



# UPPER YUKON RIVER CHINOOK SALMON STOCK RESTORATION PLAN

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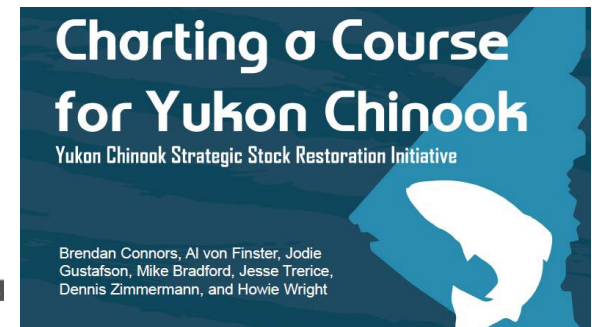
# Task: To develop a guide for upper Yukon River (Canadian-origin) Chinook salmon stock restoration projects.

## Objectives

- Supports broader stock restoration planning / plans
- Provide guidance to inform development and implementation of stock restoration projects
- Complements 2017 Yukon Chinook Strategic Stock Restoration Initiative.



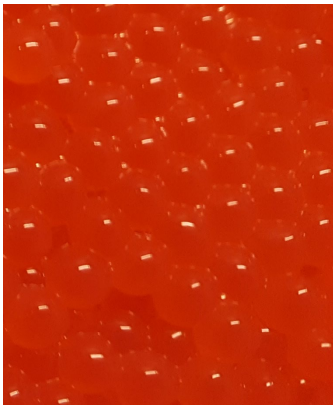
**YUKON RIVER**  
**CHINOOK SALMON**  
**STOCK RESTORATION**



# Guide for Upper Yukon River Chinook Salmon Stock Restoration Projects

## Outline

- Initiatives and activities to date
- What is Stock Restoration?
- Purpose and scope of the Guide
- Process / timeline



# 2014 Initiatives



Chinook Salmon  
Restoration  
Workshop  
(YSSC-DFO)  
October

Community  
Meetings  
(YSSC)  
November



# 2015 Initiatives

Yukon River Panel  
Special Session on  
Stock Restoration

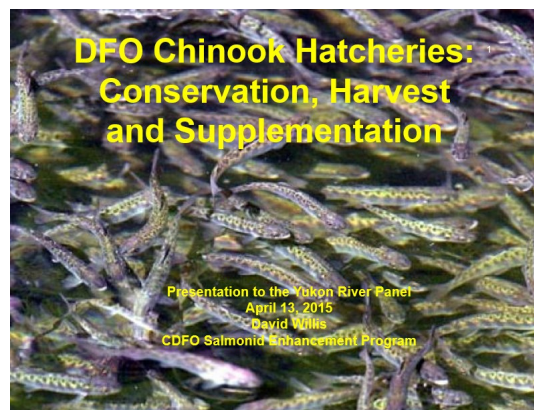
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Yukon Chinook  
Strategic Stock  
Restoration Technical  
Team Initiative

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YSSC Technical  
Team  
Community  
Workshop

November



Yukon Salmon Sub-Committee Stock  
Restoration Technical Team Workshop

Whitehorse, Nov 24-25, 2015



# 2016 Initiatives

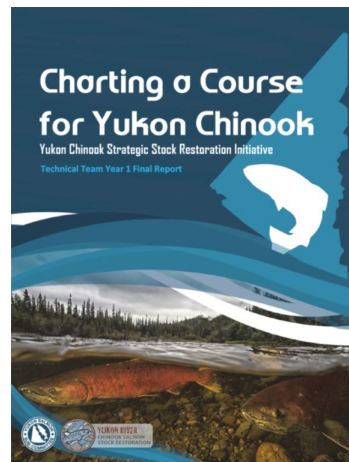
DFO Community  
Restoration  
Workshop  
March

Tech Team Final  
Report  
“Charting a Course  
for Yukon Chinook”  
April

Restoration Updates  
to the Panel  
April, November

## RESTORATION WORKSHOP SUMMARY

CANADIAN-ORIGIN YUKON RIVER SALMON  
MARCH 8 & 9, 2016 , Whitehorse




## Canadian Yukon River Salmon Stock Restoration Framework

Update Presented to International Yukon River Panel  
December 2016 – Anchorage Alaska



