

**Yukon River Salmon Agreement**  
**Annex IV, Chapter 8 of the Pacific Salmon Treaty**  
**(Attachment C)**

**Restoration and Enhancement Fund**

1. The Parties hereby establish the Yukon River Salmon Restoration and Enhancement Fund, hereinafter referred to as “the Fund”, to be managed by the Yukon River Panel, which shall be used for the following purposes:

- a) programs, projects and associated research and management activities on either side of the Alaska-Yukon border directed at the restoration, conservation and enhancement of Canadian origin salmon stocks;
- b) programs and projects that are directed at developing stewardship of salmon habitat and resources and maintaining viable salmon fisheries in the Yukon River in Canada.

2. Programs, projects and activities shall be funded based on the Principles and Guidelines set out in Appendix 1 hereto.

3. Subject to the availability of appropriated funds, the United States shall, beginning in U.S. fiscal year 2002, make an annual financial contribution to the Fund, in the amount set out in Appendix 2 hereto. The United States will endeavour to make the contribution in the first quarter of each U.S. fiscal year.

4. If in any year the United States does not make an annual contribution as required in paragraph 3, this Chapter is suspended until the United States makes such contribution for that year.

5. The cost of administering the Fund shall be drawn from the Fund.

6. The Fund shall be open for additional financial contributions from any source.

7. Monies from the Fund shall be disbursed by the Yukon River Panel according to the following rules:

- a) with regard to paragraphs 1 (a) and (b), the percentage in Appendix 2 hereto of annual available funds shall be disbursed on Canadian programs and projects approved by the Canadian section of the Yukon River Panel based on recommendations by the Canadian section of the JTC and found by the Yukon River Panel as a whole to be consistent with the Principles and Guidelines set out in

Appendix 1 hereto; and

b) the balance of annual available funds shall be disbursed at the direction of the Yukon River Panel as a whole based on recommendations by the JTC as a whole.

8. Monies disbursed from the Fund shall be accounted for as directed by the Yukon River Panel.

## **Appendix 1: Principles and Guidelines for Restoration, Conservation and Enhancement Programs and Projects**

### **Principles**

1. Restoration, conservation and enhancement programs and projects shall be consistent with the protection of existing wild salmon stocks and the habitats upon which they depend.
2. Given the wild nature of the Yukon River and its salmon stocks, and the substantial risks associated with large-scale enhancement through artificial propagation, such enhancement activities are inappropriate at this time.
3. Artificial propagation shall not be used as a substitute for effective fishery regulation, stock and habitat management or protection.

### **Guidelines**

4. The priorities for implementing programs and projects using monies disbursed from the Fund shall be in this order with regard to Attachment C, paragraph 1 a):
  - a) restoring habitat and wild stocks;
  - b) conserving habitat and wild stocks;
  - c) enhancing habitat; and
  - d) enhancing wild stocks.
5. Programs and projects using monies disbursed from the Fund with regard to Attachment C, paragraph 1 b) shall be limited to:

- a ) encouraging habitat stewardship, conservation and reclamation in activities and industries that impact salmon and their habitats; and
- b) maintaining viable salmon fisheries in the Yukon River in Canada, thus establishing incentives for the conservation and stewardship of salmon and their habitats. Funding for commercial salmon fishing and processing shall be limited to the development of infrastructure, capital equipment expenditures and, in years when no commercial processing occurs, the maintenance of processing infrastructure.
6. Programs and projects shall be evaluated by the Yukon River Panel based on a Yukon River basin wide stock rebuilding and restoration plan to be developed and updated periodically by the Panel. As an integral part of restoration, habitat conservation, and enhancement planning the Panel shall undertake careful assessment and inventory of wild stocks, their health, habitat, and life history.
7. The Yukon River Panel shall apply the most stringent of the fish genetics and fish disease policies of the management entity of either Party to restoration or enhancement programs and projects.
8. Following JTC evaluation of proposed programs and projects, each Party shall provide an opportunity for public comment and review of the proposed programs and projects, along with the JTC evaluation.
9. The Yukon River Panel shall decide which programs and projects to fund, based on these guidelines, the JTC evaluation and any public comments received.

## **Appendix 2: U.S. Contributions**

1. Subject to the availability of appropriated funds, beginning in U.S. fiscal year 2002, the United States shall contribute 1.2 million USD annually to the Fund until this Appendix is amended by the Parties.
2. The percentage of annually available funds to be made available for projects referred to in paragraph 7 a) of Attachment C shall be 50% until this Appendix is amended by the Parties.