

# Departure Creek Smolt Trap - update-- VOLUNTEERS WANTED

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Hi fellows.

Looks like the Departure Creek smolt trap will be starting up again soon so of course we will need some volunteers to man it. It will take about half an hour once a week. Last year we did Wednesday mornings starting at 8 a.m. after which we went for coffee and a few giggles.

Just drop me an email at [basherbob@outlook.com](mailto:basherbob@outlook.com) or call at 250-585-3397

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Hello All,

Well.... Mother Nature has decided to delay the arrival of spring it seems !

For your information we are now monitoring the daily water temperature of Departure Creek to give us an idea when to set up the smolt trap. We are looking for water temperature in the 7-8 C range, we're not there yet with this weather.

As you recall the outward migration of Coho smolt is temperature driven and while the water temperature remains cold, the smolt won't move.

Last year we were in operation on 7 April, the water temp was 10 C and we caught our first Coho smolt on that day.

The good news is that I saw a good number of newly emerged **Coho fry** in one of the large pools in the creek **yesterday!** This is very gratifying.

When the water temperature nears the target range I will communicate with you again and we will begin to set up the monitoring teams as we did last year.

I very much look forward to working with you all again and to meet the new volunteers who will be joining us.

cheers,

Jean-Michel