



Proposed Yukon AAROM Program

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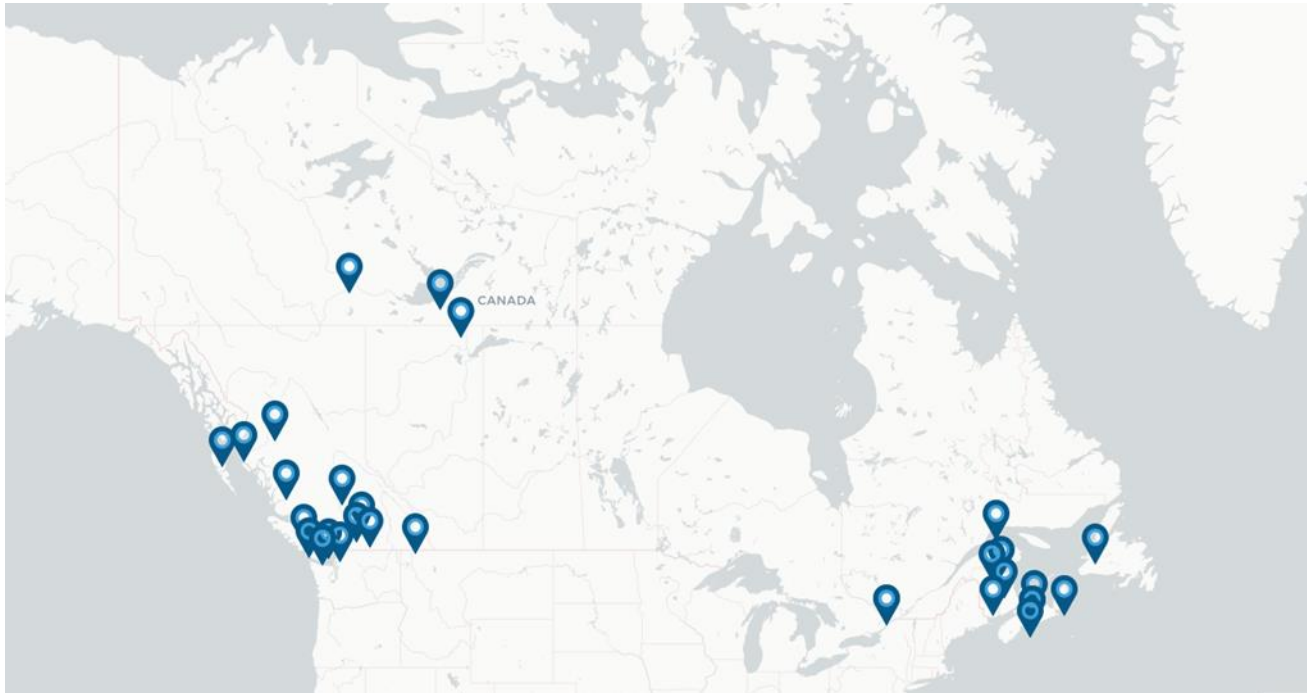




Overview of AAROM Program

AAROM, was established in 2004 by DFO to support Indigenous groups develop, grow, and maintain aquatic resource and oceans management departments.

The proposed Yukon AAROM department would join a network of 31 organizations across Canada.



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Overview of AAROM Program

AAROM network includes:

- 15 in British Columbia;
- 11 in Atlantic Canada/southern Quebec;
- 3 in the Northwest Territories;
- 2 national organizations.

Check out the new website!

