

Restoration & Enhancement Fund: 2024 Post-Season Meeting Update

January 30, 2025

Yukon River Panel: Public Session

Agenda items #19a-21c



R&E Fund: Financial Report

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- External audit for Canadian financial year 2023-24 was finalized December 11, 2024.
- No concerns were identified by the auditors.



YUKON RIVER SALMON RESTORATION AND ENHANCEMENT FUND

(Administered by Pacific Salmon Commission)

Statement of Financial Position
(Expressed in Canadian dollars)

March 31, 2024, with comparative information for 2023



	2024	2023
Assets		
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 2,029,951	\$ 1,375,178
Accounts receivable	-	170,359
Prepaid expenses	2,626	2,573
	<u>\$ 2,032,577</u>	<u>\$ 1,548,110</u>

Liabilities and Fund Balance

Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 7	\$ 57,157
Fund balance	2,032,570	1,490,953
Contractual obligations (note 3)		
	<u>\$ 2,032,577</u>	<u>\$ 1,548,110</u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

Approved on behalf of the Yukon River Panel:

John C. Linderman Co-Chair

Steve Lott Co-Chair

R&E Fund: Financial Report as of November 30, 2024

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Opening balance on April 1, 2024	\$2,032,570	CAD \$
Revenue at November 30, 2024. <i>US \$1.2M received June 2024</i>	\$1,711,208	CAD \$
Grants paid to projects between April 1 and November 30	(\$1,848,227)	CAD \$
Administration costs between April 1 and November 30	(\$110,540)	CAD \$
<u>Fund balance at November 30, 2024</u>	<u>\$1,785,011</u>	<u>CAD \$</u>



R&E Fund: Estimated Financial Position for March 31, 2025

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Remaining commitments to active R&E projects	(\$1,067,305)	CAD \$
Remaining commitments to administration (estimate)	(\$127,940)	CAD \$
Refunds pending from complete or cancelled projects	\$92,370	CAD \$
Projected balance at March 31, 2025	\$682,136	CAD \$
CAD to USD exchange rate (12-month average) = 0.73	\$497,960	USD \$
\$1.2M US Contribution for 2025	\$1,697,690	USD \$
Estimated administration costs for fiscal year 2025/26 (including TKC/CC)	(\$130,000)	USD \$
<u>Projected amount available for 2025</u>	<u>\$1,567,960</u>	<u>USD \$</u>



R&E Fund: Status of 2024 projects and other active projects as of January 21, 2025

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- Status update summary: projects supported in 2024
 - In 2024, the R&E Fund supported 23 projects, including two Communications Committee (CC) projects.
 - Two projects have been completed, and two have been cancelled, the remainder are ongoing.
- Status update summary: all ongoing projects
 - In total, 22 projects are active (19 of the projects from 2024)
 - Three projects are currently identified as overdue.





R&E Fund: ongoing projects (on schedule)

#	Project ID	Year	Project Title	Lead organization	Lead proponent	End date
1	CRE-51-24	2024	2024 Michie Creek Salmon and Habitat Monitoring Project	Kwanlin Dün First Nation Government	Brandy Mayes	13-Dec-24
2	CRE-07-24	2024	TH First Fish 2024	Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in First Nation Government	Sharon Vittrekwa	31-Dec-24
3	CRE-94-24	2024	Pelly River Chinook Salmon Sonar Program	Selkirk First Nation	Darin Isaac	30-Jan-25
4	CRE-181-24	2024	Morley River and Nisutlin River aerial surveys	Teslin Tlingit Council	Hannah Turner / Gillian Rourke	31-Jan-25
5	CRE-180-24	2024	Takhini River Chinook Salmon Sonar Project – Year 4	Kwanlin Dün First Nation Government	Brandy Mayes	31-Jan-25
6	CRE-41-24	2024	Chinook Salmon Sonar Enumeration on the Big Salmon River	Metla Environmental Inc.	Brian Mercer	15-Feb-25
7	CRE-25-24	2024	Ta'an Kwäch'än Council - Fox Creek Salmon Restoration Project	Ta'an Kwäch'än Council	Brandon Crawford	31-Mar-25
8	CRE-20-24	2024	Monitoring stream temperature in Canadian Yukon River Chinook Salmon Spawning and Migration Habitats	Council of Yukon First Nations	Marina Milligan	31-Mar-25
9	URE-93-24N	2024	Clinical indicators of fish health in Yukon Chinook; Data generation towards non-lethal and community-based approaches to disease surveillance.	Sitka Sound Science Center	Morag Clinton	31-Mar-25
10	CRE-153-24	2024	Klondike River Chinook Stock Restoration – Year 7	Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in First Nation Government	Karlie Knight	31-Mar-25



