

March 7, 2019



Edwin Grieve, Director
CVRD Area C
Comox Valley Regional District Board of Directors

Dear Edwin and Comox Valley Regional District Board of Directors

On behalf of the Oyster River Enhancement Society (ORES) we would like to apply for a Grant-In-Aid in the amount of \$10,000. As you and the other members of the CVRD Board are well aware, ORES has been operating a Salmon Enhancement program at the volunteer hatchery on the Oyster River within the Bear Creek Nature Park for over 25 years. We are a very dynamic volunteer based organization that depends on support from our members as well as support from the community at large. We also appreciate the strong support we have received from our two close municipal governments. Both the Comox Valley Regional District as well as the Strathcona Regional District and many other businesses in the vicinity have provided outstanding support for our endeavors to rehabilitate and maintain a healthy salmon population for the Oyster River which adjoins both of the regional districts.

As in the past, 2018 has been a very productive one, thanks in no small part to the 2018 grant from the Comox Valley Regional District. I would like to highlight some of the major accomplishments from the 2018 operational year. These are highlighted in the Attachment "A".

In attachment "B" we have highlighted the major projects we plan to undertake over the ensuing 12 months, thanks in no small part to the Grant in Aid you provided in the 2018 fiscal year. While this list is ambitious and the costs of these projects exceed the amount we have requested, we anticipate any shortfall will be filled by our other partners and members.

This year we have included a few additional supporting documents which serve to exemplify our dedication and determination to make the Oyster River Enhancement Society to not only show you what we have accomplished – again with your assistance - but to demonstrate our responsibility and more important our accountability to you in assuring that your Grants in Aid are used to their maximum.

Our attachments are as follows:

Attachment "A" outlines the projects we have completed in 2018

Attachment "B" outlines the intended projects we have identified as priorities for 2019

Audited Financial Statements for 2017

Audited Financial Statements for 2018

A proposed budget for 2019 indicating the inclusion of the 2019 proposed projects and costs (and shortfall)

As a responsible organization we feel that in return for your confidence in providing ORES with Grant in Aid funding of \$10,000.00 for 2019 we have an obligation to demonstrate our responsibility and accountability to you for this assistance.

We trust that you will again support our request for a 2019 Grant in Aid for this most worthy community cause.

Sincerely,

Cecil E. Henley CCP
Director, ORES – SRD and CVRD Liaison

Encl:

ORES Newsletter – Winter 2017/2018

Ores Brochure

2017 and 2018 Audited Financial statements and 2019 budget

Application Form Grant-In-Aid

DATE: March 7, 2019

1. Name of Organization: Oyster River Enhancement Society (ORES)
Society # (if applicable) 119075315RR001 Email Address: ores123@gmail.com
2. Contact Person: Ron Gammie Position: President
Mailing Address: #9 - 3647 Vermont Place, Campbell River, BC
Postal Code V9H 0B9 Telephone No: 778-420-17
3. Purpose of Organization: Enhance, Restore & Protect the Fish and Wildlife Habitat of the Oyster River
4. If applicable, does your organization own any facilities/property?
() YES (X) NO
If yes, please give the legal description of the property:

5. Executives of Your Organization:
President/Chairperson: Ron Gammie
Vice President/Vice Chairperson: William Nike
Treasurer: Peter Sidey
6. Current Membership: 351 # of Meetings per year: 5 +
7. Please describe the programs and activities that your organization sponsored in the last year (with dates):
 - (i) ongoing operation of a salmon hatchery (Pink, Coho, Chinook and Chum)
 - (ii) School Aquarium programs in several schools - ongoing annually
 - (iii) Maintaining of Several kilometers of hiking and equestrian trails - ongoing
 - (iv) Viewing areas of spawning salmon - ongoing with more improvements
 - (v) co-sponsor of the Carihi Flyfishing Club and Outdoors program (ongoing)
 - (vi) hosting hatchery and park property tours for external organizations on request

8. Has your organization received any of the following in the past?

	NO	YES		Amount	\$	10,000	Year	2018	Purpose	See attached
grant-in-aid		X								
permissive tax exemption	X			Amount	\$		Year		Purpose	
waiver/ reduction of fees and charges	X			Amount	\$		Year		Purpose	

INFORMATION REQUIRED ABOUT THE REQUESTED GRANT

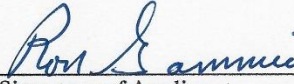
1. Total Grant-In-Aid Amount Requested from the regional district: \$ 10,000.00

2. Describe how the Grant-In-Aid will benefit the community:

ORES has continually operated a Salmon Hatchery for over 25 years and is an acknowledged contributor to the success of re-establishing the almost extinct runs of the four Salmonid species we raise. (Pinks, Coho, Chinook and Chum Slamon). A recent article in the Campbell River Mirror echoed these same sentiments and hailed ORES as being the major reason for the success of the 2018 Salmon runs in the Oyster River. This hatchery sits in a local Jewel, the Bear Creek Nature Park which is ever increasing as a destination for environmentalists and the general public for their enjoyment.. See attachment B for a full list of intended projects for 2019.

Project Start Date: March 2019 End Date: February 2020

3. Will the Project be available to the community at large? (☒) YES (☐) NO
4. Please include with your application, copies of the following:
- (a) Year to date and the immediately preceding years' financial statements;
 - (b) Budget for the year in which the grant is being requested;
 - (c) If available, the most recent annual report.


Signature of Applicant

MAR 7 2019
Date

QUESTIONS? Call 250-334-6000 or Email administration@comoxvalleyrd.ca

Comox Valley Regional District

Print Form



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(Attachment A)

For inclusion in the 2019 Grant in Aid Submission to CVRD

Projects completed in 2018 through your financial contribution.

