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ACTION ITEMS AND DECISIONS

YUKON RIVER PANEL and RESTORATION AND ENHANCEMENT FUND COMMITTEE MEETINGS

December 5 to 8, 2022
Anchorage, AK

Closed Session

1. (Action) The YRP requested that 1 hour be set-aside for the Core Yukon River Panel members and Co-Chairs informal meeting (at future YRP pre and post-season meeting sessions).
2. (Action) The Traditional Knowledge Committee will provide a progress report on their activities to develop recommendation(s) on the Canadian-origin Chinook salmon escapement goal to the YRP at the April Pre-Season meeting.
(Monday, December 5 – Agenda item 5 Next Steps)
3. (Action) The YRP tasks the Joint Technical Committee to develop a recommended methodology to quantify potential adult Chinook salmon mortality between the Eagle Sonar site and spawning grounds in Canada. The Joint Technical Committee will provide a status update to the YRP at its April 2023 Pre-Season meeting.
(Tuesday, December 6 – Agenda item 3.d)
4. (Decision) The YRP accepts the project summary for CRE-47-19 ‘Tay River Chinook Salmon Access Project. 2019 & 2020’ as the (overdue) final project report. The project will be considered complete / closed once the financial report is submitted and approximately \$42K CAD in unspent funding returned to the PSC.
(Tuesday, December 6 – agenda item 5.a)
5. (Action) The PSC Secretariat will advance the YRP questions to the proponents of the following 2023 R&E Fund project proposals:
 - Proposal #2: Takhini River Chinook Salmon Sonar Project (CRE-180-23)
 - Proposal #5: Klondike River Chinook Salmon Sonar Project (CRE-16-23)
 - Proposal #6: Fishing Branch River Chum Spawning and Seasonal Dewatering Investigations (CRE-184-23N)
 - Proposal #7: Pilot Station fall season extension. (URE-165-23)
 - Proposal #8: Pilot Station and Eagle Sonar summer season extension (URE-166-23)
 - Proposal #9: Genetic Stock Identification of Chinook Salmon in Alaskan Test Fisheries, 2023 (URE-92-23)

- Proposal #11: Klondike River Chinook Stock Restoration (CRE-153-23)
Project proponents will be requested to provide responses to the YRP questions to the PSC by March 1, 2023.
(Tuesday, December 6, Agenda item 5.e)
- 6. (Decision) The YRP accepted late submission of proposal CRE-64-23 ‘Whitehorse Rapids Fishway Stewardship’ due to extenuating circumstances encountered by the applicant at the time of the R&E Fund’s 2023 Call for Proposals deadline.
(Tuesday, December 6, Agenda item 5.d)
- 7. (Action) The YRP will consider establishing a new R&E project proposal submission deadline, which accommodates as much time as possible for project proposal development, at the April 2023 Pre-Season meeting.
(Tuesday, December 6, Agenda item 5.d)
- 8. (Action) The YRP Communications Committee and Co-Chairs will undertake efforts to finalize the Communications Campaign video by the April 2023 Pre-Season meeting. Additional editing will likely require assistance from the contractor who created the video. If required, the YRP approved the Co-Chairs to work with the PSC to release additional R&E funding to complete final editing.
(Tuesday, December 6, Agenda item 5.g)
- 9. (Decision) The YRP approved the proposed initial concept of the 2023 Education Exchange program and estimated budget (\$73K USD). The Communications Committee will refine and develop the proposed program further for YRP review at the April 2023 Pre-Season meeting.
(Tuesday, December 6, Agenda item 5.h.1)
- 10. (Decision) The YRP approved an allocation of \$4K USD from the R&E fund to be provided to the Communications Committee to support Committee work and development of a communications strategy.
(Tuesday, December 6, Agenda item 5.h)
- 11. (Action) The YRP Co-Chairs will examine how best to communicate the YRP’s concerns over the declining Yukon River salmon stocks to the Alaska Board of Fisheries.
(Tuesday, December 6, Agenda item 7)
- 12. (Action) The YRP Co-Chairs will discuss scheduling a Yukon River Panel special session to continue discussion on the Canadian-origin Chinook salmon escapement goal review.
(Monday, December 5 – Agenda item 6.b/c and Tuesday, December 6 – Agenda item 7)

Public Session

1. (Action) The U.S. YRP Co-Chair will arrange for a presentation on the Alaskan peninsula salmon fisheries and relevance to Yukon River salmon stocks) at the April Pre-Season meeting.
(Wednesday, December 7, Agenda item 5)

2. (Action) The YRP Co-Chairs will discuss scheduling a Yukon River Panel special session to continue discussion on the Canadian-origin Chinook salmon escapement goal review.
(Thursday, December 8, Agenda item 4)

3. (Action) The YRP will plan to hold its 2023 pre-season meeting in Canada in early April 2023 (1 – 6 TBC). Confirmation and specific details will be identified on the Yukon River Panel’s website in advance of the meeting session.
(Thursday, December 8, Agenda item 13)