R&E Fund: ongoing projects (on schedule, continued)

#	Project ID	Year	Project Title	Lead organization	Lead proponent	End date
11	CRE-187-24N	2024	Chandindu River and Rosebud Creek Chinook and Chum salmon investigations	Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in First Nation Government	Karlie Knight	31-Mar-25
12	CRE-16-24	2024	Klondike River Chinook Sonar – Year 5	Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in First Nation Government	Karlie Knight	31-Mar-25
13	CRE-185-24N	2024	2024 Chinook Salmon Radio Telemetry	DFO, Whitehorse	Adam O'Dell	31-Mar-25
14	CC-156-24	2024	Salmon in the Schools	Rivers to Ridges	Kelly Scott	31-Mar-25
15	CRE-186-24N	2024	Nordenskiöld River, Little Salmon River, and Walsch Creek Chinook Investigations	Little Salmon Carmacks First Nation	Rebecca Freeman	31-Mar-25
16	CC-08-24N	2024	Videos Documenting Salmon Stewardship and Restoration Efforts to Foster Increased Collaboration and Cooperation	Kwanlin Dün First Nation Government	Brandy Mayes	31-Mar-25
17	URE-92-24	2024	Genetic Stock Identification of Chinook Salmon in Alaskan Test Fisheries, 2024	ADF&G, Commercial Fisheries Division	Joshua Clark	30-Jun-25
18	CC-03-24	2024	Yukon River Salmon Preseason Planning Meeting	Yukon River Drainage Fisheries Association	Serena Fitka	30-Sep-25
19	CRE-184-24	2024	Fishing Branch River Chum Spawning and Seasonal Dewatering	Vuntut Gwitchin Government	Jeremy Brammer	30-Sep-25



R&E Fund: ongoing projects (overdue)

Project ID	Year	Project Title	Lead organization	Lead proponent	End date	Reports Outstanding
CRE-16-23	2023	Klondike River Chinook Sonar – Year 4	Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in First Nation Government	Karlie Knight	31-Jan-24	Financial Statement
CRE-184-23N	2023	Fishing Branch River Chum Spawning and Seasonal Dewatering Investigations	Vuntut Gwitchin Government	Jeremy Brammer	30-Sep-24	Financial Statement
CRE-153-23	2023	Klondike River Chinook Stock Restoration – Year 6	Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in First Nation Government	Karlie Knight	30-Sep-24	Financial Statement, Project Report



R&E Fund: completed projects

Completed (since the Panel last met)

Project ID	Year	Project Title	Lead organization	Lead proponent	End date
CRE-94-23	2023	Pelly River Chinook Salmon Sonar Program	Selkirk First Nation	Tristan Newsome	31-Jan-24
CC-02-23B	2023	Salmon Know No Borders – 2023 Yukon River Exchange	Yukon Salmon Sub-Committee	Taylor Bradley	29-Feb-24
CRE-25-23	2023	Ta'an Kwäch'än Council - Fox Creek Salmon Restoration Project	Ta'an Kwäch'än Council	Brandon Crawford	31-Mar-24
URE-92-23	2023	Genetic Stock Identification of Chinook Salmon in Alaskan Test Fisheries, 2023	ADF&G	Joshua Clark	30-Jun-24
URE-166-23	2023	Pilot Station and Eagle Sonar summer season extension	ADF&G	Carl Pfisterer	30-Jun-24
URE-167-22N	2022	An Integrated Run Abundance Projection Model for Canadian-origin Yukon River Chinook Salmon	University of Alaska, Fairbanks	Curry Cunningham	31-Aug-24
CC-03-23	2023	Yukon River Preseason Meeting	Yukon River Drainage Fisheries Association	Serena Fitka	30-Sep-24
CRE-64-24	2024	Whitehorse Rapids Fishway Stewardship	Yukon Fish and Game Association	Eric Schroff	01-Oct-24
CC-02-24	2024	Salmon Know No Borders – 2024 Yukon River Exchange	Yukon River Drainage Fisheries Association and Yukon Salmon Sub-Committee	Serena Fitka and Taylor Bradley	31-Jan-25

