

ADVANCING SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT WITH *SALMON-SAFE BC*

BACKGROUND

Salmon-Safe BC is a robust eco-certification program that is applicable to a variety of urban, industrial, and agriculture sites. The eco-certification assessment process employs a rigorous and comprehensive set of eight standards that incorporate Indigenous Knowledge and use Pacific Salmon as a critical gauge of ecosystem well-being. The standards are applied by an independent assesment team.

In collaboration with the Fraser Basin Council, the SCARP team investigated whether Salmon-Safe BC had the potential to foster sustainable development across the GVSS region. The SCARP project team interviewed past, present, and future Salmon-Safe BC sites and partners, approving authorities and Indigenous Nations to understand the potential added efficiency of Salmon-Safe BC in the development permitting process.

APPROACH



Investigated previously certified sites through interviews.

Outreach to Development Permit Approving Authorities.



Educate and Discuss Salmon-Safe BC program with Approving Authorities.

Compile feedback into succinct report.



KEY FINDINGS

POLICY CHANGE

For Salmon-Safe BC certification to be adopted as a requirement in the development permitting process, research suggests that more nuanced amendments starting at the overarching provincial policy level all the way down to specific municipal permitting requirements are necessary.

RELATIONSHIP BUILDING

To encourage the uptake of Salmon-Safe BC certification, existing and potential relationships with approving authorities and Indigenous Nations involved in the development permitting process and beyond are suggested.

ENFORCEMENT

Exploring creative ways to implement Salmon-Safe BC in overarching environmental and riparian regulation, as well as legislation such as the Riparian Area Protection Regulation (RAPR).

OUTREACH & AWARENESS

To further build Salmon-Safe BC's rapport in the Greater Vancouver Sea to Sky region consistent outreach is suggested. This approach can help foster relationships with inter-governmental agencies, environmental professionals, politicians, municipal staff of all expertise, and entities with Indigenous Nations.

CAMPAIGNING

Establishing connections with influential actors to encourage the policy changes necessary to enact Salmon-Safe BC standards as guidelines in development permitting processes, policies, and strategic plans.

FUNDING

As seen with the American Salmon-Safe program's success, additional funding sources can provide opportunity for program expansion and knowledge brokering for the Fraser Basin Council.

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