

How you can support us

As a not-for-profit society, we appreciate and rely on grants and donations to continue our work of restoring fish populations and maintaining and improving the ecological features of the Little River watershed in the Comox Valley. We are a Canada Revenue Agency registered charity. Charitable donation tax receipts will be given for donations (in cash or kind) of \$25.00 or more.

Donate by Mail

Cheques can be sent to:

Little River Enhancement Society

PO Box 437

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Thank you



Counting Coho and Chum returning to spawn.

Projects



Our 2019 project was to restore coho spawning habitat with a series of riffles and pools on the upper Little River where coho were not utilizing the habitat. LRES worked with our partners, Current Environmental and Pacific Salmon Foundation, to complete the restoration immediately prior to the Fall spawning run.

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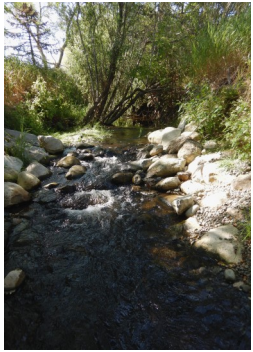
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Who we are and what we do

Little River Enhancement Society (LRES) began operation in the early 1980's as an informal group of volunteers concerned about the degradation of the Little River watershed in the Comox Valley and loss of fish habitat. These concerns were evidenced by a severe decline in the number of fish (primarily coho, chum and pink salmon



Restored spawning area

and cutthroat trout) spawning in the river system.

LRES was incorporated as a society on January 22, 1991, and is a registered charity with Canada Revenue Agency.

Our operations are undertaken by a group of approximately 25 volunteers from all walks of life, united by a common interest in preserving and enhancing our traditional fisheries – Pacific salmon and native cutthroat trout.

LRES undertakes a two prong approach to fish conservation – river and streambed restoration and

operation of small scale hatchery year round.

River and streambed restoration enables the native stock to reproduce without human intervention. We have been very successful in this regard and our fish surveys show a healthy population of coho fry/smolts and cutthroat living in the Little River and tributary streams.

Hatchery operations focus on raising coho and chum salmon. All coho brood stock is taken from fish returning to the Little River, with the eggs stripped, fertilized and incubated at our hatchery. As chum returns have been variable over the past years, our chum stock is obtained either from Little River or from the Department of Fisheries and Oceans' Puntledge River hatchery.



LRES promotes awareness of our fish resource through community involvement and the Stream to Sea school program.



Coho fry caught during restoration assessment.

Get involved and join LRES

We welcome new volunteers to become part of LRES's stewardship of the Little River and adjacent creeks and streams.

Our volunteers participate in a wide variety of activities, focusing on two categories – fish hatchery operations and habitat restoration.

Specific activities include:

- Capture of brood stock
- Egg take and fertilization
- Rearing of fry and smolts
- Release of smolts
- Counting of fish, both out-going and in-coming
- River restoration
- Fish and stream surveys
- Stream to Sea school program
- Volunteer training on-site
- Maintenance of grounds and physical plant

You can become a volunteer by providing your contact information to us either by email at lres@lresbc.ca, by phone at 250-752-5510 or by mail.