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SFU's Dr. Patricia Gallagher Awarded 2010 Haig-Brown Conservation Award

Burnaby—The Totem Flyfishers, Vancouver's oldest fly fishing club, last night awarded Simon Fraser University's Dr. Patricia Gallagher the 2010 Haig-Brown Conservation Award.

Dr. Gallagher, a fish physiologist and conservationist, is the Director of Simon Fraser University's Centre for Coastal Studies and Continuing Studies in Science programs, and has organized SFU's successful *Speaking for the Salmon* Program since 1998.

In bestowing the award, the Totems noted the *Speaking for the Salmon* program has rightly earned Dr. Gallagher wide acclaim as someone who can parlay the credibility of academia into a "don't miss" forum involving a diversity of users and decision makers around salmon management and conservation.

Craig Orr, President Elect of the Totems, said that Dr. Gallagher "has been a humble but driving force in salmon outreach and conservation efforts in BC for more than a dozen years." Orr also noted her earlier work in developing recovery boxes, now a standard tool on commercial salmon vessels to revive incidentally caught or 'by-catch' salmon, "has saved more steelhead and coho than most of us could imagine."

The *Speaking for the Salmon* program has included more than 20 widely-acclaimed workshops on salmon conservation on an array of topics including aquaculture impacts, coho salmon, steelhead, clean power, water, hatcheries, Canada's Wild Salmon Policy, and several on sockeye salmon. A public forum on the "ups and downs" of Fraser sockeye held this week in Vancouver attracted nearly 200 members of the public, a testament to the popularity of the series and of wild salmon.

The Haig-Brown Conservation Award, named after venerable author, judge and angler Roderick Haig-Brown, has been awarded since 1978 to a number of notable BC salmon conservationists.

For more information on past winners or Dr. Gallagher:

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