R&E Fund: cancelled projects



Cancelled (since the Panel last met)

Project ID	Year	Project Title	Lead organization	Lead proponent	End date
Canadian Participation YRDFA 2024 Pre-Season Meetings	2024	Canadian Participation at the Yukon River Drainage Fisheries Association 2024 Pre-Season meetings on May 2 & 3	Yukon Salmon Sub-Committee	Dennis Zimmermann	31-Dec-24
CRE-172-24	2024	Morley River and Nisutlin River Chinook Stock Restoration Research	Teslin Tlingit Council	Hannah Turner	30-Sep-25

R&E Fund: 2025 Call For Proposals

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- 2025 Call for Proposals posted on the Yukon River Panel website on May 6, 2024, with deadline of November 1, 2024.
- Current and past R&E Fund applicants notified.
- Reminder posted three weeks prior to deadline.

- 1 - 2025 Yukon RE Call for Proposals
- 2 - R&E Fund Priorities Plan 2024
- 3 - FORM Project Proposal Form 2025
- 4 - FORM Detailed Budget Form 2025
- 5 - General scoring criteria
- 6 - Guidance for Sonar Proposals
- 7 - Guidance for Stock Restoration Proposals
- 8 - Guidance for Stewardship Proposals
- 9 - Communications proposal scoring criteria
- 10 - Candian-origin Yukon River Chinook Salmon Agr...



R&E Fund: 2025 Near Term Priorities

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- RESTORATION

- Identify depleted stocks or limits to production (e.g., based on information about historic levels, traditional ecological knowledge, conservation concerns, or habitat “bottlenecks”) and identify candidates for stock restoration.
- Assess the feasibility of and prepare a plan for restoring depleted stocks.
- Restore depleted stocks.(This refers only to candidate stocks for restoration for which a “restoration plan” has been developed).

- STEWARDSHIP

- Involve and educate users and non-users in communities to increase their desire to maintain and protect salmon stocks and habitat.

- CONSERVATION

- Improve in-season stock specific run assessment in Alaska and Canada through the development of program(s) addressing uncertainty of existing run assessment or new mainstream Yukon River programs.

- COMMUNICATIONS

- Conduct public outreach and education projects for people who fish on the river, youth, communities and the public to increase their desire to maintain and protect salmon stocks and habitat.

“In addition, priority consideration will be provided to project proposals that demonstrate local community involvement or local partnerships (in particular First Nations or Indigenous groups).”



R&E Fund: 2025 Project proposals submitted

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Priority type	Proposals received	\$USD requested
Conservation	17	\$1,415,725
Restoration	6	\$347,949
Stewardship	4	\$354,453
Communications	2	\$127,183
TOTAL	29	\$2,245,310*

*figures in \$USD at 0.73 exchange rate
(12-month average)



R&E Fund: Committee Reviews & Panel Questions

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Joint Technical Committee

- Review completed in December. Summary sent to PSC on January 14, 2025
- Nine projects identified for additional information or clarification.
- Three projects identified for modifications (DFO implicated).
- Technical comments and observations identified for three projects.
- Bilateral scores and overall ranking of 2025 proposals provided.



R&E Fund: Committee Reviews & Panel Questions

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Traditional Knowledge Committee

- Reviewing ten proposals (four Stewardship and six Restoration)
- New review matrix provided to Committee in December.
- Met January 25, 2025, to review

Communications Committee

- Reviewing two proposals
- Met December 12, 2024, to review.

