

Seymour Salmonid Tour of September 15th

On Friday September 15th a Probus group was treated to a tour of the Seymour Salmonid Hatchery at the foot of the Seymour dam. It was a beautiful Fall day. By way of background, the hatchery is managed by the Seymour Salmonid Society, a not-for-profit organization dedicated to enhancing the salmon populations and encouraging sustainable management of fisheries in the Seymour River. In addition, their "Gently Down the River" education program teaches hundreds of elementary school students about the salmon cycle of life.

Each year they raise 30,000 Steelhead and 120,000 Coho. Every second year about 500,000 Pinks and 500,000 Chum are released into the Seymour Watershed. Some years ago, there was a major rockfall just below the dam, making it nearly impossible for the salmon to return to the uppermost part of the river, just below the dam. The Society has been working for 6 years to clear away the rockfall and considerable progress has been made, meanwhile the Hatchery biologists and staff have been catching the salmon lower down the river, transporting them to the hatchery, where the eggs and sperm are collected and mixed to begin the fertilization process.

After a lengthy incubation period, the fry are transported to the DFO research facility in West Vancouver to be released.

The group was treated to a brief presentation by the Society, followed by a demonstration of the fertilization process. Following the tour, the group retired to Medleys Restaurant in the Holiday Inn for lunch.

Steven Wilson, Chair Speical Events Committee



**It is not Fall yet, BUT
DON'T FORGET to MARK YOUR CALENDARS
for our
ANNUAL CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON
Monday, December 11th
*More Information to follow closer to the date.***

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Left: Past President Gord and incoming President Terry shake hands while exchanging pins for their new roles on the MC .

Below Left: Gord and Terry receive a certificate of congratulations from Richard Earthy, a representative from Probus Canada.

Below Right: Now President Terry addresses the members.

More photos are on the next page. View all the photos from the event on our website in the “Members Area”. The password is [probusns2021](#)



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