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

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As we move into the second full month of summer, lack of rain and wonderfully hot days have taken their toll on creeks and ice cream stands! Surprisingly, Rosewall Creek is still trickling to the ocean – barely!

At the Rosewall hatchery we are fortunate to have the option (thanks to the Department of Fisheries and Oceans) of running on river or ground water. Usually, at this time of year we are operating on ground water but this year we are putting to use the new Coanda water intake system. It was installed in the creek last summer for just this low water situation. When the instream infiltration gallery cannot supply the hatchery with enough water we open the Coanda to increase the flow allowing us to run for a longer period of time on river water.

While volunteers continue with summer maintenance tasks, soon the pink salmon will be swimming in and it will be time to head up to the Quinsam Hatchery in September to help with the pink egg take. Water quality monitoring is being carried out in Deep Bay Creek, Cook Creek and Rosewall Creek in August. October will be coho and chum brood capture time in Rosewall Creek and the list goes on. Never a dull moment at Rosewall and Wilfred hatcheries!

Our volunteers will partake in our annual potluck barbecue on Sunday August 20th.

Come and see the Coanda in action! Join our work parties Wednesday and Saturday 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**.