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The Yukon River Panel (the Panel), established by the U.S./Canada Yukon River Salmon Agreement, met in Anchorage, Alaska from December 9-12, 2018. The Panel, which operates under the Yukon River Salmon Agreement (Pacific Salmon Treaty), consists of 12 Alaska and Yukon residents from throughout the Yukon River drainage and is advised by regional advisors, resource users, scientists, and fishery managers from both Canada and the United States.

The Panel received scientific and technical presentations on the outcome of the 2018 Canadian and United States origin salmon runs and fishery management actions that were taken. Additional presentations to the Panel were provided on management, research and assessment activities focusing on Chinook and Chum salmon. The Panel's public session was successfully livestreamed via video link to the internet allowing interested parties otherwise unable to attend in person the opportunity to follow the meeting remotely.

Restoration and Enhancement Fund

The Yukon River Panel expects that up to \$1.39 million U.S. of funding will be available to fund salmon and habitat Restoration and Enhancement projects in Alaska and Yukon in 2019. The Panel has allocated nearly \$17.5 million U.S. since 2002 to community-based projects, including stewardship projects, directly supporting the management and recovery of Yukon River salmon stocks originating in Canada.

The Panel has received 36 Project Proposals submitted in response to the Yukon River Restoration and Enhancement Fund's 2019 Call for Project Proposals. Following consideration of recommendations from the Restoration and Enhancement Technical Sub-Committee and comments received from the public, the Panel will select the project proposals that will receive funding at its Spring 2019 meeting. Further information on 2019 Restoration and Enhancement Fund Project Proposals and instructions on how to submit public comments are available on the Yukon River Panel's website at:

<http://www.yukonriverpanel.com/news-and-announcements/restoration-and-enhancement-fund-2018-call-for-public-comments/>

The Panel's next meeting will be held in Canada from April 6 to 10, 2019. Confirmation of meeting details, including specific location, venue, agenda items and timing of public / closed sessions will be available in early 2019 on the Yukon River Panel's website at:

<http://www.yukonriverpanel.com/meetings/>