



**YUKON RIVER PANEL
and
RESTORATION AND ENHANCEMENT FUND COMMITTEE MEETINGS
April 1 – 5, 2017**

Kwanlin Dun Cultural Centre - Whitehorse, Yukon

NOTE: This agenda is subject to change throughout the course of the meeting. This Agenda is provided to give a general idea to the public of the Panel's anticipated schedule. The Panel will attempt to hold to this schedule; however, the Panel is not constrained by this Agenda. Opportunities for public testimony will be announced at the beginning of the meeting. The Panel meeting is open to the public. **The Restoration and Enhancement Fund Committee meeting and the U.S. and Canada Section meetings are closed to the public.**

Saturday April 1

9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. (Closed Session)

U.S. Section delegation meeting (Kwanlin Dun Centre Artist Studio)

Sunday, April 2

9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. (Closed Session)

U.S. Section delegation meeting (Kwanlin Dun Centre Artist Studio)

Canadian Section delegation meeting (Fisheries and Oceans Canada)

Monday, April 3

8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. (Closed Session) – Kwanlin Dun Centre Artist Studio

Core Yukon River Panel members and Co-Chairs informal meeting

YUKON PANEL MEETING (CLOSED SESSION)

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. (Closed Session) – Kwanlin Dun Centre Longhouse

1. Introduction and Welcoming Remarks – *Panel Co-Chairs*
2. Review of action items from December 2016 Yukon River Panel Meeting

Monday, April 3 (Cont.)

YUKON PANEL MEETING (CLOSED SESSION)

3. Review and approval of December 2016 Panel Meeting Minutes
4. Administrative Matters
 - a. Yukon River Panel website update – *PSC Secretariat*
 - b. Phase 2 – Updating website content
 - c. Financial summary and outlook for 2017 – *PSC Secretariat*
5. Yukon River Panel Communications Committee
 - a. Communications project proposal review criteria (for discussion)
 - b. Yukon River Panel education exchange
 - c. Other items (from December 2016)

12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. (*Lunch*)

1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. (*Closed Session*)

RESTORATION & ENHANCEMENT FUND COMMITTEE MEETING (CLOSED SESSION)

6. 2017 Restoration & Enhancement Fund Proposal Review and Approval
 - a. Confirmation of Restoration and Enhancement funding available for 2017 – *R&E Fund Administrator*
 - i. Annual allocation (\$1.2 million)
 - ii. Residual Restoration and Enhancement funds (~\$250K year 2 of 3)
 - b. Review of Restoration and Enhancement project proposal proponent responses to Panel Questions and JTC review / recommendations – *R&E Fund Administrator*
 - c. Presentation of public comments received – *R&E Fund Administrator*
 - d. Review and selection of 2017 Restoration & Enhancement Fund proposals
 - i. Presentation of project proposals approved by the Canadian Section (50% lists) – *CDN Restoration & Enhancement Sub-Committee M. Crowe*
 - ii. Bilateral selection of remaining project proposals – *R&E Fund Administrator*
 - e. Panel confirmation of project proposals approved for funding in 2017 – *Panel Co-Chairs*
7. 2018 Restoration and Enhancement Fund call for proposals – *R&E Fund Administrator*
 - a. Panel approval of:
 - i. 2018 Near-term priorities
 - ii. 2018 Call for proposals
 1. Proposed Joint Technical Committee R&E project review technical guidelines
 - iii. 2018 Invitation for public comments
8. Restoration and Enhancement Fund one-stage process description – *R&E Fund Administrator*
9. Restoration and Enhancement Fund Budget Priorities Framework (2006) – *Panel Discussion*

Tuesday April 4

YUKON PANEL MEETING (PUBLIC SESSION)

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. (*Public Session*) – Kwanlin Dun Centre Longhouse

[Sign up for Tuesday a.m. Public Comment/Testimony by 11:00 a.m.]

