

Vancouver Island Salmon Committee

Vancouver Island Salmon Committee (VISC) supports the rebuilding of salmon populations, including the Southern BC Chinook by bridging expertise with Indigenous Knowledge.



2024-2025

Development and Establishment of the VISC-PSSI DFO Communication Table

Since the [Pacific Salmon Strategy Initiative](#) (PSSI) introduction in 2021, [IMAWG](#) members have been providing feedback to the Fisheries and Oceans (DFO) that conservation and rebuilding of salmon is the greatest priority. To improve communication and collaboration further, IMAWG was awarded PSSI funding to create a new 'PSSI Communications Coordinator and Communications Table' through VISC.

PROJECT SUCCESSES

- Four monthly workshops held between Dec 2024 – Mar 2025
- Recommendations to senior DFO decision makers
- Requesting funding for additional workshops for 2025/2026
- Expanding knowledge of Vancouver Island Nation projects



PROJECT ELEMENTS:

- Monthly half-day workshops with key VI First Nation partners and relevant DFO staff;
- Presentations highlighting the PSSI funded work on Vancouver Island presented by DFO and First Nations partners; and
- Round table discussion on the future of PSSI funding and other potential funding for salmon restoration on Vancouver Island.

PARTNERS

A-tlegay Fisheries Society, Uu-a-thluk, Snuneymuxw Marine Division and Q'ul-lhanumutsun Aquatic Resources Society.

Results Summary

PROJECT OUTCOMES:



- Two-way information sharing;
- Provide Tier Two engagement table to support open and transparent collaboration across government levels and salmon recovery efforts; and
- Increase capacity of local Vancouver Island First Nations to support conservation and rebuilding decision making and other PSSI initiatives.



- First Nations feature stories including, Sarita River Enhancement (Huu-ay-aht First Nation); Campbell River Fish Trap (A-tlegay); Nanaimo River Summer Chinook rebuilding (Snuneymuxw); Chemainus River drought and flood mitigation planning. Sharing technical know-how and lessons learnt.
- Field trip and salmon cookout on Satsutshun within Snuneymuxw traditional territory.



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