



**Yukon River Panel
Restoration and Enhancement Fund
Call for Project Proposals for the 2027 Project Year
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The Yukon River Panel (Panel) will review project proposals at its 2026 Post-Season meeting and, where warranted, will provide any questions or recommendations to proponents by February 2027. Projects selected for funding will be determined at the Panel's 2027 Pre-Season meeting.

Subject to available funding, the Panel anticipates that approximately \$1.2 million USD will be available to fund Yukon River restoration and enhancement projects in 2027. Private, non-profit, and public sector applicants are eligible and encouraged to apply for funding. Applicants that have received support from the Restoration and Enhancement (R&E) Fund must be in good standing to be eligible for further support¹.

The Panel uses several tools to allocate annual R&E Fund monies to achieve the Panel's R&E goals with respect to restoration, conservation, and enhancement of Canadian-origin salmon stocks, as well as the stewardship of salmon habitat and resources and maintaining viable fisheries in the Yukon River in Canada.

The [R&E Fund Priorities Plan \(2024\)](#) is essential to the funding allocation process. The Plan provides an inventory of priority activities among which the Panel can select and choose to emphasize, thereby guiding the allocation of R&E Fund monies among competing proposals. Each year, at the Pre-Season Panel meeting, the Panel develops a list of priority activities known as the "Near-Term Priorities." These priorities become the focus of the R&E Fund Call for Proposals for projects to implement the following year.

Near Term Priorities for 2027

In April of 2026, the Panel confirmed priority consideration will be given to projects that advance one or more priorities identified in the [R&E Fund Priorities Plan \(2024\)](#) **and / or** incorporate public awareness, stewardship, and / or youth engagement components. The selection of these priorities was driven by the Panel's desire to improve the effectiveness of R&E Fund resources in response to the decline of Yukon River Chinook and chum salmon stocks experienced in recent years.

¹ If a Project Proposal is received and the applicant has overdue reports associated with a previously funded project, the overdue reports require submission by March 1, 2027, for the applicant to be eligible to receive funding for projects in 2027.

Priority consideration will also be made for proposals that demonstrate local community involvement or partnerships (particularly with First Nations or Indigenous groups). Stewardship proposals from U.S. and Canadian applicants will be eligible provided the proposed programs are focused on the stewardship of Canadian-origin salmon stocks.

Noting the 7-Year Agreement of April 1, 2024, regarding Canadian-origin Yukon River Chinook Salmon for 2024 through 2030, between Fisheries and Oceans Canada and the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, projects should align with clause 6 of the agreement, that states: "...the take of Chinook for scientific research purposes shall be minimized and non-lethal sampling methods shall be used where possible." ([Document #8](#)). Where there is the potential for salmon mortalities resulting from a proposed project, applicants are required to provide the following information on: a) expected mortality rates, b) measures planned to mitigate mortality, and c) what alternative options were considered which would avoid mortality. Additionally, in alignment with clause 8 of the agreement, that states: "...the Yukon River Panel shall develop a rebuilding plan for Yukon River mainstem Chinook salmon," projects that provide insight or assist with the development of a rebuilding plan will also be given priority consideration.

Application Process

The Panel issues an annual Call for Project Proposals to invite proponents to submit proposals to the R&E Fund. All project proposals undergo in-depth technical assessments as well as being evaluated for their relevance and significance to the [Yukon River Salmon Agreement](#); the priorities outlined in the [R&E Fund Priorities Plan \(2024\)](#), and the current 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.

IMPORTANT NOTE:

The application process requires that proponents identify the **single** category that best describes the main intent of a project proposal. Proponents should consider the category carefully. The project proposal will be evaluated by the Panel and the Joint Technical Committee against the associated "Goals" identified in the [R&E Fund Priorities Plan \(2024\)](#). Additionally, the Communications Committee will review 'Communications' proposals, and the Traditional Knowledge Committee will review 'Restoration' and 'Stewardship' proposals.

Evaluation Criteria and Guidelines:

All project proposals will be evaluated using the [General Proposal Scoring Criteria](#) (**Document #3**)

Conservation – for Sonar Projects the [Guidance for Sonar Proposals](#) (**Document #4**)

Restoration - the [Guidance for Stock Restoration Proposals](#) (**Document #5**)

Stewardship - the [Guidance for Stewardship Proposals](#) (**Document #6**)

Communications – The [Communications Proposal Scoring Criteria](#) (**Document #7**)

Enhancement - the [General Project Proposal Scoring Criteria](#) (**Document #3**)

Viable Fisheries in Canada - the [General Project Proposal Scoring Criteria](#) (**Document #3**)

Project proposals which do not align with [R&E Fund Priorities Plan \(2024\)](#) Category “Goals”, are not structured to demonstrate alignment with the **Scoring Criteria**, or do not follow the applicable **Guidance** will likely receive a low score and/or may not be selected for funding.

The review of all Project Proposals by the Panel will begin at the 2026 Post-Season meeting. Any Panel questions or recommendations regarding Project Proposals will be provided to project proponents following this meeting. Members of the public will also be provided with an opportunity to comment on proposals. The Panel will make its final funding decisions at its 2027 Pre-Season meeting.

Timelines and Deadlines

Completed applications (including proposals and budget forms) must be submitted by **11:59 p.m. PT on Monday, November 2, 2026**.

Application forms are available and to be submitted through the grantee portal [submission form](#).

Contact Information

More information may be accessed [online](#). Questions, application assistance, or points of clarification should be directed to the Grant Program Manager, Ms. Sascha Bendt and Program Assistant, Mr. Victor Keong via email at funds@psc.org or phone at (604) 684-8081.