

## **Pacific Streamkeepers Federation SEHAB roundtable June 2023**

It's been busy with dozens of "pop up" meetings. More information in and not much consultation out. Maybe a typing course would help to provide time sensitive advice in today's online consultation world. People on the calls say they hear the comments and will make changes, but are they? What changes? It is difficult to track so many processes. We seem to always be in a rush as the meeting has time perimeters and another one is on its tail. BIG items SHORT timeframes - I don't see this working as well as in person. There is space for online but not for every meeting, every consultation.

Is so exciting to see so many young people who have come through Streamkeepers advancing in their careers. Just this week I note one has gotten a job with Prov Government -in mining (water authorization) , one in Northwest Territories( Renewable Resource Board) and another who is on the list for employment with DFO (stock assessment) Wonderful people in good places of employment. I love that the Streamkeepers community is there to support the education and to mentor these young people and love that many are continuing to volunteer their spare time with community.

Delta Port approvals - it is hard to figure out what science is used and how much monitoring would be enough to protect areas from huge developments. Would be interesting to see the list approvals that did not get approved.

Many groups are concerned about the amount of pollution incidents within their streams (includes sewage releases). While municipalities have sewage infrastructure it is showing to be inadequate for the present number of people.

With the new funding within DFO we are hearing of new hires, where can we go to see where these people are and what their job descriptions are so we can begin to tap into them? We've been asking for staff and dollars for years and look forward to meeting them. Wanting to ensure new personnel are well briefed in policy, guidelines etc. that will help them in their jobs. The original Stewardship series was written by government employees with help from consultants, community etc. and is a wealth of information. The series is broken down by titles, so it is easy for new hires to determine which of the series is best suited for their job. These handbooks were originally given out by government but can now be viewed from a third party website at <https://stewardshipcentrebc.ca/bc-stewardship-series/> those that have the strip of colour on the front page are the ones referred to above.