

Fraser Salmon & Watersheds Program



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Musqueam Indian Band

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Project Information

Project Title

Development of An Implementation Strategy for Lower Fraser Coho Habitat Protection, Enhancement and Rehabilitation Projects Through Integrated Planning by First Nations

Project Location

Lower Fraser River

Amount Requested	Total Project Value	Non-FSWP funds ²
20000	31908	11908

² 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 goal of this project was to identify the steps for First Nations organizations to be meaningfully involved in the restoration of lower Fraser River coho habitat.

The specific objectives were:

1. To determine the framework and procedural mechanisms necessary for First Nations to collaborate on the management, rehabilitation and enhancement of lower Fraser coho populations and habitats;
2. To identify specific habitat activities that might be led by each First Nation organization;
3. To determine the framework and procedural mechanisms for First Nations to engage other fisheries resource groups, volunteer organizations, conservation groups and fisheries agencies in discussions to develop an implementation strategy on solutions relating to fish habitat projects.

The development of a comprehensive coho habitat restoration and enhancement implementation strategy followed from a series of roundtable meetings with member First Nations. The recommended steps included:

1. A collaborative and formal relationship should be sought between Musqueam, Tsawwassen, Semiahmoo, Tseil-Waultuth, Katzie, Kwikwetlem, and Kwantlen First Nations with specific details on the roles and responsibilities described in a Memorandum of Understanding.
2. The role and responsibilities of member First Nations could include activities such as:
 - To collaborate among industry, government and NGO's to organize strategic outcomes, solicit and generate funding, identify and develop training and employment opportunities, and protect fishing rights;
 - To enable and advocate rehabilitation work, speed-up strategic organization and project development;
 - To build fisheries capacity with area First Nations by assisting with organization of projects, professional designs, and raising funds;
 - To expand the coalition, over time, to include other First Nations within the lower Fraser River.
3. A Secretariat and Technical Advisory Committee should be established to provide policy direction and to guide the planning, survey, design, construction and monitoring activities under the habitat rehabilitation and enhancement program, respectively.

While the formal MOU is being negotiated and developed, member First Nations could act independently or in informal partnerships to implement activities relating to coho habitat projects. These recommended steps would involve:

1. Identifying their needs and preferences concerning specific target project area(s), types of habitat restoration and enhancement projects, types of training and jobs, and level of involvement in planning, design, construction, and effectiveness monitoring;
2. Submitting proposals for coho habitat restoration and enhancement projects to existing programs that are mandated to fund or implement habitat projects; and
3. Organizing and implementing pilot habitat restoration and enhancement projects that include training, feasibility

assessment, field surveys, planning and design, construction, and monitoring.

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

Coho (primarily), chinook, chum, and pink salmon and steelhead

Watershed(s) the project targets: please list

Lower Fraser River and its tributaries

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
Organization of a series of roundtable meetings with representatives from all five levels of government (Federal, FN, Provincial, Regional and Municipal), aboriginal peoples, stewards, major project developers and the broader community to discuss the status and recovery of lower Fraser coho;	Following a workshop hosted by Musqueam and PSF in February 2008, three roundtable meetings were held with FNs to discuss an implementation strategy for coho habitat restoration and enhancement
Prepare summary documents of roundtable meetings;	Minutes of each roundtable meeting were prepared and summarized in the final report
Prepare an implementation strategy report on habitat protection, enhancement and restoration projects for lower Fraser coho.	A final report was prepared (see attached)

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).

The proposed implementation strategy for habitat restoration and enhancement projects generally follows those prepared in the Pacific Northwest. The proposed development of an MOU between member First Nations committed to coho population and habitat rehabilitation is considered a significant step forward in ensuring collaboration between the various stakeholders concerned with salmon.

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) Provide reasonable time for group members to return to their respective Chief and Band Councils to obtain endorsement for the process and committee recommendations.
- 2) Schedule roundtable meetings well in advance to ensure member attendance.
- 3) Set agenda and maintain focus of roundtable meetings to main issues.

Project Effectiveness

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

Priority Activity ¹	How the Priority Activity has been Addressed
"innovative initiatives that address increased public involvement"	Key conservation groups and fisheries agencies, volunteer conservation organizations, municipal government representatives, DFO, MOE and other concerned NGOs were consulted to determine their concerns relative to coho habitat rehabilitation / enhancement, and their potential involvement in the implementation of habitat projects.
"assisting First Nations to develop a process for interaction amongst themselves and engaging other fisheries/resource sectors to discuss and resolve shared issues and concerns"	This project brought First Nations within the lower Fraser River together to discuss how they might collaborate and develop meaningful solutions to the protection and recovery of lower Fraser River coho.
"initiatives which protect and restore habitat for salmon..."	Implementation strategy identifies specific activities that should be implemented to facilitate the recovery of coho habitat.

¹Please 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.

8) Appendix (Attach reports, maps, photos, etc if applicable)

Please see attached PDF file of report (Collaboration Final Report 08 LR 34 March 31_09.pdf)