# 2017-2018 Initiatives



2017 Call for Proposals  
Guidance for  
Restoration Projects  
(YRP)

2018 Call for Proposals  
Guidance for  
Restoration Projects  
(YRP)

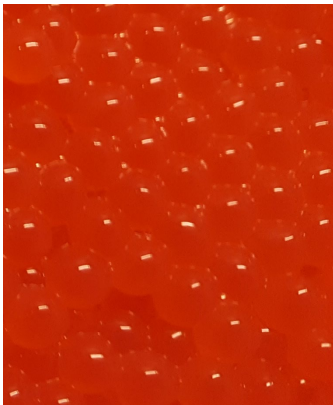
## **Yukon River Panel's Restoration and Enhancement Fund**

### ***Guidance for Stock Restoration Proposals***

The intent of this document is to assist proponents in the creation of stock restoration proposals and to assist the Yukon River Panel's Joint Technical Committee's reviewers in the evaluation of stock restoration projects or concepts.

# For 2019+

Though consultation and engagement, develop and finalize  
“Guide for Stock Restoration Projects”





# What Does Stock Restoration Involve?



*“Returning Canadian-origin Chinook salmon stocks to natural production levels through increased spawning escapements.”*

*“Promoting recovery of Chinook salmon to maintain and re-establish cultural connections to salmon consistent with community values and involvement.”*

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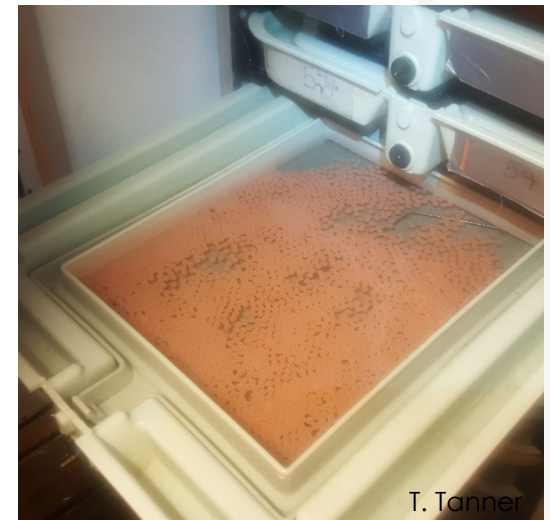
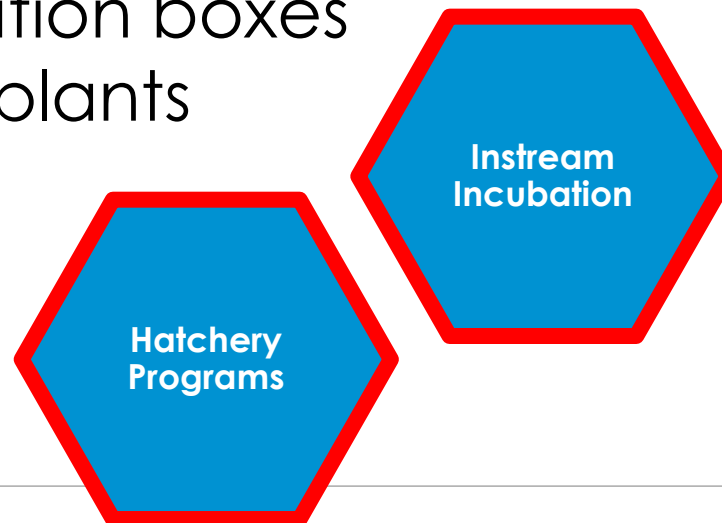
To provide guidance that informs Stock Restoration projects that are **considering artificial incubation** of Chinook salmon as an approach to restoration.

Artificial Incubation Examples:

Small hatcheries

Incubation boxes

Fry outplants



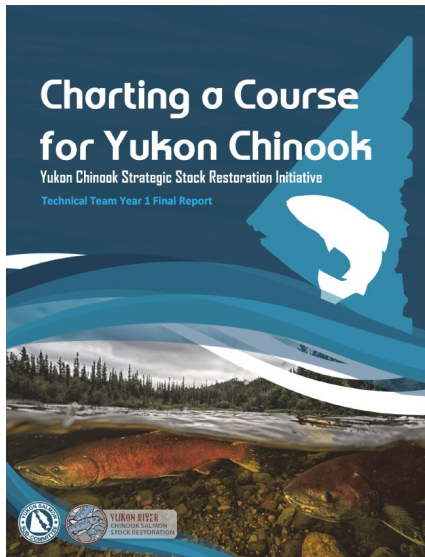
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To assist with exploring and planning stock restoration project interests by:

1. Providing information / resource summary
2. Conveying guidance on regulatory and/or policy considerations and timelines
3. Identifying tools for selecting and evaluating strategies
4. Provide a framework for data collection, storage and sharing

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1. Provide a source of information and references for artificial incubation stock restoration projects.

