

**Yukon River Panel
Restoration & Enhancement Fund**

**Call for Project Concepts for
the 2013 Project Year**

The Yukon River Panel anticipates that approximately U.S. \$1.2 million may be available to fund currently on-going, multi-year project commitments and new projects in 2013.

The 2013 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. 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 Concepts to elicit proposals for projects that will address them. It is not likely that any funding will be available for projects that address purposes outside the near-term priorities identified in this Call. Proponents of such projects are cautioned to carefully weigh their costs of proposal preparation against the stiff competition they will face.

Application Process

The Yukon River Panel uses a two-stage submission and review process. The initial review stage is designed primarily to evaluate the proposal's relevance and significance to the Yukon River Salmon Agreement, and the priorities outlined in the 2007 Budget Priorities Framework and this Call for Project Concepts. As such, project proponents should focus on providing a clear description of project objectives and benefits in this first round concept stage, rather than on the development of detailed project implementation and budget information. That information will need to be provided in greater detail later, but only for those Project Concepts selected for second stage review.

Both private and public sector applicants are eligible and encouraged to apply. The two-page “Project Concept” form that accompanies this Call for Project Concepts is the format that must be used by all proponents. The use of this format allows the Yukon River Panel to conduct its first-round 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 on Sunday, October 14th, 2012** at the following e-mail address: yukonfund@psc.org

The first-round review of all Project Concepts by the Yukon River Panel will take place in mid-December, 2012. Those proponents whose Project Concepts appear to best match the stated objectives of this Call will be invited to prepare a more detailed proposal for submittal to stage two of the process. Projects approved to move to the second stage will have until January 27th, 2013 to submit final, detailed applications on a form that will be provided. The detailed applications will be subject to an in-depth technical review. The Yukon River Panel will make its final funding decisions in March, 2013.

Deadlines

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Contact Information

More information and “Project Concept” 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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