



Our Purpose

To encourage and develop interest in sport fishing, foster and actively promote conservation, and to participate in activities designed to promote habitat restoration, education and salmon enhancement in the Sidney area.

Recreational fishing * Education * Enhancement

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Dear Anglers, Sponsors and Supporters of the Sidney Anglers' Salmon Enhancement Derby:

We have considered the implications that the proposed management actions by the Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO) will have on our ability to host our annual derby and have elected to postpone it until March of 2020.

We wanted to make a decision in a timely fashion to allow our supporters to make alternate plans and to maintain our sponsors' confidence so that we can offer the best possible exposure and experience for everyone involved.

Without clear and timely direction from our federal government, we found that we could not maintain our responsibilities while at the same time providing a positive experience for everyone under the current situation. We had hoped to have stable restrictions in place to be able to administer our event and to maintain our commitment to obtain scientific data collection and provide salmon enhancement funding to our partners in conservation.

Scientific data has been provided for eight years by our volunteers and the Universities of Victoria (UVIC) and British Columbia (UBC). We are hopeful that this will be continued when we resume this event next year and again be made available to agencies to assist in understanding the condition of fish stocks in our local area.

Sidney Anglers' Association will continue to support enhancement, education and rehabilitation of our local environment and to protect and enhance salmon and species at risk in our region as we have since our establishment 1976. The Salmon Enhancement Derby has raised \$180,000 toward this initiative in the past eight years.

We look forward to renewing our partnerships and commitments in 2020 and working together toward another successful salmon enhancement fundraising event. Our sincere thanks to all of you for your contributions over the years and continuing support of this worthy cause.

Sincerely,

Grant MacPherson
President
Sidney Anglers' Association