- <https://pagrao.ca/map-of-aarom-departments/?lang=en>



AAROM Program Objectives

- Assist Indigenous groups in acquiring the administrative capacity and scientific/technical expertise to facilitate their participation in aquatic resource and oceans management
- Encourage the establishment of collaborative management structures that contribute to integrated ecosystem/watershed management and planning processes
- Enhance existing collaborative management structures, where appropriate
- Facilitate sound decision making in advisory and other processes related to several areas of Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) responsibility
- Strengthen relationships through improved information sharing among Indigenous communities, the department and other stakeholders
- Contribute to the federal government's broader objective of improving the quality of life of Indigenous peoples



Indigenous Program Review

PHASE ONE FINAL REPORT

**Atlantic Integrated Commercial Fisheries Initiative
Pacific Integrated Commercial Fisheries Initiative
Aboriginal Aquatic Resource and
Oceans Management Program**

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AAROM Program Renewal Includes:

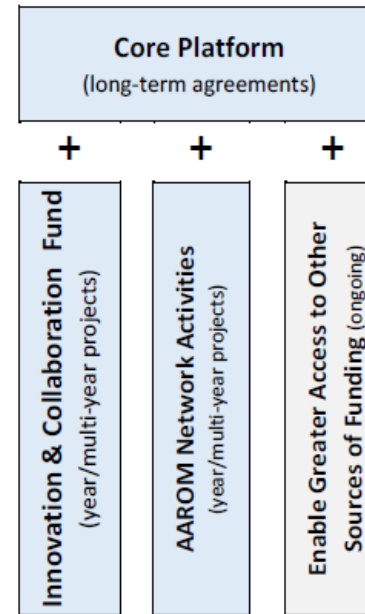
- Developing new AAROM departments in locations to cover gaps in AAROM network coverage (including Yukon).
- 2017 budget increase of funding over 5 years, from \$13.1M/year to \$19.9M/year (up \$6.8M) in 2020-21 and ongoing.
- Co-design and co-delivery of a transparent, equitable, and nationally-consistent approach to funding and administration.
- A multi-year new entrants process that supports planning, organizing, and development, leading to full AAROM operations.



Strategic AAROM Approach

Four main objectives:

1. Develop and maintain robust AAROM departments (core platform/capacity)
2. Fund innovative and collaborative projects (funded by AAROM)
3. Support a strong network of AAROM departments (including sharing and developing capacity as well as growing co-development, co-design, co-delivery capacity)
4. Promote access to other funding





What is typically covered in core funding?

Funding for core “departmental” capacity and operations.

Staffing may include an executive director or manager, a policy advisor and/or technical/scientific staff member, and an administrator.

Movement to 5-year funding agreements (not including project activities).

Average Watershed AAROM Expenditures by Cost Category		
Cost Category	Average % of AAROM Agreement (FY 17-18)	Expected Amount in a \$415,000 Contribution Agreement
Salaries and Wages	62%	\$257,300
Travel	10%	\$41,500
Professional Services	9%	\$37,350
Administration	5%	\$20,750
Rent	5%	\$20,750
Communications, GOE, Training	2% each	\$8,300 each
Audit, Insurance	1% each	\$4,150 each
Total		\$415,000



Yukon New Entrant Process

Multistep and multiyear process:

1. Expression of Interest (EOI) (completed in 2019)

CYFN awarded \$120K to develop a five-year strategic plan for a proposed Yukon AAROM department.

2. Capacity Development and Planning (currently)

The strategic plan is driven and developed by Yukon First Nations to include:

- Defining and prioritizing the service needs in communities and watersheds (including links to other programs).
- Developing organizational plans (e.g., staffing, governance, facilities, incorporation, etc.).
- Community member dialogue and reaching agreement on the Yukon AAROM strategic plan.



Yukon New Entrant Process

3. Strategic Plan Submission and Review (March 2021)

Ratified by Yukon First Nations, submitted for review and approval by a review committee of DFO officials and Indigenous experts.

4. Become an AAROM Department

Once approved begin implementing strategic plan as a new AAROM department. This will likely require a ramp up of capacity and funding over time.



Overview of Yukon AAROM

Opportunity to find the collective voice of Yukon First Nations Governments in supporting Yukon salmon in a manner that reflects agreements, values and priorities.

Collaboratively designed and driven by Yukon's First Nations in partnership with the Department of Fisheries and Oceans Canada and other Yukon salmon related partners.



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