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The Yukon River Panel (Panel), established by the U.S./Canada Yukon River Salmon Agreement, met in Whitehorse, Yukon from December 12 through 17 to review the status of 2015 Canadian-origin salmon runs, fishery management actions and to receive scientific and technical presentations on research and monitoring activities focusing on Chinook and chum salmon stocks. In addition, the Panel received a presentation from the Yukon Development Corporation on the Next Generation Hydro initiative. The Panel, which operates under the Yukon River Salmon Agreement (Pacific Salmon Treaty), consists of 12 Alaska and Yukon Territory residents from throughout the Yukon River system, and is supported by regional advisors, scientists, and managers from Canada and the United States.

Restoration and Enhancement Fund

The Yukon River Panel expects that up to \$1.2 million U.S. of funding will be available to fund salmon and habitat Restoration and Enhancement projects in Alaska and Yukon in 2016. The Panel has allocated more than \$13.0 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. In addition, up to U.S. \$0.7 million will be specifically expended on projects focusing on “restoration” priorities over the next three years.

The Panel completed a review of 43 Detailed Project Proposals submitted in response to the Yukon River Restoration and Enhancement Fund’s 2016 Call for Project Proposals and received the results of the Joint Technical Committee’s technical review of the project proposals. Following consideration of public comments, the Panel will select the project proposals that will receive funding at its spring 2016 meeting. Further information on 2016 Restoration and Enhancement Fund Project Proposals and instructions to submit public comments is available on the Yukon River Panel’s website at:

www.yukonriverpanel.com/salmon/restoration-enhancement/

Yukon River Restoration and Enhancement Fund Detailed Project Proposals (2016)

1. Development of a Genetic Baseline for Canadian-Origin Yukon Chinook and Chum Salmon
2. Development of a high-resolution SNP baseline for stock identification of Yukon Chinook
3. Genetic stock identification of fall Chum in subsistence harvest from the Tanana Area, 2016
4. Yukon River Chinook Subsistence Harvest Genetic Stock Identification, 2016
5. Genetic Stock Identification of Canadian-Origin Yukon River Chinook and Chum Salmon
6. Genetic Stock Identification of Pilot Station Chinook Salmon, 2016
7. Porcupine River Chinook Salmon Sonar Program
8. Porcupine River Chum Salmon Telemetry – Year 4
9. Mainstem Teslin River sonar project - 2016
10. Blind Creek Chinook Salmon Enumeration Weir
11. Chinook Salmon Sonar Enumeration on the Big Salmon River
12. Stewart River Chinook Salmon Sonar Pilot Program
13. Yukon River Border Sonar Operations
14. McQuesten River Chinook Sonar
15. Pelly River Chinook Salmon Sonar Pilot Program
16. Enhancing the information value of Coded Wire Tags applied to Canadian-origin Chinook
17. Chinook Salmon Drone Survey Pilot Project
18. Yukon River Canadian-Origin Juvenile Chinook Out-migrant Assessment
19. Porcupine River Chinook Salmon Telemetry
20. Upper Teslin River Watershed Chinook Radio Telemetry
21. Fishing Branch River Chum Habitat Assessment - Year 3
22. Michie Creek Salmon and Habitat Monitoring Project 2016
23. Yukon River Mid-Mainstem Salmon Assessment Program
24. Temperature monitoring of Yukon R. Chinook spawning and migration habitats in Canada
25. Assessing the Limits to Production of Juvenile Canadian-Origin Yukon River
26. Ta'an Kwäch'än Council - Fox Creek Salmon Restoration Project
27. Deadman Creek Chinook Restoration Pilot Project and In-Stream Egg Incubation Trial
28. Yukon River Canadian-Origin Chinook Salmon Hatchery Augmentation Pilot
29. Coded Wire Tagging of Hatchery Origin Canadian-Origin Chinook Salmon Fry
30. Porcupine River Chum Salmon Restoration Incubation and Rearing Pilot Project
31. Rock River Chinook and Chum Habitat Assessment and Restoration Investigation
32. McIntyre Creek Salmon Incubation Facility Water Warming Investigation
33. Porcupine Drainage Engagement
34. Salmon Stewardship Coordinators for Yukon Schools
35. Yukon River North Mainstem Stewardship
36. Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in First Fish Youth Culture Camp
37. McIntyre Creek Salmon Incubation Project -MCSIP
38. Yukon River Chinook Salmon Stock Restoration Community Technical Team - Year 2
39. Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in Conservation Hatchery Training Institution Coordinator
40. Yukon Fisheries Field Assistant Program
41. Yukon River In-Season Salmon Management Teleconferences
42. Yukon River Education Exchange Program
43. Yukon River Summer Pre-Season Preparation Meeting

The Panel's next meeting will be held in Alaska from April 9 to 13, 2016. Confirmation of meeting details, including specific location, venue, agenda items and timing of public / closed sessions will be available in early 2016 on the Yukon River Panel's website at:

www.yukonriverpanel.com/salmon/meetings/meeting-schedule/