

The Water Ship News

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GVSEA publishes the Water Ship News on a monthly basis for educators, secondary students, agencies and community organizations. The 'News informs participants in Fisheries and Oceans Canada's Stream to Sea Program in the Capital Regional District. The 'News also notifies students and educators of training and volunteer opportunities concerning species enhancement and habitat restoration. In turn, community organizations find the support they require to fulfill their objectives.

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CLASSROOM INCUBATION

Thank you for your participation in the program this year! Hosting 200 salmon in your classroom is no small feat and we appreciate how much time, effort and flexibility goes in to running such a project. We wish you all an excellent summer and look forward to working with you next year!

FRY RELEASE DATA REQUIRED

If you have not yet sent me the following information, please do so ASAP:

1. # of eggs that died
2. # of alevin/fry that died
3. Release site
4. Release date

STORING YOUR INCUBATOR FOR NEXT YEAR

Do you know what is NOT fun to do next school year? Scraping caked-on gravel and salmon fry waste from your salmon tank... so why not do it now when things are still fresh? This also makes it easier for us to inspect your equipment in October ☺ Suggested steps:

1. Foam pads (black & white): discard
2. Biomax (white pellets): if your project was successful this year, keep about half of these pellets and put them in a labeled bag or container for next year. They will "seed" your filter system next year. Discard the other half.
3. Gravel/Oyster shells: discard
4. Chiller: give the fan blades and screen a light dusting

STORIES TO TELL?

Did you and your class have a great time undertaking the classroom incubation program this year? Do you have a story or photo you'd like to share? If so, please send them on to me. I will share your submissions with Fisheries and Oceans Canada as we continue to compile qualitative data on why this program is so meaningful and successful! **Please note, I'll also require a photo release form if you choose to send a photo**

A NOTE FROM DON

Before the Stream to Sea Program adjourns for the summer, and just prior to my departure as an Education Coordinator with Fisheries and Oceans Canada, I offer my sincere appreciation to those who contributed to the development of this Program on Southern Vancouver Island over the past 31 years.

To Kate MacDonald, who excelled as a Project Coordinator, and this year as she took on all programming responsibilities.

To all Project Coordinators, who for 26 years have enabled us to collectively meet Program demand with no sacrifice to quality of delivery.

To hundreds of educators, whose extra effort added the wonder of Nature to each student's learning experience.

To many members of non-government organizations – especially the Goldstream and Jack Brooks (Sooke) Hatcheries - for your unwavering commitment to education, one that you demonstrated long before my time.

To decision-makers in the Pacific Salmon Foundation and School Districts 61 to 64, who facilitated Program development and stability with generous financial assistance.

To staff members of Fisheries and Oceans Canada who ensure that the Stream to Sea Program has a present, and a future.

I acknowledge Peter McCully, Tom Rutherford and Trevor Morris as individuals whose leadership skills and unflagging patience influenced my work in many ways.

Modern media sells itself by conveying the “news” on current and questionable world leadership, the need for thirteen-billion-dollar aircraft carriers, the wonders of artificial intelligence, and the Kardashian sisters.

In contrast, together we find ways to convey an understanding of how the world really works. It's a different curriculum, one of critical importance, and it fills my heart to know that you will continue to provide opportunities for children to learn these lessons. Thank you.

I wish you all the very best.

Don Lowen
May 31, 2019

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES & RESOURCES



Shaw) CENTRE FOR THE
SALISH SEA

There are still a few spaces left in our awesome Salish Sea summer camps! Check out what's available [here](#).

We are also leading a FREE low-tide beach exploration on Saturday June 15th from 9-11am. Join our educators to learn more about the incredible diversity of the Salish Sea waterfront. For more information [visit this link](#).

CaNOE

Canadian Network for Ocean Education

Ocean resources for educators! CaNOE is thrilled to reveal our updated Educational Resources Library! Dive in [HERE](#).

This searchable collection brings together ocean-themed lessons, activities, and programs, and aims to help educators include the ocean in their practice. Resources are sorted by grade level and tagged with the [ocean \(science\) literacy](#) principles that they teach.

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