

“International Year of the Salmon”



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The [“International Year of the Salmon” \(IYS\)](#) aims to create awareness and foster understanding of the issues facing salmon and their impact on the communities that benefit from the resource. The focal year of the International Year of the Salmon will take place in 2019, with activities starting in 2018 and continuing into 2020. The International Year of the Salmon is a project launched by North Pacific Anadromous Fisheries Commission (NPAFC) and the [North Atlantic Salmon Conservation Organization \(NASCO\)](#) and other partners. The IYS is an international framework for collaborative outreach and research. Through outreach efforts the IYS will raise awareness of what humans can do to better ensure salmon and their varied habitats are conserved and restored against the backdrop of increasing environmental variability, and thus the overall theme is **“Salmon and People in a Changing World.”**

To help raise awareness of the IYS project, the Fraser Valley Watersheds Coalition presents the ["Salmon on the Rough Edge of Canada and Beyond"](#) series of 10-short stories which will bring the readers into the lives of some of the individuals and groups that strive to preserve and restore the iconic salmon species of the North Pacific Ocean.

