

SEHAB & RHQ Meeting
March 28, 2023
Meeting Room A
DFO Offices, Vancouver, B.C.

Present:

DFO

- Brigid Payne
- Michael Crowe

SEHAB

- Leandre Vigneault, Lesley England, Ian Bruce, Kevin Ryan, Angela Kroning, Paul Cipywnyk, ZoAnn Morten

1. We are looking at our membership to ensure we align with DFO coverage of the province – new CA coming on.
 - a. Would like to discuss with SEP the current/planned CA area coverage/boundaries.
 - i. New biologist Grace mapped lower Fraser and will be doing rest of province.
 - ii. SEHAB will share thoughts/input – review of map and provide ideas/thoughts.
 - b. We will be putting forward a new budget to allow us to complete the first two points. Who do we work with for this?
 - i. Work with Michael for finishing up this year. Status quo until further contacted.
2. We are working with Tina and her team on SEHAB ToR.
3. Ground Water access is still a major issue for all PIP groups doing fish aquaculture.
 - i. Brigid and Michael will look into issue. Will be using Dale to assist in looking at how many wells are affected.
4. We see a SEHAB role to help mentor new staff and provide them with hands on experience. This can be done in conjunction with the Community Advisors.
5. Community Volunteer Groups are asking how DFO work with first nations will affect their projects and their undertakings.
 - i. Federal Program and other investments going into First Nations and projects.
 - ii. Desire of government of working in collaboration with First Nations
So, need to look at how this looks like with First Nations and Community Groups working together. Suggestions put forward.
Area integrator positions may be helpful.
6. A connection with DFO science within the SEP organizational charts seems to be missing. Where is the connection?

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- i. Not on organization chart but being led by hatchery modernization group. Largely on alignment with PSSI investments.
 - ii. Desire for SEHAB to have access/Portal to DFO Science for broader range of community engagement.

- 7. We appreciate SEP members coming and reporting to SEHAB on their initiatives; however, we ask that we be approached earlier so that we can take on a stronger advisory role.
 - i. Examples provided by SEHAB.