1. Opening Prayer
2. Welcoming Remarks and Introductions – *Panel Co-Chairs*
3. Review and Approval of December 2016 Meeting Minutes – *Panel Co-Chairs*
4. Joint Technical Committee meeting update and report to Panel – *JTC Co-chairs Jan Conitz / Nathan Millar*
5. 2016 Summary of total abundance, harvest and spawning escapement analysis – *JTC*
 - i. Mainstem Yukon River Chinook Salmon
 - ii. Mainstem Yukon River Chum Salmon
 - iii. Porcupine (Fishing Branch) Chum Salmon
6. JTC Recommendations for 2017 Yukon River Salmon Interim Management Escapement Goals – *JTC Co-chairs Jan Conitz / Nathan Millar*
 - a. Panel Discussion and Recommendations
7. 2017 Yukon River Salmon Outlooks and Preliminary Management Strategies
 - a. Chinook Salmon (Mainstem Yukon River)
 - i. Outlook – *Fred West and Joel Harding*
 - ii. Proposed Management Strategies
 1. U.S. - *Holly Carroll*
 2. Canada - *Mary Ellen Jarvis*
 - iii. Panel discussion and Management Recommendations

12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. (Lunch)

1:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. (*Public Session*)

[Sign up for Tuesday p.m. Public Comment/Testimony by 4:00 p.m.]

- b. Fall Chum Salmon (Mainstem Yukon River)
 - i. Outlook – *Jeff Estensen and Joel Harding*
 - ii. Proposed Management Strategies
 1. U.S. – *Jeff Estensen*
 2. Canada – *Mary Ellen Jarvis*
 - iii. Panel discussion and Management Recommendations
- c. Fall Chum Salmon (Porcupine River / Fishing Branch)
 - i. Outlook – *Jeff Estensen and Joel Harding*
 - ii. Proposed Management Strategies
 - a. U.S. – *Jeff Estensen*
 - b. Canada – *Mary Ellen Jarvis*
 - iii. Panel discussion and Management Recommendations

4:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Public Comment/Testimony Opportunity

Yukon River Panel – Public Reception – Westmark Hotel (6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.)

Wednesday April 5

YUKON PANEL MEETING (PUBLIC SESSION)

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. (*Public Session*) – Kwanlin Dun Centre Longhouse

[*Sign up for Wednesday a.m. Public Comment/Testimony by 11:00 a.m.*]

1. Upper Yukon Community-Based Salmon Management, Selkirk First Nation – *Eugene Alfred, Selkirk First Nation*
2. Yukon River Salmon Genetic Stock Identification Analysis – Comparison of Microsatellites vs Single-Nucleotide Polymorphism (SNP) Markers – *T. Beacham, DFO*
3. R&E Project Presentation (Yukon River Chinook Salmon Subsistence Harvest Genetic Stock Identification URE-03-16) – *Holly Carroll, ADF&G*
4. Beaver and Salmon Interactions – Considerations for Salmon Habitat – *Al von Finster*
5. R&E Project Presentation (Deadman Creek Chinook Salmon Restoration Pilot Project CRE-18-16) – *Gillian Rourke, Teslin Tlingit Council*

11:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Public Comment/Testimony Opportunity

12:00 p.m. – 1:30 pm (Lunch)

1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. (*Session Open to Public*)

[*Sign up for Wednesday a.m. Public Comment/Testimony by 2:30 p.m.*]

6. Yukon River Restoration & Enhancement Program
 - a. Status update on 2016 Restoration & Enhancement Projects - *R&E Fund Administrator*
 - b. 2017 Restoration & Enhancement Project Funding Decision - *Panel Co-Chairs*
 - c. 2018 Call for R&E Project Proposals (priorities, timelines, public comments) - *Panel Co-Chairs*
7. Panel Communications Committee Report – *Panel Communications Committee*
8. Correspondence - *Panel Co-Chairs*
9. Miscellaneous Business - *Panel Co-Chairs*
 - a. Next Meeting
 - b. Other Business

2:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Public Comment/Testimony Opportunity

Closing Remarks

Closing prayer

Public Meeting Adjourns 3:00 p.m.

Wednesday April 5 (Continued)

YUKON RIVER PANEL MEETING (CLOSED SESSION)

3:15 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. (*Closed Session*)

Yukon River Panel Meeting Summary

1. Review and confirm meeting action items
2. Review / assign committee tasks (as required)
3. 2017 Spring Meeting Press Release
4. Next meeting