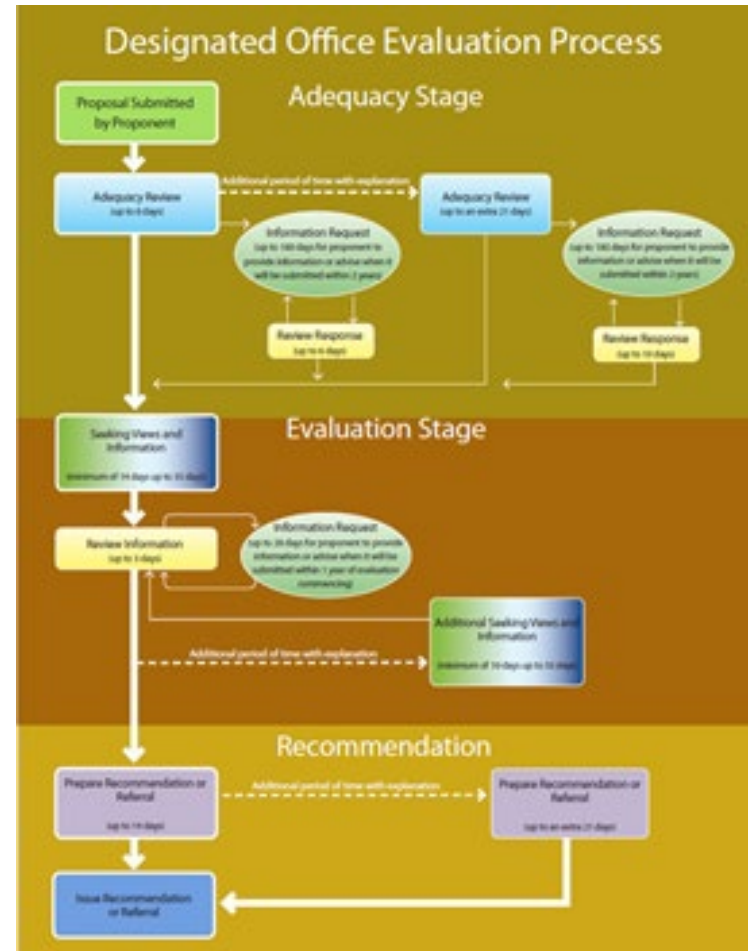


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2. Provide guidance on regulatory and policy requirements as well as timelines.

Examples:

- Environmental Assessment
- Licenses and Permits
- Consultation and review





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## 3. Identifying tools for selecting and evaluating strategies.

