



**YUKON RIVER PANEL
and
RESTORATION AND ENHANCEMENT FUND COMMITTEE MEETINGS
April 6 – 10, 2019**

Kwanlin Dün Cultural Centre, Whitehorse, Yukon

NOTE: This agenda is subject to change throughout the course of the meeting. This Agenda is provided to give a general idea to the public of the Panel’s anticipated schedule. The Panel will attempt to hold to this schedule; however, the Panel is not constrained by this Agenda. Opportunities for public testimony will be announced at the beginning of the meeting. The Panel meeting is open to the public. **The Restoration and Enhancement Fund Committee meeting and the U.S. and Canada Section meetings are closed to the public.**

Saturday April 6

9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. (Closed Session)

U.S. Section delegation meeting (Artists Studio)

Sunday, April 7

9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. (Closed Session)

U.S. Section delegation meeting (Artists Studio)

Canadian Section delegation meeting (419 Range Road – DFO Boardroom)

Monday, April 8

8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. (Closed Session)

Core Yukon River Panel members and Co-Chairs meeting (Artists Studio)

YUKON PANEL MEETING (CLOSED SESSION – LONGHOUSE ROOM)

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

1. Introduction and Welcoming Remarks – *Panel Co-Chairs*
2. Review of action items from December 2018 Yukon River Panel Meeting

Monday, April 8 (Cont.)

YUKON PANEL MEETING (CLOSED SESSION – LONGHOUSE ROOM)

3. Review and approval of December 2018 Yukon River Panel Meeting Minutes
4. Administrative Matters
 - a. Financial summary and outlook for 2019 / 20 – *PSC Secretariat*
 - i. Confirmation of Restoration and Enhancement Funds available for disbursement in 2019, and for 2020 Call for Proposals (annual allocation & residual or accumulated)
 - b. Draft Yukon River Panel file retention policy (Panel review)
5. Yukon River Panel Administrative Services Agreement
 - a. Panel review and approval of proposed / revised services agreement
6. Yukon River Panel Communications Committee
 - a. R&E Fund Communications project proposal review criteria (for Panel review and approval, to be included in 2020 R&E Call for Proposals package)
 - b. Yukon River Panel Education Exchange
 - i. Summary of activities and introduction of participants.
7. 2019 Canadian and U.S. Section (draft) fishery management recommendations (Panel review and discussion).
8. Selection of date for 2019 Post-Season Yukon River Panel meeting

12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. (*Lunch*)

1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

**RESTORATION & ENHANCEMENT FUND COMMITTEE MEETING
(CLOSED SESSION)**

9. 2019 Restoration & Enhancement Fund (R&E Fund) Proposal Review and Approval
 - a. Confirmation of R&E funding available for 2019 – *R&E Fund Administrator*
 - i. Annual allocation (\$1.2 million) + Residual funds (~\$190,675)
 - b. Review of R&E Fund proposal responses to Panel Questions and Joint Technical Committee (JTC) review / recommendations – *R&E Fund Administrator*
 - c. Presentation of public comments received – *R&E Fund Administrator*
 - d. Review and selection of 2019 R&E Fund proposals
 - i. Presentation of project proposals approved by the Canadian Section (50% lists) – *CDN R&E Sub-Committee – CDN JTC Chair*
 - ii. Bilateral selection of remaining project proposals – *R&E Fund Administrator*
 - e. Confirmation of project proposals approved for funding in 2018 – *Panel Co-Chairs*
7. R&E Fund Call For Proposals – *R&E Fund Administrator*
 - a. Panel approval of:
 - i. 2020 Near-term priorities
 - ii. 2020 Call for proposals
 1. Update / changes to call for proposals – *R&E Fund Administrator*
8. Yukon River Panel R&E Fund Process and Planning Sub-Committee
 - a. Initial Panel discussion on potential approach, function, membership (ToR)

International Year of the Salmon Reception – North of Ordinary Experience Centre (6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.)

Tuesday April 9

YUKON PANEL MEETING (PUBLIC SESSION – LONGHOUSE ROOM)

9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

[Sign up for Tuesday a.m. Public Comment/Testimony by 11:00 a.m.]

