



Gulf of Georgia Cannery NHS – School Program Save our Salmon (Grades 6-8)

Theme: Natural resource management requires the cooperation of many people with differing priorities and world views. This is especially clear when the scarcity of a natural resources increases the demand and economic pressure on a community.

Description: It is 1918, four years after the devastating rockslide at Hell’s Gate that blocked millions of Fraser River salmon from reaching their spawning grounds. The low salmon stocks are threatening the future of the fishing industry. In a mock commission, students will use their communication skills and creative thinking to save our salmon. The 1914 Hell’s Gate disaster provides an example of the complexities of natural resource management that is still relevant today.

Key Messages: The disaster at Hell’s Gate affected differing communities in Steveston. Commissions are a place of discussion and action. It takes time for people to discuss and implement a plan of action to solve a problem. A person’s voice is not always heard.

This 120-minute program includes:

- Theatre slide show
- Enhanced canning line tour with a special focus on different points of view
- A mock commission

Big Idea/BC Curriculum:

Grade 6:

- Economic self-interest can be a significant cause of conflict among peoples and governments.
- Complex global problems require international cooperation to make difficult choices for the future.

Grade 7

- Economic specialization and trade networks can lead to conflict and cooperation between societies.

Grade 8

- Contacts and conflicts between peoples stimulated significant cultural, social, political change.
- Human and environmental factors shape changes in population and living standards. Exploration, expansion, and colonization had varying consequences for different groups.
- Changing ideas about the world created tension between people wanting to adopt new ideas and those wanting to preserve established traditions.

First Peoples Principle of Learning

- Learning involves recognizing the consequences of one’s actions.

Booking notes: Maximum size = up to 2 groups of 20 students at the same time