

CV of Jason Hwang

Education

B.Sc. Biology, Simon Fraser University, 1994

Technical Diploma – Fisheries, Wildlife & Recreation, British Columbia Institute of Technology, 1991

Experience

2006 – present, Area Manager, Oceans, Habitat & Enhancement Branch, B.C. Interior Area, Fisheries and Oceans Canada. Kamloops.

- Responsible for managing the DFO Habitat program and Salmonid Enhancement Program (SEP) in the B.C. Interior Area.
- The position represents the B.C. Interior Area on the Pacific Region OHEB Managers table, the Pacific Region Habitat Managers table and the Pacific Region SEP Managers table. These tables oversee program management and priorities, and are responsible for input to operational, strategic, and policy matters in Pacific Region and Nationally.
- The position is responsible for providing advice to Area and Program directors on operational issues, program management, priorities, policy, and strategic matters.
- The position is required to liaise and coordinate with other federal agencies, provincial agencies, First Nations, Local Governments, Non-government Organizations and the general public.

Habitat Program

- Covers the Fraser River watershed upstream of Boston Bar, Columbia, Peace and Liard River portions in B.C.
- Program resources are 19 staff and operating budget ranging from \$275k to \$600K.
- Program is centered around application of the Habitat provisions of the Fisheries Act, the associated National Habitat Policy, and the associated application of the Canadian Environmental Assessment Act and the Species at Risk Act.
- Program activities involve anything that has the potential to affect fish and fish habitat and includes, project review, permitting, monitoring, enforcement, stewardship, partnering, education and outreach.

Notable issues

- Since March of 2009 I have been managing the Fraser River gravel file for DFO. This file is contentious, has a very high profile, and is technically challenging. My role has been to coordinate the DFO involvement in the file, lead DFO interactions at a multi-agency Management Committee, and provide advice to DFO senior managers on key decisions and strategies.
- I currently oversee DFO's involvement in the Nechako file which I have been involved in to varying degrees since 1995. My current role is to oversee and coordinate DFO's involvement with this file, and to provide advice to DFO senior managers on key decisions and strategies.

SEP

- Covers the Fraser River watershed upstream of Boston Bar, Columbia, Peace and Liard River portions in B.C., with most activity occurring within the Fraser portions of our Area.
- Program resources are 15 staff and an operating budget of about \$1.1M
- The program is based on 3 main activities; enhancement, habitat restoration, and community involvement.
- The enhancement program includes 2 major hatcheries and 2 spawning channels.

1999-2005, Area Chief, Habitat & Enhancement Branch, B.C. Interior North, Fisheries and Oceans Canada. Prince George.

- The duties are consistent with what is described above, but during this time there were 2 manager positions in the B.C. Interior Area and the position I occupied managed the northern portion of the Area.

1994 – 1999, Habitat Biologist, B.C. Interior North, Fisheries and Oceans Canada. Prince George.

Responsibilities:

- Review development projects and assess potential impacts to fish and fish habitat. Provide corresponding advice, guidance and regulatory decisions. Also included undertaking monitoring, taking enforcement action, and supporting education, outreach and stewardship activities.
- DFO's lead on the Nechako Fisheries Conservation Program Technical Committee. This included undertaking monitoring, coordinating and negotiating with Alcan and the province, and reporting on annual activities.