1. Opening Prayer
2. Welcoming Remarks and Introductions – *Panel Co-Chairs*
3. Approval of December 2018 Post-Season Meeting Minutes – *Panel Co-Chairs*
4. Joint Technical Committee report to Panel – *JTC Co-chairs Zach Liller / Steve Smith*
5. 2018 Season Summary of *Yukon River Salmon Agreement* defined Stocks – run size, harvest and escapement – *JTC Co-Chairs Zach Liller / Steve Smith*
 - i. Mainstem Yukon River Chinook Salmon
 - ii. Mainstem Yukon River Chum Salmon
 - iii. Porcupine (Fishing Branch) Chum Salmon
6. 2019 Yukon River Salmon Interim Management Escapement Goals – *Panel Co-chairs*
7. 2019 Yukon River Salmon Outlooks and Preliminary Fishery Management Strategies
 - a. Chinook Salmon (Mainstem Yukon River)
 - i. Outlook – *Fred West, ADF&G and Dr. Joel Harding, DFO*
 - ii. Proposed Fishery Management Strategies
 1. U.S. - *Holly Carroll, ADF&G*
 2. Canada – *Jesse Trerice, DFO*
 - b. 2019 Yukon River Panel Management Recommendations – Chinook Salmon
 - i. Panel Discussion of Outlook and Proposed Management Strategies
 - ii. Bilateral Panel Management Recommendations

11:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Public Comment/Testimony Opportunity

12:00 p.m. – 1:15 pm (Lunch)

1:15 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

[Sign up for Tuesday p.m. Public Comment/Testimony by 4:00 p.m.]

- a. Fall Chum Salmon (Mainstem Yukon River)
 - i. Outlook – *Jeff Estensen, ADF&G and Dr. Joel Harding, DFO*
 - ii. Proposed Fishery Management Strategies
 1. U.S. – *Jeff Estensen, AF&G*
 2. Canada – *Jesse Trerice, DFO*
- b. 2019 Yukon River Panel Management Recommendations – Mainstem Chum Salmon
 - i. Panel Discussion of Outlook and Proposed Management Strategies
 - ii. Bilateral Panel Management Recommendations
- a. Fall Chum Salmon (Porcupine River / Fishing Branch)
 - i. Outlook – *Jeff Estensen, ADF&G and Dr. Joel Harding, DFO*
 - ii. Proposed Fishery Management Strategies
 1. U.S. – *Jeff Estensen, ADF&G*
 2. Canada – *Jesse Trerice, DFO*

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Tuesday, April 9 (Cont.)

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- b. 2019 Yukon River Panel Management Recommendations – Porcupine Chum Salmon
 - i. Panel Discussion of Outlook and Proposed Management Strategies
 - ii. Bilateral Panel Management Recommendations

4:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Public Comment/Testimony Opportunity

Yukon River Panel Public Reception – Westmark Whitehorse (6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.)

Wednesday April 10

YUKON PANEL MEETING (PUBLIC SESSION - LONGHOUSE ROOM)

9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

[Sign up for Wednesday a.m. Public Comment/Testimony by 11:00 a.m.]

1. Patterns & Trends of Subsistence Salmon Fishing in Alaska - *Caroline Brown, ADF&G*
2. Upper Yukon River Chinook Salmon Stock Restoration Plan, *Trix Tanner, DFO*
3. Yukon River Panel Education Exchange 2019

Yukon River Restoration & Enhancement Fund

- a. Status update on 2018 R&E Fund Projects - *R&E Fund Administrator*
- b. 2019 R&E Fund Project Funding Decision - *Panel Co-Chairs*
- c. 2020 R&E Fund Call For Proposals (priorities, timelines, public comments)
2. Panel Communications Committee Report – *Panel Communications Committee*
3. Correspondence - *Panel Co-Chairs*
4. Other Business - *Panel Co-Chairs*
 - a. Next Meeting
 - b. Other Business

11:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Public Comment/Testimony Opportunity

Closing Remarks

Closing prayer

Public Meeting Concludes

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YUKON RIVER PANEL MEETING (CLOSED SESSION – LONGHOUSE ROOM)

1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. (*Closed Session*)

Yukon River Panel Meeting Summary

1. Review and confirm meeting action items
2. Review / assign committee tasks (as required)
3. 2019 Spring Meeting Press Release
4. Additional items for next meeting