Defining measurable objectives

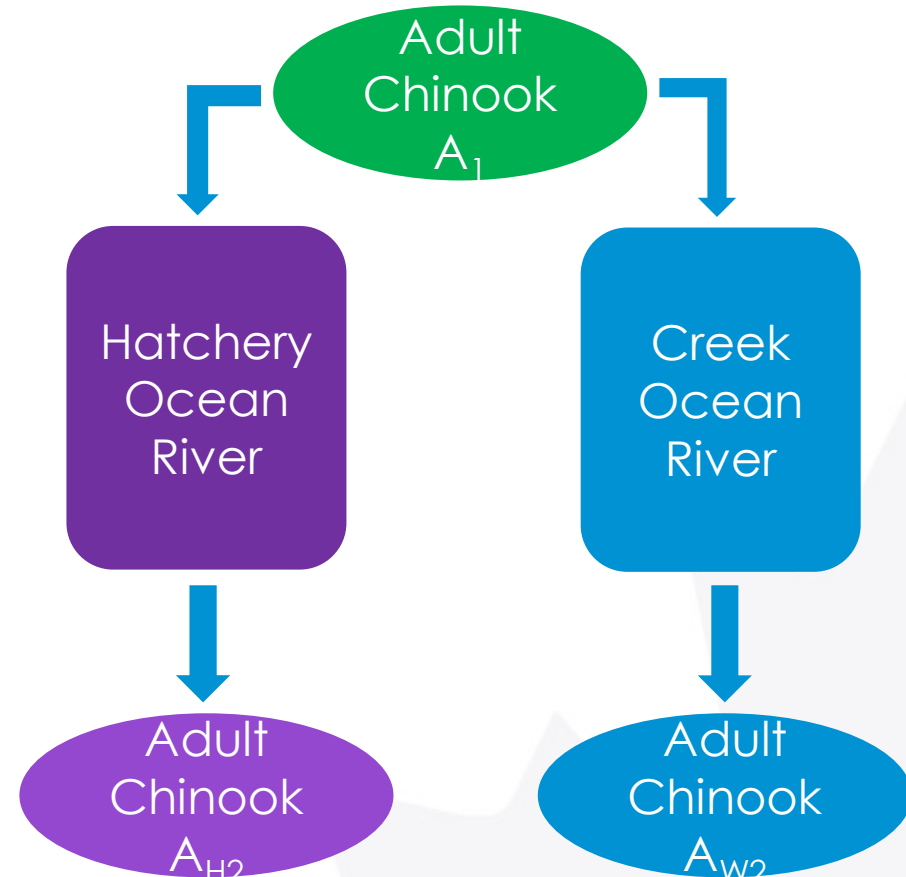
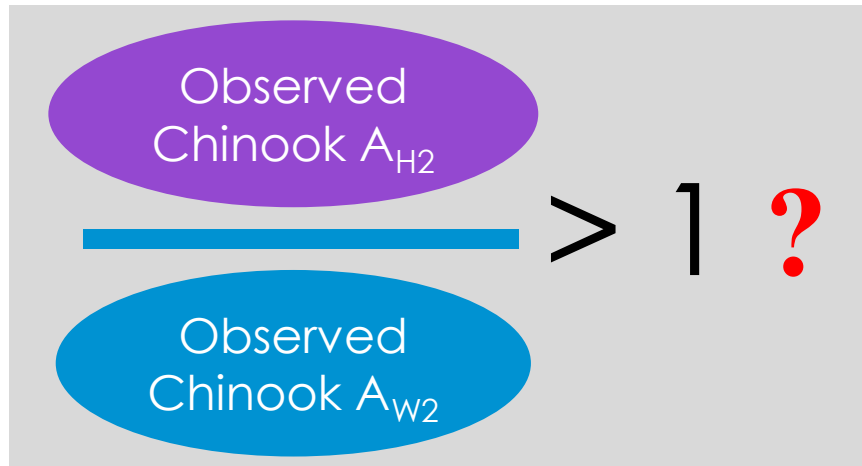
- Stating assumptions
- Specifying indicators

Monitoring indicators

- Evaluating project results against objectives
- Revising assumptions
- Evaluating and revising Strategies

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## 3. Tools for selecting and evaluating strategies (example)

