



**YUKON RIVER PANEL
and
RESTORATION & ENHANCEMENT FUND COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

December 12 - 17, 2015

Kwanlin Dun Cultural Centre, Whitehorse, Yukon

NOTE: This tentative agenda is subject to change throughout the course of the meeting. This Agenda is provided to give a general idea to the public of the Panel's anticipated schedule. The Panel will attempt to hold to this schedule; however, the Panel is not constrained by this Agenda. Opportunities to testify will be announced at the beginning of the meeting. The Panel meeting is open to the public. **The Restoration and Enhancement Fund committee meeting and the US and Canada section meetings are closed to the public.**

YUKON RIVER PANEL MEETING (CLOSED SESSION)

Saturday, December 12

9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. (Closed Session)

US Section delegation meeting (Alpine Bakery – Conference Room)

Sunday, December 13

9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. (Closed Session)

US Section delegation meeting (Westmark Hotel – Conference Room)

Canadian Section delegation meeting (Fisheries and Oceans Canada Range Road)

YUKON RIVER PANEL MEETING (CLOSED SESSION)

Monday, December 14

8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. Closed Session (Breakout Room)

Core Yukon River Panel members and co-chairs informal meeting

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Closed Session (Main Meeting Room)

US/CANADA YUKON RIVER PANEL MEETING

1. Introduction and Welcoming Remarks – *Panel Co-Chairs*
2. Review & Approval of closed session Agenda – *Panel Co-Chairs*
3. Review of “*Action Items*” from April 2015 - *Panel Co-Chairs*
4. Yukon River Panel Financial Report
 - a. Funds administered by Pacific Salmon Commission – *PSC*
 - b. Review and approval of audit report for 2014 – *PSC / Co-Chairs*
5. Report on Administrative and Secretarial Support to the Panel
 - a. Update of activities in 2015 - *PSC*
6. Joint Technical Committee Status and Activities – *JTC Co-Chairs*
 - a. Summary of meetings / activities
 - b. Current membership and meeting schedule
7. Selection of date for Yukon River Panel spring 2016 meeting
8. Report on Canadian stock restoration engagement activities – *YSSC*
9. Yukon River Panel Education Exchange
 - a. Overview of current approach and discussion regarding future focus.

Lunch 12:00 p.m. – 1:15 p.m.

1:15 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. (Closed Session) (Main Meeting Room)

10. Summary of 2015 management actions and performance (U.S. and Canadian Management Presentations).

RESTORATION AND ENHANCEMENT FUND COMMITTEE MEETING

11. Panel review, discussion and confirmation of new annual cycle and specific project submission, review and selection stages.
12. Review R&E Priorities & Call for Proposal issued for 2016 – *Angus Mackay, PSC*
13. Review of Project Proposals – *Angus Mackay, PSC*
 - a. JTC Review and Recommendations
 - b. Public Comments Received
 - c. Opportunity for Panel direction and feedback to JTC on technical review process for subsequent year Call For Proposal’s
14. YRP Interest in Restoration and Enhancement Project Presentations

Tuesday, December 15

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Open / Public Session (Main Meeting Room)

[Please register for Public Comment/Testimony by 10:30 a.m.]

U.S. / CANADA YUKON RIVER PANEL MEETING

1. Welcoming Remarks and Introductions – *Panel Co-Chairs / Panel Members*
2. Review & Approval of Agenda – *Panel Co-Chairs*
3. Review & Approval of April 2015 meeting summary – *Panel Co-Chairs*
4. Secretarial / Administrative update – *Panel Co-Chairs*
5. Yukon River Panel Financial update – *Panel Co-Chairs / Fund Administrator*
 - a. Presentation of Financial Audit completed for 2014.
 - b. Current Financial Status.

Joint Technical Committee Reports

6. Joint Technical Meetings Summary – *JTC Co-Chairs*
7. 2015 Yukon River Chinook Salmon Management Summary - *Dr. Stephanie Schmidt, ADF&G, Mary Ellen Jarvis / Nathan Millar, DFO*

11:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Public Comment/Testimony Opportunity

Lunch 12:00 p.m. – 1:15 p.m.

1:15 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Open / Public Session (Main Meeting Room)

[Please register for Public Comment/Testimony by 3:00 p.m.]

1. 2015 Fall Chum Salmon Management Summary - *Jeff Estensen, ADF&G, Mary Ellen Jarvis, DFO*
 - a. Mainstem fall chum salmon summary
 - b. Porcupine River (Fishing Branch) fall chum salmon, overview of Canadian Assessment Projects - *Nathan Millar, DFO, TBD, ADFG*
2. Marine update – *Dr. Pete Hagen, NOAA*
3. Yukon Environmental Update – *DFO*

4:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Public Comment/Testimony Opportunity

6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. WELCOMING RECEPTION – WESTMARK HOTEL

Wednesday, December 16

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Open / Public Session (Main Meeting Room)

[Sign up for Public Comment/Testimony by 11 a.m.]

US/CANADA YUKON RIVER PANEL MEETING

1. Overview of Agenda – *Panel Co-Chairs*
2. 2015 Upper Yukon River Juvenile Assessment Project – *Nathan Millar, DFO*
3. Defining critical periods for juvenile Chinook salmon – *Dr. Peter Hagen, NOAA*
4. Yukon River Stock Restoration Initiative – *Dennis Zimmermann, YSSC*
5. Use of Sonar Technology to Count Salmon on the Yukon River – *Bruce McIntosh, ADFG*

11:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Public Comment/Testimony Opportunity

Lunch 12:00 p.m. – 1:15 pm

1:15 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Open / Public Session (Main Meeting Room)

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US/CANADA YUKON RIVER PANEL MEETING (Continued)

1. Next Generation Hydro Presentation – *Yukon Development Corporation*
2. Review of Restoration & Enhancement projects funded in 2015
 - a. Status report - *Angus Mackay, PSC R&E Fund Administrator*
3. Restoration and Enhancement Fund Presentation – *Angus Mackay, PSC*
 - a. Near-term priorities identified for 2016
 - b. Call for proposals 2016 / New process update
 - c. Projects submitted for funding consideration in 2016
 - d. Joint Technical Committee review
 - e. Public comments
4. Communication Committee update
5. Miscellaneous Business
6. Committee meetings - *Panel Co-Chairs*
7. Correspondence - *Panel Co-Chairs*
8. Other business
9. Confirmation of 2016 Spring Yukon River Panel Meeting

4:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Public Comment/Testimony Opportunity

Closing Remarks / Public Sessions Adjourn

Thursday, December 17

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. (Closed Session) (Main Meeting Room)

Review of meeting – *Panel Co-Chairs*

- a. Action items / work assignments
- b. Decisions
- c. Preparation of meeting minutes
- d. Additional items for discussion