

Chase River Blockage [Oct 23,2011](#)

These photos, taken by Harry on Saturday, showed the results of four guys spending a little over 2 hours creating a channel to allow stranded salmon to access the Chase River upstream of the E&N Culvert. The installation of baffles and a weir at this culvert was a project that IWFF participated in last summer. When no fish came up to try it out, it was found that they were blockaded by a log jam upstream close to the Aebig Rd Bridge near the South end of Old Victoria Rd.

Neighbours near the blockage thought that it would stop larger fish migration but could not get any response from the authorities. When it became apparent that the fish were indeed blocked, Charles Thirkill got permission to do the work then rounded up Jean-Michel, Harry McLeod and myself to tackle the task. As expected, it was not an easy task but it did not take that long to clean up a narrow channel and we could feel some of the fish slither by our legs as we completed it. One of the photos showing the salmon in the narrow channel was taken about 10 minutes after we were out of the river and the water started to clear up. A few minutes later we could see the fish lining up to enter the opening whereas prior to that they were just milling about. It was very satisfying to see immediate results after a few hours of work.

Bernie Heinrichs





Note: Debris had collected on and around a fallen tree. A path was created by Bernie and his crew to allow fish to continue upstream. Well done!!!!



