**FANNY BAY SALMONID ENHANCEMENT SOCIETY (FBSES)**

**May 2016**

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We had our 9th annual festival “The River Never Sleeps” on May 1st and trust there was a great turnout, no matter the weather! It is an event that teaches us all so many things about the resilience of nature and helps us understand what part we can play to contribute to a healthy environment. Okay, and it is a lot of fun too! During the River Never Sleeps we released the final 20,000 smolts of the 64,000 from our 2014 coho brood.

So this leaves us with just our 2015 coho fry all 37,000 of them, weighing in at 1.5 grams. A far cry from the released smolts at 18 grams!

There is more work in store this summer on the streams. It will be a busy couple of months starting with fibre glassing two raceways at the hatchery, an upgrade to our river water intake in Rosewall Creek with the Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO) taking the lead, an upgrade to the Wilfred side channel bridge with help from Island Timberlands and Fortis BC. DFO is taking the lead again on an upgrade to the intake at Wilfred Creek and finally instream work to be done on Hart Creek in Union Bay partnering with the Union Bay Community Club. Now that is a busy summer!!

AGM is on Thursday May 12th, 7 pm at the Rosewall Hatchery, everyone is welcome!!

If you missed The River Never Sleeps Festival and would like to help or see what is happening at the hatchery, our hours of operation are Wednesdays and Saturdays 9 am to 12 pm, Rosewall Creek on Berray Road. For more information, visit our website **www.fbses.ca**.