

Fraser Salmon & Watersheds Program



2011/12 FINAL REPORT

FSWP File Number* File # FSWP 11 45 HWRS

* Please use the FSWP File Number provided in previous FSWP project correspondence.

1. Project Information

1.1. Project Title

Fisheries Sensitive Watersheds Project

1.2. Proponent's Legal Name

Tl'azt'en Nation

1.3. Project Location

Upper Fraser Basin Stuart Takla Watershed

1.4. Contact for this report

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1.5 Funding Amount

Original Approved Grant Amount:	Total FSWP Expenditures:	Final Invoice Amount:	Final Non-FSWP leveraging, including cash and in-kind:
\$10100	\$3022.11	\$0	\$30000

2. Project Summary

Please provide a single paragraph describing your project, its objectives, and the results. As this summary may be used in program communications, clearly state the issue(s) that were addressed and avoid overly technical descriptions. Maximum 300 words.

The intent of this project is to collaboratively, with the established Stuart/Takla Fisheries Sensitive Watershed (FSW) Team, identify and recommend FSWs within the Stuart-Takla watershed. In order to maintain watershed hydrologic function, proactively identify and prepare plans/prescriptions for where restoration and/or silviculture enhancement activities would be suitable.

OPTIONAL: Please give a short statement (up to 100 words) of the most compelling activity or outcome from your project.

3. Final Project Results and Effectiveness

3.1 Please copy THE EXPECTED DELIVERABLES from your detailed proposal and insert into this table. Add additional rows as needed. Then describe the FINAL DELIVERABLES (the tangible end products resulting from this work) associated with each expected Deliverable.

If FINAL DELIVERABLES differ from the original EXPECTED DELIVERABLES, please describe why, and the implications for the project.

EXPECTED DELIVERABLES	FINAL DELIVERABLES
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> List of active participants in Stuart-Takla FSW project. Evaluation Forms to assess FSW Workshop. Summary of evaluation forms filled out at end of Workshop 3 & 4. 	Listed in summary of workshop 3
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> List of process changes made during the implementation of Workshop 3 & 4. List of recommendations from participants for process changes. If applicable, a list of other groups/teams throughout the province who decide to take a similar process approach. 	Listed in summary of workshop 3
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Agenda of Workshop 3 Workshop 3 Summary document. List of candidate watersheds for further detailed review. Summary of Workshop 3 evaluation. 	Agenda of Workshop 3 is attached. Summary of Workshop 3 is attached as PDF file.
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> A report for candidate watersheds in the Stuart Takla watershed that contains a detailed review and recommended management objectives. 	Report is on share point site.
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Agenda of Workshop 4 Workshop 4 Summary document which will include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> list of recommended desired watershed conditions for each watershed Recommended wording for objectives Summary of Workshop 4 evaluation. 	Agenda for Workshop 4 is attached.

Confirmation and proof of attendance to training.	Due the heavy work schedule in Tl'azt'en Nations' Fisheries department. We were unable to utilize the training funds during the course of this project.
Summary of travel re-imbursments to First Nation participants.	Summary of travel provided to First Nation participants will follow.
3.2 Please evaluate the EFFECTIVENESS of your project in achieving Project Objectives, using the specific measures of success identified in your proposal. Please include any notable successes or challenges.	
<p>I feel that most of the measures of success listed in the proposal were achieved. Some specific examples are the increase in in knowledge about the Fisheries Sensitive Watershed process in both the stakeholders and especially the First Nations participants. The successful completion of the workshop by Tl'azt'en Nation (food and venue) was also achieved. Successful open, clear, transparent communication of project and desired outcomes were presented at both workshops. One of the main challenges was to find the time to commit to the project and as an unfortunate result the training that was mentioned in the proposal was not completed. The summary from workshop 4 has not yet been completed nor posted to the share point site.</p>	
3.4 If applicable, please describe project outcomes that relate to one or more of the following strategic approaches (Section 2.1 of RFP; section 8 of detailed proposal template), and include specific examples.	
Engagement of First Nations. Please specify who, and in what capacity.	Other First Nations that would be potentially affected, by designating watersheds as "Fisheries Sensitive", were invited to participate in the workshops that were carried out.
Active partnerships with one or more organizations.	The Fisheries Sensitive Watershed project was executed in partnership with The Ministry of Forest and Natural Resource Operations(MFNRO)
Engagement and participation of diverse and under-represented groups.	Both Takla First Nation and Yekooche First Nation have attended workshops which was one of the priorities in this project.

Relationship building, as a foundation for sustainable, enduring activities.	A relationship has been built with the partners in this
Capacity building, including mentorship models, leadership training and skills development.	Skills in organizing workshops and meetings like this have been developed as this is the first time I had been involved in organizing a meeting of this sort. I can transfer these skills to organizing other workshops or meetings that will happen in our area.
Recognition and support of champions and their initiatives.	
Opportunities to influence policy and decision making,	A package will be created with the info from the workshop and work done by the Hydrologist will be submitted to the necessary decision maker.

3.5 Please describe how the benefits of this project will be sustained and/or be built upon into the future. What are the planned next steps, or recommendations for further work, if applicable?

