

Yukon River Panel Restoration & Enhancement Fund

Call for Project Proposals for the 2018 Project Year

PROPOSANTS ARE ONLY REQUIRED TO SUBMIT A DETAILED PROJECT PROPOSAL SUBMISSION FORM IN RESPONSE TO THIS CALL FOR PROPOSALS TO BE CONSIDERED FOR FUNDING IN 2018.

THE YUKON RIVER PANEL WILL REVIEW PROJECT PROPOSALS AT ITS DECEMBER 2017 MEETING AND, WHERE WARRANTED, WILL PROVIDE ANY QUESTIONS OR RECOMMENDATIONS FOR MODIFICATIONS TO PROPONENTS IN LATE DECEMBER 2017. THE YUKON RIVER PANEL WILL SELECT PROJECTS FOR FUNDING AT ITS SPRING 2018 MEETING.

The Yukon River Panel anticipates that up to approximately U.S. \$1.3 million will be available to fund Yukon River restoration and enhancement projects in 2018. This sum is inclusive of U.S. \$267,000 to be specifically expended on projects focusing on “restoration” priorities between 2018 and 2019. Both private and public sector applicants are eligible for funding.

The 2018 Call for Proposals is consistent with the purposes and principals of the Fund and emphasizes the Fund Goals, Management Needs and Actions identified in the *Yukon River Panel’s Restoration and Enhancement Fund Budget Priorities Framework 2007*. The 2007 Framework describes seven funding categories or envelopes, and each category within the Framework includes a Goal or Goals to be achieved by the R&E Fund and groups of Management Needs ranked in descending order of priority that describe short, medium and long term Actions that will result in the achievement of the Goals. To ensure that the R&E Fund Goals and Management Needs are met over time, the Yukon River Panel each year derives focused Near-Term priorities from the 2007 Framework and issues an annual Call for Project Proposals to elicit applications for funding for projects that will address them.

Near Term Priorities

In April of 2017 the Yukon River Panel confirmed two key Near-Term priority interests as the focus of the 2018 Call for Project Proposals. The selection of these particular priorities is driven by the Panel’s desire to improve the effectiveness of Restoration and Enhancement Fund resources in response to the decline of Yukon River Chinook salmon stocks experienced in recent years. Although the Panel will continue to consider project proposals that address other activities identified in the *Yukon River Panel’s Restoration and Enhancement Fund Budget Priorities Framework 2007*, **preference will be granted to projects that support the following Near-Term priorities:**

RESTORATION

- 1) *Identify depleted stocks or limits to production and identify candidate stocks or systems for stock restoration;*
- 2) *Assess the feasibility of and prepare a plan for restoring depleted stocks and/or habitats.*

In addition, priority consideration will be provided for 2018 project proposals that demonstrate local community involvement or local partnerships (in particular First Nations).

Application Process

The Yukon River Panel issues one annual Call for Project Proposals to invite proponents to submit proposals for Restoration and Enhancement project funding. All project proposals will be subject to in-depth technical assessment as well as being evaluated for their relevance and significance to the *Yukon River Salmon Agreement*; the priorities outlined in the 2007 Budget Priorities Framework; and, this Call for Project Proposals. Project proponents should focus on providing a clear description of project objectives and benefits in addition to detailed project implementation and budget information.

The “Detailed Proposal” and “Detailed Budget” templates that accompany this Call for Project Proposals are the forms that must be used by all proponents. The use of these formats allows the Yukon River Panel to conduct its review of submissions in as fair and expeditious a manner as practicable. Completed forms must be returned to the Fund Manager at the Pacific Salmon Commission offices in Vancouver, BC in electronic format only by **midnight (24:00) on Sunday, October 1st, 2017** at the following e-mail address: yukonfund@psc.org

The review of all Project Proposals by the Yukon River Panel will take place in early-December, 2017. Any Panel questions or recommendations regarding Project Proposals will be provided to project proponents following this meeting. The Yukon River Panel will make its final funding decisions at its Spring meeting in April, 2018.

Deadlines

Detailed Proposal and Budget forms must be in electronic format and must be received by e-mail, at the following address: yukonfund@psc.org by midnight (24:00) on Sunday October 1st, 2017.

Contact Information

More information and “Detailed Proposal and Budget” forms may be accessed online at www.yukonriverpanel.com. Questions or points of clarification should be directed to the Fund Manager, Angus Mackay or the Fund Assistant, Victor Keong via phone at (604) 684-8081, or email at Mackay@psc.org & Keong@psc.org or fax (604) 666-8707.

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