clipped about nine thousand with only 60,000 left to go! We have also completed a Rosewall Creek habitat survey with an eye to potential restoration work.

As an historical note of interest, Wilfred Creek was named after Wilfred E. Lawson, Geological Surveyor in 1922. We have always known this creek as Coal Creek and it wasn’t until the new highway was built and “Wilfred Creek” signs were put up that we had any idea it had changed names. Now you know!

The major Comox Valley fundraiser for the Pacific Salmon Foundation is on September 30 in Courtenay and is sold out. All funds generated from this event stay in the Comox Valley and importantly all local salmon enhancement organizations are eligible for grants.

There is still time to fin clip or join in a pink salmon egg take! Our work parties are Wednesdays and Saturdays, 9 am to 12 pm, at Rosewall Creek hatchery on Berray Road. For more information, visit our website **www.fbses.ca**.