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**Subject:** DFO Community Advisor Action items / information for Island Waters Fly Fishers

Hi John,

It was good to connect with the Island Waters Fly Fishers last Tuesday night!! Wow – what a great bunch of people – very welcoming and engaged. As I promised, I'm including some of the information that the group requested, included in the email below. Please fan out to your members. If I have missed anything, don't hesitate to contact me. I will do my best to connect you with some of the stewardship projects in the Nanaimo area, and if you have something in mind, help you to develop and implement a project or partnership.

[DFO Community Involvement Program](#) (*have also attached a copy of StreamTalk to this email*)

Nanaimo Stewardship Round Table – there appears to be a gap in Nanaimo. Wayne Harling is also seeking to develop a table that encompasses the Nanaimo area, similar to groups that have been developed in other communities / watersheds; otherwise there is the [Nanaimo River Watershed Roundtable](#). I am working on this issue, and would be interested in the club's input and support...

Links to other roundtables – [Cowichan Stewardship Roundtable](#), [West Coast Aquatic - Areas 23, 24, 25 roundtables](#),

This may be of interest to those heading out into the field:

[Vancouver Island Hydromet Stations](#) – air/water temps, river height, rainfall information for select Vancouver Island rivers.

**Public Consultations – 2015/2016 Salmon North and South Coast IFMPs** (*see attached 2016 2017 IFMP timelines letter finals.pdf*)

Fisheries and Oceans Canada is soliciting comments regarding the 2015/16 Integrated Fisheries Management Plan (IFMP) for Salmon

Your feedback is welcome as an important input into the development of this management plan. **This public consultation period is open until April 13, 2015.**

DFO websites: [DFO Recreational Fishing Link](#) and [Sport Fish Advisory Board](#) – contact [Brad Beath](#) - Phone: 250-756-7190, South Coast Recreational Fisheries Coordinator – get in touch with Brad to discuss concerns about freshwater fishery regulation (changes).

External websites: <http://sfab.ca>

### **Production Plan**

The Production Plan lists the production events that are to take place in the upcoming brood year. The targets result from a production planning process that operates within the consultative framework of an integrated harvest planning process which is used to develop the IFMP. The Production Plan is preliminary, and the final version will be available by June 1st.

The IFMP SEP data tables address production only from SEP facilities that undertake fish cultivation, and do not include production from the smaller public involvement projects or production of steelhead or cutthroat (which are provincially managed). The IFMP SEP data

tables contain two sets of data: **Post-Season Production**, and the **Production Plan**, which includes proposed target production for the upcoming brood year.

Note that the production plan is available externally through the draft IFMP at:

<http://www.pac.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/sep-pmvs/ifmp-pgip-eng.html>

Preliminary Salmon Outlook – *I've attached an early draft of the forecast*, and may change, but this will be updated in March.

### **Hello to all potential Streamkeepers who would like to assist with stewarding Nanaimo area streams and rivers;**

Nanaimo & Area Land Trust (NALT) has confirmed dates for two upcoming Streamkeepers Workshops. They are:

- March 6th and 7th at the Kin Hut in Departure Bay and on Departure Creek,
- April 9th and 10th at the Nanaimo River Hatchery and on Haslam Creek.

Times are usually from 9:00 am until around 4:00 pm. Dave Clough will be the instructor for both sessions – and he does a great job. He is a Fisheries Biologist with his own consulting business, and he knows both creeks well and has worked on them both.

There is no charge for the workshops, since the Nanaimo River Watershed Roundtable has received a grant that will cover most of the costs, but the 3-ring binder Workbooks will cost \$30 each (and are well worth it! They are very relevant "how-to" manuals: and any future updates to pages in the Workbook can be down-loaded directly from Pacific Streamkeepers, and substituted for older text). A certificate is issued to participants on completion of the two-day session.

Please contact NALT if you are interested in attending either session. Some space is still available for registration to both.

Email to [gail@nalt.bc.ca](mailto:gail@nalt.bc.ca) or call the NALT office at 250-714-1990 to register.

### **Help to protect our Fisheries Resources - DFO ORR phone line 1-800-465-4336**

An important goal of enforcement is the prevention of violations before damage is done. The watchful eyes of everyone can provide a strong deterrent to potential violators and stop offences before they happen. Poachers value your silence. Report damage to fish habitat and pollution...

Regards, Erica

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