



## **Salmon Aquaculture Innovation Fund Donors Advisory Committee**

### **Ed Levy**

After teaching philosophy of science at UBC for 20 years, Mr. Levy joined the start-up biotechnology company, QLT in 1988. As SVP of Corporate Development Ed helped form strategic alliances that enabled the company to develop the first medical treatment for macular degeneration, an eye condition that is one of the leading causes of blindness among the elderly. Upon retiring from QLT in 2002, he has been an adjunct professor at UBC and a member of several research teams studying Intellectual Property and Policy relating to genomics. He is VP and Treasurer of the Illahie Foundation which supports innovative social and environmental initiatives including program-related investments. He serves on the boards of the BC Civil Liberties Association, Lawyers' Rights Watch (Canada), the Society for the Advancement of Local Sustainable Agriculture (Powell River), Oncolytics Biotech, and WelTel, and is a former board member of Pivot Foundation, Coast Social Enterprise Foundation, and Neil Squire Foundation.

### **Eric Patel Board Director and Business Consultant**

With a background in finance and business strategy, Eric Patel has 35 years of business experience in the US, Canada and Europe. He currently serves on the Board of Ritchie Bros. Auctioneers, and Chairs the Boards of ACL Services and Daiya Foods. Additionally, he consults to companies across a variety of industries in the US and Canada. Prior to his current roles, Mr. Patel was CFO of software company Crystal Decisions (where he helped guide its turnaround and sale to Business Objects/SAP), and held positions ranging from strategy consultant to finance and operational roles in companies in the retail, industrial and consumer products industries. He holds an MBA from Stanford University and BA from Brown University.

### **Ivan Thompson Project Officer, Wild Salmon Ecosystem Initiative Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation**

Ivan Thompson is the B.C. Project Officer for the Wild Salmon Ecosystem Initiative of the Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation. The Foundation was established in September 2000 with a \$5.8 billion endowment by Intel co-founder Gordon Moore and the Foundation reflects his science-based, results-driven orientation in striving to improve the quality of life for future generations. The goal of the Wild Salmon Ecosystem Initiative is to maintain a healthy salmon ecosystem at the scale of the North Pacific by investing in habitat protection, sustainable fisheries and improved aquaculture practices in British Columbia, Alaska and Kamchatka (Russia).