

**Smithers & Northwestern BC
June 2023 SEHAB Report
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Groups haven't yet submitted input but site tours will be held at Toboggan Creek Hatchery and projects in the Hazelton area on Tuesday of our meeting; summary of those will be added here afterwards.

- 1. Any issues that are affecting groups and their projects that are directly related to DFO**

- 2. Any positive things that are directly related to DFO**
 - a. Buck Creek Canfor Hatchery and Nature Centre**
 - Released approximately 9,000 coho fry into Buck Creek and Upper Bulkley River this year. Most were emergency released in May with assistance from our CA Natalie as our water pump for the recirc system was struggling. We later determined the pump was an easy fix but didn't want to fiddle around with it with the fish still there. Kept 600 fry in our large aquarium for later releases.
 - Annual Goodbye Fry event held June 10th was a big success. 116 visitors came and released a fry, looked at aquatic insects, and enjoyed the other activities and learning opportunities at the Nature Centre. Highlights the benefit of hands on conservation for education and public awareness.
 - Appreciative for quick action from our CA on getting a Total Gas Pressure meter to be shared in the Smithers region. We had issues with that in March and need this to be added to our water quality monitoring.

- 3. Any things coming up that DFO should know about**

- 4. Any issues that are affecting groups and their projects that are related to other agencies**

- 5. A general update of what has been happening with your society that you would like to share**