# Public Notice

# Access Route and Drill Pad Construction at Inch Creek Hatchery

# Public Comments Invited

**November 18, 2022** - The Fisheries and Oceans Canada must decide whether the groundwater supply expansion, located at Inch Creek Hatchery, B.C. is likely to cause significant adverse effects.

To help inform this decision, Fisheries and Oceans Canada is inviting comments from the public on the project and its potential effects on the environment. All comments received will be considered public. For more information, individuals should consult the [Privacy Notice](https://www.ceaa-acee.gc.ca/050/evaluations/Protection?culture=en-CA) on the Registry website.

Written comments must be submitted by **December 19, 2022** to:

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# Assessment Summary

As part of the Pacific Salmon Strategy Initiative (PSSI), the Inch Creek Hatchery was selected to receive funding to expand the aquaculture capacity onsite in order to meet specific conservation enhancement targets for salmonid populations. To facilitate the required program expansion, the water supply infrastructure at the hatchery must be expanded to ensure adequate rearing capacity and overall system redundancy.

This project will involve the drilling of two groundwater production wells and two monitoring wells, each accompanied by a crushed-gravel installation pad. Both production wells will have an associated pumphouse, as well as underground piping to direct water where needed by the facility. Some tree and vegetation removal will be required to clear adequate space for the well pads and pumphouses, as well as to ensure safe access for the construction machinery. Crushed gravel will be put in place after the completion of tree clearing activities to create a safe access route for long term use. A fence will be installed along the access route to delineate DFO property from the neighbouring property.

A culvert will be installed across Inch Creek to allow access for machinery and to route the groundwater piping and utilities over the creek. Care will be taken to ensure there is no harm to fish or obstruction of fish passage during key habitat-use windows.

Construction period will be from January 2, 2022 – March 31 2023, pending any weather delays.

No in-water works are anticipated for this project.

# Project Locations

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# Inch Creek Hatchery is located approximately 11 kilometers east of the town of Mission, BC. The 5.77 ha site consists mainly of active hatchery footprint, surrounded by various grassy and wooded areas. The site is under jurisdiction of DFO, and as such is on federal land.

# Site Address: 38620 Bell Road, Dewdney, BC.

# Site Access: Public road

Latitude: 49ᵒ 17’ 58. 33”N

Longitude: -122ᵒ15’47.22”W