

## 2008 Final Report Template

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## Project Information

### Project Title

**Xeni Gwet'in Chilko Roundtable Watershed Plan**

### Project Location

**Xeni Gwet'in Caretaker Area**

<b>Amount Requested</b>	<b>\$45,000</b>	<b>Total Project Value</b>	<b>\$70,160</b>	<b>Non-FSWP funds<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>\$25,160</b>
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<sup>2</sup> Non-FSWP funds include both cash and in-kind funding. In-kind funding refers to all non-cash contributions such as equipment, supplies, labour, etc. Please refer to Budget Section for further details.

## Project Summary

Please provide a single paragraph describing your project, its objective, and the results. As this summary will be used in program communications, clearly state the issue addressed and avoid overly technical descriptions. Do not use more than 300 words.

The Xeni Gwet'in 2008/09 FSWP proposal built on past research and the key goal of this project was to assist Xeni Gwet'in in completing a Watershed Plan for outlining community priorities and establishing a priorities framework to ensure fish sustaining practices within the Chilko Watershed which will support Xeni Gwet'in's Eco-system Based Plan over the Caretaker area.

Working with community members, representatives from government including DFO, MoE (last meeting), Integrated Land Management Bureau and Ministry of Tourism participated in developing a watershed plan which provides an overview outlining implementation and monitoring plans for a Watershed-based Fish Sustainability Planning Procedure.

With a planning structure in place we hope to follow through with our planning in 2009-2010. During our final meeting in February 2009, all participants including the MoE representative stated they felt the dialogue was meaningful and productive and would continue to meet with us.

**OPTIONAL** If your project lends itself to sparking interest through a compelling sound bite (for potential use in FSWP media communications), please tell us what that sound bite would be. Do not use more than 150 words.

### Species and life stage(s) the project targets: please list

**Sockeye salmon**  
**Chinook salmon**  
**Coho salmon**  
**Bull Trout**  
**Kokanee**  
**Rainbow Trout**  
**(all life stages for all species above)**

Watershed(s) the project targets: please list

Community members were from the two major watersheds (Chilko and Taseko Rivers) falling within the Xení Gwet'in Caretaker Area were involved in the project.

## Project Deliverables and Results

- Paste in the deliverables outlined in your Detailed Proposal (question #3 under project 'relevance and significance' heading) into the table below. Then, please list the results associated with each deliverable.
- Please include copies of any relevant communications products (brochures, posters, videos, website addresses etc.) resulting from this project.

Deliverable	Result
<b>Deliverable #1 – Develop a management structure and project management plan</b>	The Xení Chilko River Watershed Roundtable (XCRWR) was established with an organizational structure and watershed management plans were discussed with recommendations provided for future watershed research, monitoring and implementation for enhancement
<b>Deliverable #2 – Design project scope, design information gathering and community consultation process</b>	The XCRWR met on a regular basis and provided guidance to government agencies and consultants on information needs. This information was in turn presented at future meetings. The community consultation occurs within the dialogue of the Roundtable meetings.
<b>Deliverable #3 – Prepare an overview document outlining implementation and monitoring plans for a Watershed-based Fish Sustainability Planning Procedure</b>	An overview document titled "The 2008-2009 Xení Gwet'in Chilko Roundtable Watershed Based Fish Sustainability Plan An Overview" has been prepared to summarize the Roundtable's meetings and provide recommendations for its Watershed Plan  Project funding has been applied for in 2009-2010 to continue these important meetings which allows the community to bridge the divide amongst government entities for meaningful dialogue to reach important community solutions.

## Project Effectiveness

Please evaluate the effectiveness of the project, using the objective standards, quantifiable criteria and/or quality control measures identified in your Detailed Proposal (under question #1 in the 'performance expectations' heading).

We achieved our goals as follows:

- Broad and inclusive participation in information collection and discussion
- Quality data collection for a comprehensive watershed profile description
- The clarity of the identified goal or direction for the WFSP and union amongst the participants to that process and its results
- Capacity of plan developed

What are the top three lessons learned from this project that would be important to communicate to others doing similar work throughout the Basin?

1. **Community based initiatives create opportunities for community-based learning and raises public awareness regarding fish habitat and enhancement opportunities**
2. **FSWP is a great opportunity for capacity building at community level/watershed level**
3. **Finding the right technical expertise to share and transfer knowledge in the community and with trainees**
4. **Having both biologist and facilitator to assist group with planning is an effective use of everyone's time**

## Project Effectiveness

Please describe how your project has addressed each Priority Activity identified in your Detailed Proposal.

Priority Activity <sup>1</sup>	How the Priority Activity has been Addressed
a) emphasizes collaboration with First Nations	Xeni Gwet'in First Nations Government is the lead and project outcomes/reports are shared with Tribal Council and other interested Nations (1 of 3) in the area.
b) involves community members	Protocol agreements are in place with local non-First Nation community groups: Chilko Resorts & Community Association and Friends of Nemaiah Valley.  Community members were invited to participate and updated in community meetings.
c) coordinates and integrates with other organizations and/or activities	This project was an opportunity to engage with government agencies in the region and province and other organizations and/or activities.
d) is innovative / creative	This is an innovative/creative approach by virtue of the Protocol agreements in place between First Nations and non-First Nations with local communities working together and involved in key projects for a number of years.
e) is transferable (potential to transfer products/ tools/ knowledge to other areas within the Basin that are experiencing similar issues/problems)	Our work to date and willingness to share information is a way to transfer knowledge to other areas within the Basin that are experiencing similar issues and problems to complete planning processes that will guide efforts towards sustainable watershed management.
f) supports community awareness and education	Strengthened and increased effective communication approaches within the community to raise the level of public interest, knowledge and engagement.
g) employs risk management approaches	The planning process involved Xeni Gwet'in and the authoritative agencies responsible to achieve an inclusive plan. Thereby managing end result "risks" by encountering and solving each one by one.

<sup>1</sup>Please paste each priority activity identified in your Detailed Proposal in the space provided.

## Further Comments

Please provide any further comments including recommendations for future conservation efforts and suggestions for helping partners to meet the goals of the Fraser Salmon and Watersheds Program. If your project produced a narrative or scientific report or additional project products (e.g. maps, photos), attach them as an appendix.

**We thank FSWP and their partners for their support and efforts to bring these types of initiatives to the community which in turn inform and increase public awareness about our precious environment.**

**The community was thankful to have the opportunity to engage government representatives, share knowledge and look at solutions for the area.**

**We look forward to continuing this important dialogue into the future.**

## Submission Instructions

Please send your Final Report electronically to your designated FSWP Staff Contact. If you are uncertain who this person is or how to contact them, please contact Tiffany Pither, FSWP Administrator.

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