The benefits of this project will provide an example to build on this new legislation that has only been utilized in one other area in northern BC and will provide proof that some structure to the process that has to happen for watersheds to be designated as Fisheries Sensitive.

3.6. What are the top three lessons learned from this project that could be useful to communicate to others doing similar work in the Basin?

- 1. Planning is key to any project.**
- 2. Clear understanding of information being presented will make the goal easier to obtain.**
- 3. Communication throughout a project, such as this, is key to having a successful end to a project.**

3.7 REQUIRED: Attach all DOCUMENTATION of Final Deliverables, and LIST attachments in Section 8. These may include technical reports, maps, photos, evidence of communications, lists of meeting participants, etc.

4. Outreach and Communications

Please describe how you have communicated project activities and results within local and basin-wide communities, across organizations and/or to decision makers.

Please list and attach copies of (or links to) any communications materials from these efforts that you have not previously submitted.

We kept the workshops open to band members and other members of the Natural Resource staff in order to bring the message about the designation of these watersheds as "Fisheries Sensitive" to a broader range of people. Trying not to limit the knowledge about this project to only the proponents that are involved.

WORKSHOP 3

Stuart/Takla Watershed - Fisheries Sensitive Watershed Project

Date: Monday, June 13, 2011

Place: Elders Centre, Tl'azt'en Nation – Tachie (*please see directions and map at end of agenda*)

Time: 11:30 am to 5:00 pm

Workshop Objectives:

- *Re-convene Working Group, welcome new participants*
- *Review accomplishments to date*
- *Re-acquaint with methodology for assessment of watershed sensitivity*
- *Review priority list*
- *Review recommended management objectives*
- *Review 'Next Steps' and timelines, date of Workshop 4*

Agenda

11:30 to 1:00

- Lunch/Meet & Greet

1:00-1:30 (*Sandra Sulyma*)

- Introductions
- Refresh of what a Fisheries Sensitive Watershed is
- Recap process/steps of what we have accomplished to date
 - Workshops 1 and 2
 - 25 watersheds
 - 12 watershed
 - list of 9 watersheds, prioritization of list (fish values)
 - detailed analysis and recommended objectives for first 5 watersheds
 - Timber supply assessments completed to date

1:30 to 2:15 (*Pierre Beaudry*)

- Overview of Expert Review process, evaluation template & score sheet (Pierre).
- Skim through an example of a detailed assessments completed in 2010

2:15 to 3:00 (*group discussion lead by Darren Haskell*)

- Review and discussion of priority list and if there are any other watershed that should be identified as watersheds of interest
- Discussion of recommended objectives we have so far

3:00 to 3:30

- Break

3:30 to 4:30 (*Sandra*)

- Review Next Steps and proposed timelines (funding availability, detailed assessments, work on objectives, timber supply assessments, Workshop 4 (3rd week of October), formal referral/60 day comment and review, submission of final package to decision maker)

WORKSHOP 4

Stuart/Takla Watershed - Fisheries Sensitive Watershed Project

Date: Tuesday, November 1, 2011

Place: Elders Centre, Tl'azt'en Nation – Tachie (*please see directions and map at end of agenda*)

Time: 10:00 am to 3:00 pm

Workshop Objectives:

- *Finalize proactive, pre-referral work*
 - *Review detailed watershed sensitivity assessment completed for remaining watersheds*
 - *Review recommended management objectives that would accompany Approach A*
 - *Review of proposed wording/layout for Approach B.*
 - *Discussion and identification of Pros and Cons of Approach A and Approach B*
- *Next steps a estimated timelines*

Agenda

10:00 to 10:15

- Introductions
- Review of Agenda
- Review of Minutes from Workshop 3

10:15-12:00

- Review of concepts around Approach A and Approach B for construction of objectives (*Sandra*)
 - Review proposed wording/layout of objectives that would accompany Approach A
 - Review of proposed wording/layout for objectives that would accompany Approach B
- Update and Actions related to Kuzkwa (Kuzko) and Sakeniche watersheds (*Susanne and Sandra*)
- Review detailed watershed sensitivity assessment completed for remaining candidate watersheds (*Pierre Beaudry*)
 - Discuss adaption's to report format from March 2010 work to 2011 work.
 - Review each watershed: Van Decar (Rosette), Ankwil, Narrows, Sidney, Lovell, Frypan, Sandpoint, Paula , Kuzkwa

12:00 to 1:00 Lunch (*will be provided*)

1:00 to 2:00

- Continue with review detailed watershed sensitivity assessment completed for remaining candidate watersheds

1:00 to 2:45

- Return to discussion on Approach A and B for construct of legal objectives
 - identification and discussion of Pros and Cons of each approach

2:45 to 3:00 (*Sandra*)

- Next steps and proposed timelines:
 - Participation by FLNRO staff in any outstanding pre-referral sessions with First Nations
 - Completion of Timber Supply Impact work
 - Preparation/packaging of referral for stakeholders and First Nations
 - Formal 60 day Review of Comments period
 - Review of comments received through Review and Comment and appropriate revisions to package
 - Preparation of summary package and submission of package to Statutory Decision Maker