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MHC Release: Towhee Bridges Donation

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***Marine Harvest Canada partners with local group to help
improve wild coho salmon and trout survival***

Campbell River, BC. Marine Harvest Canada has joined the Tsolum River Restoration Society, Fisheries and Oceans Canada, the Comox Valley Regional District, and the City of Courtenay to build two bridges over Towhee Creek on Courtenay's Regional Fairgrounds.

"The bridges are important to the protection of the creek bed which provides over-wintering and rearing habitat for coho and trout," says Jack Minard of the Tsolum River Restoration Society.

Marine Harvest Canada donated \$6000; one-third of the hard costs required to build the bridges.

"This is an important local project driven by volunteers who have been working to protect fish habitat in the creek for over ten years," says Clare Backman, Director of Environmental Compliance and Community Relations at Marine Harvest Canada. "Creeks like this may dry up in the summer but still play an important role in rearing salmon and trout come fall and winter. These bridges will protect the creek bed for years to come and that will be a huge benefit to these very young fish."

The support for the Tsolum River Restoration Society is just one of several salmon enhancement projects supported by Marine Harvest Canada in 2007-2008. In the past year, Marine Harvest Canada has donated over \$100,000 in equipment and cash to numerous local salmon enhancement societies. To view other projects supported by Marine Harvest Canada, please visit www.marineharvestcanada.com/sustainability

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