In our request for the "Grant in Aid" we specifically mentioned 6 specific projects which were to benefit from the money provided to us by the Comox Valley Regional District.

Project 1 involved mandated safety improvements to the building, bridges and walkways. These are all either completed or in process of being completed as weather and manpower are amenable.

Project 2: This involved rodent protection for the main building, painting of the entire main building and closing in of the side deck. I am pleased to say that the rodent protection has been completed as well as the painting of the building and trim. The building is now a shade of green and the trim a dark brown which is aesthetically much better given the woodland setting. The side deck, a more complex undertaking is still in the pre-construction stage.

Project 3: The new "Loop Trail" bypassing a "foot traffic only" bridge now is complete and allows equestrians to continue through to the main road.

Project 4: The new public viewing area enabling park visitors to safely watch the salmon spawn naturally had to be deferred due to the fire risk in the park but is in process and we hope to have it ready for this fall's salmon run.

Project 5: The feasibility study of a new spawning channel is ongoing.

Project 6: The silt removal from the settling ponds for both No 1 and No 2 channels had been delayed due to the severe drought conditions which made operating machinery prohibited. It was finally completed in September 2018. Without your generous contribution these projects could not all have been accomplished.

Attachment B

Projects for 2019

1) Safety Issue – Upstream stairway access from main cabin to moist incubator and Coho Rearing Pond must be replaced due to intrusion of Alder Roots that have upheaved steps. Replace steps and install a safety railing.

Estimated costs excluding labour \$600.00 - \$800.00

2) Safety Issue – Downstream from Coho Rearing Pond stairway access to cap troughs currently has no steps or railings. Create a stairway and install a safety railing.

Estimated costs excluding labour \$400.00 - \$600.00

3) Safety Issue – Build stairway and install safety railing to the two round tubs (Coho and Chinook brood stock holding area)

Estimated costs excluding labour \$200.00 - \$400.00

4) Safety Issue – In order to safely plow the two major hills, the existing Kubota tractor requires a set of rear wheel chains. We now have responsibility for maintaining the access and egress roads from McCauley Road and through the entire property. Currently the tractor cannot safely plow the two hills due to lack of traction.

Estimated cost \$1000.00

5) Maintenance Issue - Purchase of a gas powered power washer to enable the proper annual/periodic cleaning of building exteriors as well as Capilano Trough covers, holding tanks, aluminum walkways, outdoor bathroom and equipment.

Estimated Cost \$1,200.00

6) Critical Maintenance Issue – Rebuilding of portions of three dams (Coho Rearing Pond dam, the wooden dam at the downstream end of #2 Channel) used for Chum and Chinook rearing ponds prior to release and the dam immediately upstream from our two round tubs. It also provides a headwater source for two

Capilano Troughs as well as our newest incubation Building at the downstream end of #1 channel.

Estimated costs excluding labour \$4000.00

7) Production Issue – Two additional rearing/holding pens for Pink Salmon. Due to the runs of relatively smaller Pink Salmon the new pens will have closer spaced bars to prevent the loss of the smaller Pink Salmon. This will ensure that we can maximize our production of Pink Salmon each fall.

Estimated costs including installation \$6,000.00 (two pens)

8) Safety and Maintenance Issue – Rebuilding of #1 main egg take station. Rebuilding Roof sections and improvements to stair/path access from the main road to the egg take station including safety railings where required.

Estimated costs of building materials \$400.00

9) Production Improvement – Installation of eight ½ Heath stacks donated by Grieg Seafood for installation in our incubator building at Mell's Mess. Increasing salmon production by approximately 160,000 salmon through the additional 32 additional trays.

No Estimated cost as these were donated – requires ORES labour only.

10) Close in and rat proof mezzanine area of moist incubator building and creating an insulated storage room for our water pumps –

Enables maximizing the use of this building and the installation of an insulated water pump storage area.

Estimated costs \$1,000.00

11) Build Propane and BBQ storage cover

Estimated cost \$150.00

12) Finish Flammable fuel storage conversion

Estimated cost \$300.00

13) Renovate and Create proper "fish food" storage area room with Rat proof door in the main building

Estimated costs \$250.00

14) Safety/Maintenance Issue – Rebuild stairs to Mell’s Mess river water intake (concrete blocks and rebar)

Estimated cost \$500

15) Replace roofing screws on roof below the solar panels (leaking)

Estimated costs \$100.00

16) Safety Issue – Install proper skid proofing on all aluminum walkways

Estimated cost of permanent skid proof paint \$300.00

In addition to the above mentioned “projects” there are a number of smaller projects such as finishing painting main building for which we already have the paint supplies, cleaning and painting the battery shed by the Coho Rearing Pond and portions of the Moist Incubator shed.

While the total costs of these projects at \$17,000 far exceeds our request for a Grant in Aid, we will also be utilizing portions of our existing cash as well as soliciting any shortfall from other supporters of ORES



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In addition to these projects we have increased the number of guided tours of the hatchery and have included in our outreach to the Homalco First Nation to provide some expertise to the operation of their salmon hatchery in Bute Inlet.

Our educational program in the elementary schools is strong and ongoing thanks in part to your contribution and we will continue to provide an effective and efficient salmon hatchery that enhances the Oyster River for both fisherpersons and the general public.

Finally, with a generous donation of Approximately 1,000 to 1,200 Spruce Seedlings From Timber West and the assistance of a planting crew from the KOMOX First Nation we will be further renewing the natural forestation on the hatchery property.

Your staff and colleagues have an open invitation to come to the hatchery to experience in person, the hatchery and park and see the amazing impact that your contributions have made possible.

Please accept our sincere thanks to the Board and yourself for your continued support.

Cecil E. Henley CCP
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