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The Yukon River Panel (Panel), established by the U.S./Canada Yukon River Salmon Agreement, met in Anchorage, Alaska from December 12 through 14 to review the status of 2016 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. The Panel also discussed re-design of its website as well as opportunities to advance communication initiatives. 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 2017. The Panel has allocated more than \$14.5 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. In addition, up to U.S. \$0.7 million will be specifically expended on projects focusing on “restoration” priorities between 2016 and 2018.

The Panel has received 49 Detailed Project Proposals listed below in response to the Yukon River Restoration and Enhancement Fund’s 2017 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 2017 meeting. Further information on 2017 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 (2017)

1. Development of a Genetic Baseline for Canadian-Origin Yukon River Chinook and Chum Salmon
2. Development of a High-resolution SNP Baseline for Stock Identification of Yukon River Chinook Salmon
3. Genetic Stock Identification of Pilot Station Chinook Salmon, 2017
4. Yukon River Chinook Subsistence Harvest Genetic Stock Identification, 2017
5. Genetic Stock Identification of Canadian-Origin Yukon River Chinook and Chum Salmon
6. Yukon River Border Sonar Operations
7. Porcupine River Chinook Salmon Sonar Program
8. Blind Creek Chinook Salmon Enumeration Weir
9. Chinook Salmon Sonar Enumeration on the Big Salmon River
10. Pelly River Chinook Salmon Sonar Program
11. Mainstem Teslin Sonar Site Decommissioning
12. Porcupine River Chinook Salmon Telemetry
13. Upper Teslin River Watershed Chinook Radio Telemetry
14. Enhancing the information value of Coded Wire Tags applied to Canadian-origin Chinook salmon
15. Yukon River Canadian-Origin Juvenile Chinook Out-migrant Assessment
16. Assessing the Limits to Production of Juvenile Canadian-Origin Yukon River
17. Monitoring Juvenile Chinook Salmon Abundance in Three Index Areas in the Yukon River
18. Subyearling life-history of Yukon River Chinook salmon
19. Fishing Branch River Chum Habitat Assessment
20. Michie Creek Salmon and Habitat Monitoring Project
21. Temperature monitoring of Yukon River Chinook Salmon spawning and migration habitats in Canada
22. Impacts to the Kluane Fall Chum Salmon Stock from a Major, Natural Hydrological Change
23. Porcupine Community-Based Salmon Management Plan
24. Ta'an Kwäch'än Council - Fox Creek Salmon Restoration Project
25. Deadman Creek Chinook Salmon Restoration Pilot Project and In-Stream Egg Incubation Trial
26. Rock River Chinook and Chum Habitat Assessment and Restoration Investigation
27. Coded Wire Tagging of Hatchery Origin Canadian-Origin Chinook Salmon Fry
28. Tay River Chinook Salmon Access Investigation
29. Emphasis that is aimed at restoring salmon Spawning habitat
30. Assessing the fate of returning Upper Yukon River Chinook Salmon
31. McIntyre Creek Salmon Incubation Facility Water Warming Investigation
32. Canadian Watershed-Based Restoration Planning and Support
33. Takhini River Chinook Salmon Restoration Investigation
34. Klondike River Chinook Salmon stock restoration plan
35. Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in First Fish Youth Culture Camp
36. McIntyre Creek Salmon Incubation Project
37. Yukon River North Mainstem Stewardship
38. Salmon Stewardship Coordinators for Yukon Schools
39. Yukon River Chinook Salmon Stock Restoration Community Technical Team
40. Whitehorse Rapids Fishway Stewardship
41. Yukon Fisheries Field Assistant Program
42. Yukon Salmon Sub-Committee Net Exchange
43. Selkirk Nation Fall Chum Utilization Project
44. Salmon Know No Borders – 2017 Yukon River Exchange
45. Yukon River Summer Pre-Season Preparation Meeting
46. Enhanced Education and Outreach – Salmonids in the Classroom
47. Selkirk Nation Salmon Citizen Outreach and Communications Plan
48. Community Engagement Project at Whitehorse Rapids Fishway
49. Yukon River Village and Community Salmon Profiles

The Panel's next meeting will be held in Yukon from April 3 to 5, 2017. Confirmation of meeting details, including specific location, venue, agenda items and timing of public / closed sessions will be available in early 2017 on the Yukon River Panel's website at:

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