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The management salmon stocks originating from the Yukon River in Canada is the joint responsibility of American and Canadian governments. To facilitate international cooperation, the Yukon River Panel (established pursuant to Chapter 8 of the *Pacific Salmon Treaty*) is responsible for making recommendations to management entities concerning the conservation and coordinated management of Canadian-origin salmon stocks in the Yukon River. In addition, the Yukon River Panel is responsible for the administration of the \$ 1.2 million (U.S) Yukon River Salmon Restoration and Enhancement Fund. The Yukon River Panel held its 2013 Post-Season Meeting in Whitehorse from December 1 – 5. At this meeting the Panel reviewed fishery management measures implemented in 2013, evaluated project concept proposals seeking funding from the Yukon River Salmon Restoration and Enhancement Fund, received presentations on matters pertaining to Yukon River Salmon management, provided the opportunity for Public Testimony and addressed ongoing finical and administrative matters and responsibilities.

The Yukon River Panel wishes to extend their gratitude to the numerous First Nation representatives, interested parties and members of the public who attended the 2013 Post-Season meeting – and in particular, those who provided testimony. We sincerely regret any inconvenience the unanticipated adjustment to the December 5, 2013 public meeting schedule may have created.

Through the dedicated effort of both Canadian and American members of the Yukon River Panel, and strong commitment to international cooperation in response to First Nation and public concern over the sustained decline of Yukon River Chinook salmon stocks, the Yukon River Panel has adopted the following resolutions:

1. The Yukon River Panel confirms its commitment to exercise its duties and responsibilities to achieve international border and spawning escapement goals for Canadian-origin salmon stocks.

- 2. The Yukon River Panel will undertake measures to provide the highest priority consideration for projects seeking funding from the Yukon River Salmon Restoration and Enhancement Fund that directly support or contribute to the restoration of Canadian-origin salmon stocks and their habitats.
- 3. The Yukon River Panel will fully exercise its authorities to ensure that, on an annual basis:
 - a. The Yukon River Panel shall make recommendations to the management entities concerning the conservation and co-ordinated management of salmon originating in the Yukon River in Canada.
 - b. The respective management entities shall take into account the recommendations of the Yukon River Panel in the adoption of regulations, and shall ensure the enforcement of these regulations. These entities shall exchange annual fishery management plans prior to each season.

In response to the testimony provided by Yukon First Nation representatives and the public, the Yukon River Panel acknowledges the interest of Yukon First Nations in receiving advice and support on matters related to the development of project proposals for submission to the Yukon River Salmon Restoration and Enhancement Fund. To this end, the Panel has taken concrete steps to provide increased clarity and support through the following decisions:

- 1. Following the publicly advertised request for proposal process and subsequent evaluation process, Yukon River Panel will renew its contract with the Pacific Salmon Commission to serve as the *Yukon River Salmon Restoration and Enhancement Fund Administrator* for a three-year period (April 1, 2014 to March 31, 2017).
- 2. Following the publicly advertised request for proposal process and subsequent evaluation process for the position of *Executive Secretary*, Yukon River Panel intends to engage into a contract with the successful party in early 2014 for a one-year period. The Executive Secretary Position will be based out of the Whitehorse, Yukon area.

In addition, the Yukon River Panel issues the following decisions:

The Yukon River Panel encourages Yukon First Nations to provide the Panel with restoration concepts or plans aimed at rebuilding salmon stocks within First Nation Traditional territories in the Yukon River watershed. Yukon First Nation recommendations provided within concepts or plans will be used by the Yukon River Panel to inform its priority effort to address restoration of Canadian-origin salmon stocks in an efficient and accelerated manner.

Regarding Yukon River Salmon Restoration and Enhancement Fund – Project Concept proposals, the Yukon River Panel invites the submission of Detailed Project proposals for the following list of project concepts submitted to the Yukon River Panel for consideration:

Proposal #	Title
CC-01-14	Yukon River In-Season Salmon Management Teleconferences.
CC-02-14	Yukon River Educational Exchange.
URE-06-14N	Exploration of potential early life mortality in Canadian-origin Chinook salmon eggs (thiamine deficiency)
CRE-79-14	Yukon River Salmon Stock Identification.
CRE-20-14	Temperature monitoring of Yukon River Chinook Salmon spawning and migration habitats in Canada.
CRE-02-14	Salmon Stewardship Coordinators for Yukon Schools.
CRE-15-14N	Restoration of Chinook Salmon - Upper Mayo River
CRE-05-14N	Collection of genetic material from adult Chinook Salmon in the North Big Salmon watershed
CC-03-14	Yukon River Pre-Season Planning Process.
URE-03-14	Yukon River Chinook Salmon Subsistence Sampling: (Anvik, Galena, Ruby, Fort Yukon).
CRE-37-14	Blind Creek Chinook Salmon Enumeration Weir.
CRE-65-14	McIntyre Creek Salmon Incubation Project -MCSIP.
CRE-25-14	Ta'an Kwäch'än Council Fox Creek Salmon Restoration Project.
CRE-41-14	Sonar Enumeration of Chinook Salmon on the Big Salmon River.
URE-02-14	Lower Yukon River Subsistence Chinook Harvest Stock Composition.
CRE-09-14N	Porcupine River Sonar Program – Chinook Salmon
URE-05-14N	Genetic stock identification of fall chum salmon in subsistence harvest from the Tanana Area, 2014.
CRE-11-14N	Radio tracking of Chinook salmon and genetic sampling in the Porcupine River, Canada
CRE-01-14	Mainstem Teslin River Chinook Sonar Project - 2014.
URE-09-14	Rampart Rapids all season video monitoring.
CRE-78-14	Collection and Analysis of Yukon River DNA Baseline Samples in Alaska and Canada.
URE-07-14N	Community Outreach and Education with Sampling Results
URE-01-14N	Genetic stock identification of fall chum salmon in commercial harvests, Yukon River, 2014. (Phase I)
CRE-10-14	Radio tracking of chum salmon in the Porcupine River, Canada.
CRE-24-14	McIntyre Creek Streambank Stabilization.
CRE-14-14N	Review and evaluation of habitat restoration/enhancement projects for Chinook in Yukon
CRE-143-14	Little Salmon Chinook Salmon Spawning Grounds Survey 2014.
CRE-12-14N	Mainstem Yukon River Chinook Salmon Spawning Grounds Survey 2014
CRE-64-14	Whitehorse Rapids Fishway Salmon Stewardship.
CRE-06-14	Yukon River North Mainstem Stewardship.
CRE-51-14	2014 Michie Creek Salmon and Habitat Monitoring Project
CRE-16-14N	Chinook Salmon Yukon River Mainstem Outplant Program Spawning Success Evaluation
CRE-07-14	Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in First Fish Culture Camp.

Proponents of Project Concept proposals invited by the Yukon River Panel to submit Detailed Project proposals will also be individually notified by the Yukon River Salmon Restoration and Enhancement Fund administrator (Pacific Salmon Commission).

The Yukon River Panel's 2014 spring meeting will be held in Alaska from March 23 to 28. Confirmation of meeting details, including specific location, venue, agenda items and timing of public / closed sessions will be available on the Yukon River Panel's website http://yukonriverpanel.com/salmon/meetings/panel-forward-looking-agenda/ in early 2014.