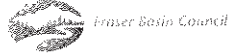


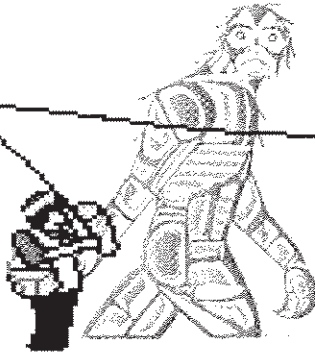
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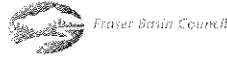


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Chehalis Indian Band

Are you a federally registered Charity, Non-profit organization or Business (Yes /No)? **No**

If yes, please indicate which. Charity Non-profit organization Business

Registration number GST number

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Project Information

Project Title

Collaborative Monitoring and Access Plan for Sports Fishers on the Chehalis and Harrison Rivers Salmon Fisheries

Project Location

Chehalis River, Harrison watershed

Amount Requested	\$30,000	Total Project Value	\$52,399.64	Non-FSWP funds	\$22,400 check with financial
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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.

This project represents the collaboration of aboriginal and sport fishing communities in a unique effort to share access to a salmon fishery in the Harrison River. A trail is being built together to provide angler access to salmon downstream of the Chehalis hatchery. The trail-building project is based on an agreement in principle between the Chehalis Band Council and sport fishing groups to secure access along the lower Chehalis River that has been alienated from public access. The lower river passes through private holdings, the Chehalis Indian Reserve, a provincial recreational site, and the federal fish hatchery. A letter of understanding is the basis for the sport fishers to explore broader salmon access plans with the Chehalis First Nation who are expanding commercial fisheries in the Harrison River.

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.

In one of the few areas that can boast growing salmon harvest opportunities in the last decade, the Chehalis River angler trail project also protects access to one of the few remaining wilderness salmon sport fishing spots in the Fraser valley.

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

Chinook, coho, chum and pink salmon as well as steelhead are angled in the Chehalis River.

Watershed(s) the project targets: please list

Chehalis River, tributary to the Harrison River

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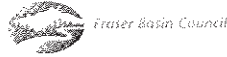
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Project Deliverables and Results

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
A local stewardship advisory/partnership forum and angler access protocol	<p>A partnership was created involving the Band (and Band fishers), local sport fishers, and resource people from DFO and the BC Government.</p> <p>An access protocol governing sport fishers access through reserve and other properties was developed (LOU).</p>
Access management plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parking area was constructed (40 x 80 feet) • trail and bounds to plan area (Appendix 1) • Project Committee struck involving the Band and the <i>BC Federation of Driftfishers</i>, BC MOE and MOTCA (several specialists and managers), DFO, and The Nature Trust • Land titles searched and holders consulted • Liability insurance • Protocol with anglers (LOU) • Kiosks and Public signs plan involving all partners • Negotiated land use license • Trail standards (BC Wilderness – Parks Manual) • Public Use liability Insurance indemnifications for DFO and The Nature Trust
Implementation Phase 1: Access trail, parking lot, and signs constructed (*the 2 Kiosks have been commissioned) and an additional \$50,000 remains for the next phase of construction (Parking lot lights, cement borders etc.)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hired and supervised trail construction crew with joint layout involving Band fishers and anglers • 2 x kiosks under construction (parking lot, and trail end) • Permits and permissions with MOE (Planned Wildlife Management Area), DFO (project work in and about a stream), MOTCA (application for trail alignment through crown land), Band (resolution) • Local construction labor was used • Signs have been commissioned in a jointly funded plan with BC Freshwater Fisheries, MOTCA, The Nature Trust, and the Fraser Salmon and Watershed's Program • Final panels, maps and logos in prep by the Nature Trust

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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).

This project represents the coming-together of local aboriginal and sport fishing communities in a unique effort to share access to a salmon fishery in the Chehalis River. The project is based on an agreement in principle between the Chehalis Band Council and local and regional representative sport fishing groups that illustrates collaboration and the intention to work together. The project succeeded in protecting local wildlife and cultural values, while providing secure access to one of the few remaining wilderness freshwater salmon angling experiences in the Fraser Valley. A public opening and political announcement will be organized in September 2009 that will include an invitation to designates of the FSWP.

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. Access is limited to the Fraser inland salmon fishery with implications to all interests – both in terms of access points and infrastructure;
2. The transformation of this fishery into shares may be driven by Pacific Fisheries Reform in ways that will force aboriginal and sport fishing interests into conflict - Look at the interests inside the conflict to find common ground around conservation and sustainable use of fish;
2. There is a need for potentially competing interests in the fishery to look for ways to get along - Look for ways that these common interests can add value to each of the Parties interests.

Project Effectiveness

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

Priority Activity	How the Priority Activity has been Addressed
Angler Access protocol between Chehalis Band and BC Federation of Driftfishers	A trail and parking lot were planned and constructed to reduce trespass through non-public lands and to move dangerous road-side parking off the Morris Valley road
Trail right-of-way license agreement	Negotiated between the Chehalis Band, the Nature Trust, DFO and BC Environment.
Construction of trail and parking lot	MOTCA provided lands and funding contributions

¹Please paste each priority activity identified in your Detailed Proposal in the space provided.

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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.

The examples, methods and standards developed with this project will be particularly applicable to developing tributary salmon fisheries in the Fraser River involving First Nations and the sports fishery. The common need for access infrastructure will enhance the quality of the fishery. The trail and protocol may provide a "good news story" in the lower Fraser – an area known for much acrimony and conflict among Aboriginal and sports fishers.

Submission Instructions

Please send Final Report electronically to:

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