



June 23 – 24, 2009

The Coast Canadian Inn,
Colonnade Room,
339 St. Paul,
Kamloops, BC

June 23, 7-9:00 pm

June 24, 8:30-4:30 pm

Spotlight on legislation and policy protecting wild salmon biodiversity in BC

A Case Study: Interior Fraser coho salmon

A COMMUNITY DIALOGUE OF THE SPEAKING FOR THE SALMON SERIES

Preamble:

This community dialogue, hosted by the Centre for Coastal Studies at Simon Fraser University (SFU), will explore the legislation and policy protecting wild salmon biodiversity in BC by examining the case study of the Interior Fraser coho salmon. The sessions are free and open to the public but registration is recommended to guarantee a seat and to assist with catering.

See recommended reading list below.

PROGRAM

June 23, 2009

7:00 - 9:00 p.m. Reception and Special Presentation

Science, Policy and Species at Risk in Canada

Guest speaker: *Dr. Arne Mooers, Biological Sciences, SFU*

The six-year-old Canadian Species at Risk Act (SARA) is now being reviewed for the first time by Parliament. Though it is still too early to tell how well it is helping

species are at risk, why, and what is needed to ensure their conservation. The public and policymakers also need to know what the true costs and benefits of recovery and non-recovery are. Not every species will be worth investing in equally, but well-done, independent, publicly-available, expert analyses must feed into such decisions.

Arne Mooers, for the Scientific Committee on Species at Risk*

**Doak, D.F., Findlay, C.S., Green, D.W., Grouios, C., Manne, L.L., Mooers, A.O., Rashvand, A., Rudd, M.A., Whitton, J.*

Dialogue in Plenary

Questions:

- The first time socio-economics comes into play with SARA is the Regulatory Impact Assessment Statement. What is it, and how does it work?
- Is there an argument to be made for changing the process so that either (i) more socio-economic analysis gets done earlier in the process, or (ii) listing happens without socio-economic analysis but with fewer provisions (e.g. on incidental take?), and recovery strategies and plans are created hand in hand with socio-economic analyses?
- Is there an argument for ranking species for conservation?
- How does COSEWIC work now?
- Why are scientists so worried about transparency, peer review and independence?
- Why are fish and northern species denied listing? Is this justifiable?

June 24, 2009

8:30 -

Part II continued
1:30 - 3:30 p.m.

Applying the Wild Salmon Policy Strategy 4 to Interior Fraser Coho

Details of recovery strategy

Defining the lower and upper benchmarks for conservation and sustainability

Perspectives on collaborative decision making from:

- First Nations
- Government

Dialogue

- How do we set benchmarks to conserve weak stocks and biodiversity?
- Is the WSP adequate for the job?
- Do we have adequate resources for enacting the monitoring plans? To implement the WSP?
- How do citizens become involved in strengthening the WSP?
- What is the role of enhancement in the WSP?
- What is the role of the Province in the WSP?

3:30 – 4:00 p.m.

Final session: Focus on recovery of Interior Fraser coho –

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