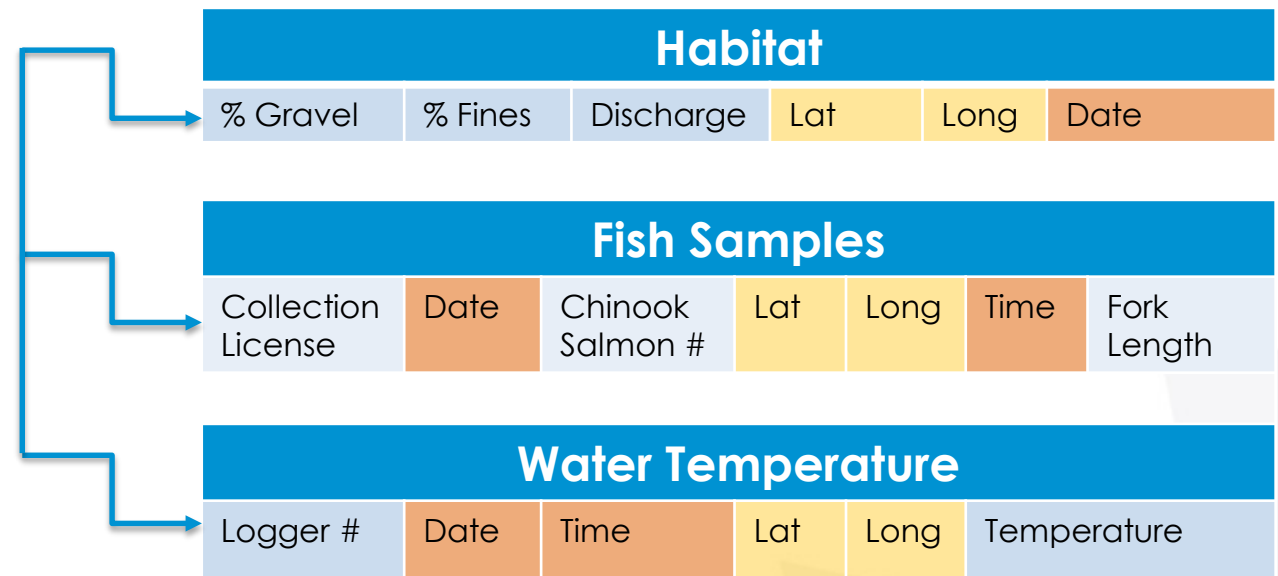


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4. Provide a framework for data collection, storage and sharing



- Opportunity to collect and share information on from individual projects

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## Next Steps

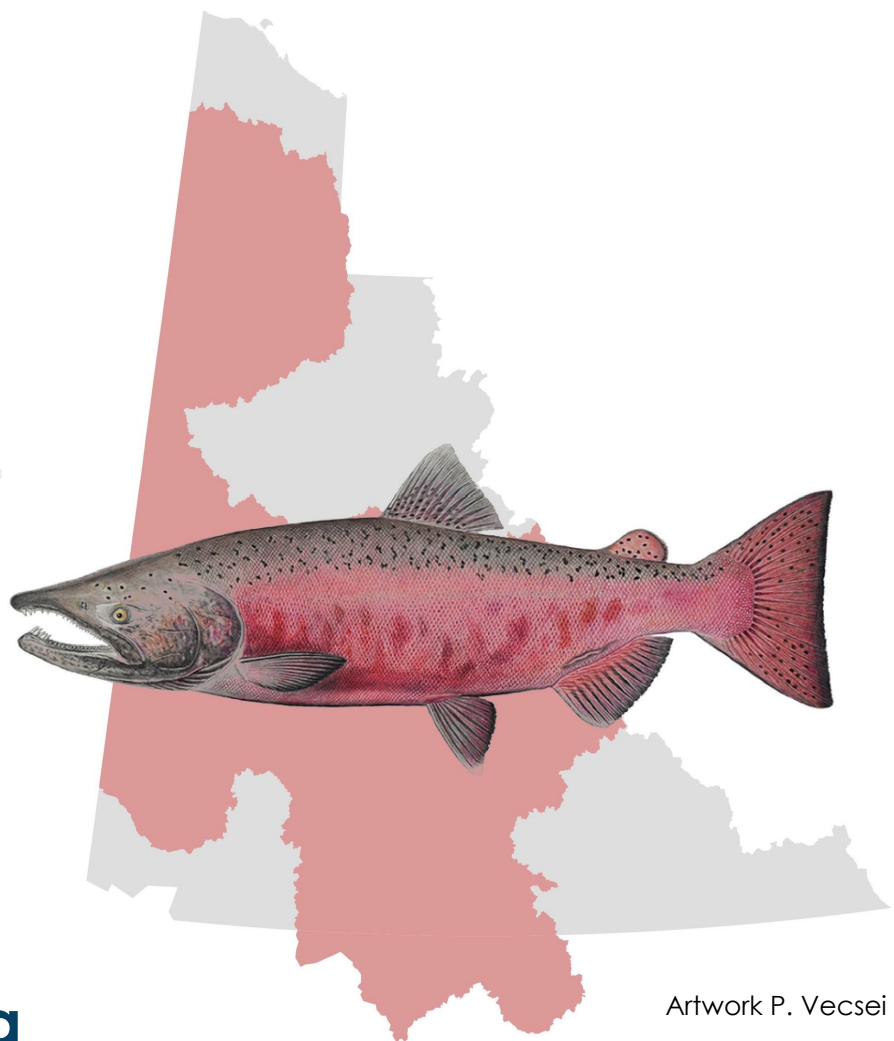
- Development of draft guide through consultation and engagement.
- Ensuring that all regulatory, policy, procedural and environmental assessment considerations are incorporated into the guide.
- Completion – Target late 2019 or 2020.





# Questions?

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