



## **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **Tynehead Hatchery Celebrates 20 Years with Public Open House and Announces Sponsor of New Roof**

*Funding from regional partners and BCTC will allow completion of new roof*

**VANCOUVER/SURREY, BC** – At a community open house yesterday celebrating 20 years of operations, the Tynehead Hatchery announced it has secured full funding for the installation of a new hatchery roof. The hatchery, managed by the Serpentine Enhancement Society, has been using a donated tarp to cover the current roof. Yesterday, BC Transmission Corporation (BCTC) confirmed that it will provide the remaining funds required to install the new roof.

Located near the head of the Serpentine River in Tynehead Regional Park, the Tynehead Hatchery was built 20 years ago by a group of dedicated volunteers, some of whom remortgaged their homes to fund its construction. The hatchery includes a fish hatchery, classroom and research station. Each year, 250,000 salmon are released back into the river and a multigenerational group of committed volunteers are active in regular education sessions, ongoing workshops and community enhancement programs.

“The Tynehead Hatchery volunteers have made a difference in the vitality of the Serpentine River. Without them, the river would not be thriving as it is today,” said Glenn Wright, President Serpentine Enhancement Society. “We thank all of the sponsors who have contributed to the hatchery roof and ongoing operations – in addition to BCTC, major contributors include: the Province of BC, Pacific Salmon Foundation, Pacific Parkland Foundation, Department of Fisheries and Metro Vancouver. These sponsors will help us ensure the continued health of the Serpentine River.”

“We are proud to be able to assist in the building of the new roof at the Tynehead Hatchery, it is an important part of the Surrey community and the ecological survival of the Serpentine River,” added Michael Verschoor, BCTC’s Lower Mainland Field Asset Manager. “At BCTC, we recognize the importance of supporting groups like this that make a difference in their community and to the local environment.”

The Serpentine Enhancement Society, which is 100% volunteer-run, manages the hatchery and offers many rewarding volunteer opportunities. It takes 6,000 volunteer hours per year to keep the hatchery operational. Volunteer tasks include facility maintenance, catching brood stock, rearing fish and salmonids, leading school tours and youth groups in environmental activities, managing open houses, serving on the board and bringing displays to community events.

BC Transmission Corporation is the Crown corporation that plans, operates and maintains the province’s publicly owned electrical transmission system.

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