

Tom indicated that Island Outfitters may open by October 01 at their new location at 1681 Island Highway (old Mad Man McKay). Ian White and his wife's family have purchased the retail store business from the previous owners. Ward Bond and Darren Wright have retained the guiding operation and their other properties.

Jim DOW reported that the Club's executive have met with the Greater Victoria Harbour Authority concerning the James Bay Anglers' facilities and the Harbour Authority's future plans for the site. The sewage project operations and associated work should be finished by the end of October.

Tom COLE noted that the Juan de Fuca Salmon Restoration Society received \$920,000 from the B.C. Salmon Restoration and Innovation Fund for upgraded effluent treatment equipment, reduced power consumption, equipment to support the marking of hatchery fry and a customized water aeration system. SVIAC has also applied for funds for their net pen operation but, to date, has received nothing.

Rod Clapton has written **Rebecca Reid (RDG, DFO Pacific)** concerning the rampant poaching and illegal sales of chinook and sockeye from the lower Fraser River. Recreational anglers are currently closed from fishing the Fraser and the tidal fishery near the river mouth only opened September 01 for chinook.

SVIAC holds their one day salmon derby on September 05 with weigh in at Cheanuh Marina. Tickets are \$60 per rod.

Tom suggested that the ACS send their backgrounder history document to **Mel Arnold** of the Federal Standing Committee on Fisheries for their information. The secretary will update the paper and send.

Tom noted that **SVIAC** has been promised 1,000,000 Nitinat chinook fry for their 2021 netpen project.

Jim PEARSON reported that the only fish Goldstream Hatchery is holding are 50,000 Goldstream coho and 18,000 Craigflower coho. Two research projects are being conducted at Goldstream:

- study impacts on otoliths of fry swimming clockwise vs. counter clockwise
- growth and health of fry on hatchery feed pellets vs. natural insect feed

The water feed from the pond above the hatchery has been upgraded. New (ex Marine Harvest?) round tanks should be delivered by the end of September for installation in the lower tank field.

Gary CATON mentioned that **Melissa Nottingham** said **DFO** was considering installing a camera in **Colquitz** to enumerate fish.

The Millstream Fishway Project is proceeding and should be more or less complete by mid October.

Wayne ZACCARELLI stated that the daily limit for halibut was increased to two under 90 cm effective August 14. The catch to the end of June was only about half of that recorded in 2019 and is largely due to reduced effort as a result of the travel restrictions associated with COVID-19.

Wayne reported that recent approval was granted in the U.S. for the cull of up to 716 sea lions over 5 years in the lower 200 miles of the Columbia River. The predators have been decimating steelhead and chinook populations for many years.

Letters were written August 11 to Saanich and the CRD requesting protection in perpetuity for property at 4692 Mountain Road in Saanich. The property, which drains to Viaduct Creek and Flats, is up for sale by the owner. It is hoped that these governments, along with Habitat Acquisition Trust (HAT), can purchase the lands.

Wayne noted a UBC research program which is tagging and tracking adult chinook and coho to examine the effects of catch and release on their behavior and survival. Underwater acoustic telemetry receivers are being used to track the fish. A total of 180 tags were deployed on chinook in the Discovery Island area in early June 2020. Another project is using PIT tags to evaluate marine survival of juvenile chinook and coho. Work has been ongoing since 2014.

Jim PEARSON stated that this is likely the last ACS meeting he would be attending. Jim will look for another person to replace him as the Goldstream Hatchery rep. Jim was thanked for his many years of contributions to the ACS.

The meeting adjourned at 2107 hours. Next meeting date will be October 07.