

Fraser Salmon & Watersheds Program



2010/11 FINAL REPORT

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1. Project Information

1.1. Project Title

River Manners – Public etiquette for a growing fishery

1.2. Proponent's Legal Name

Chehalis Indian Band

1.3. Project Location

Lower Fraser/Harrison River Mouth

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:
\$ 23,890	\$ 23,890	\$14,334	\$16,604

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 "River Manners" Video project arose from the collision of an Indian drift-net and sport angling gear in the lower Fraser River, resulting in a violent confrontation. The conflict galvanized a simmering feud between these two fisheries and the video production was one way that a small working group of First Nations and sport fishing organizations groups pursued to find ways to get along on the river. Communicate with each other in the fishery was a shared priority, emphasizing respect and manners appropriate for the area's growing salmon fishing population. A production of the *River Manners* Video and the accompanying pamphlet was subsequently distributed and viewed in their respective meeting forums and on the River by participants as well as RCMP and DFO fisheries Officers. Chehalis led this project proposal with the Salmon Table and sport fishing groups to address a need in the community aimed to provide a safe place for each others' fishers.

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

The video and pamphlet provided a compelling focus for leaders in the Aboriginal and sport fisheries conflict to find ways to get along. The video provided a setting somewhat in the abstract for the Parties to re-script the actual conflict in ways that helped the participants to learn about each others' fishery and the challenges they face. A significant by-product of the project was the relationships that were developed amongst former foes, including the levels of trust and communications that enabled these same Parties to re-connect and apply their new understandings when new conflicts arose in the 2010 fishery. The model as a step in conflict resolution has been investigated by other groups in the fishery (and beyond) to apply in their own areas of conflict.

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
1. Create an understanding to serve as a guide for sports anglers and First Nations drift-net fishers in the lower Fraser salmon fishery to follow when their fisheries engage each other;	An understanding was reached via the production of the video and other follow-up plans are underway to experiment with sharing space and time in the busy fishery.
2. Build a constructive relationship on the water between local First Nations fishers and sports anglers who will interact with increasing frequency in the future.	Relationships have improved remarkably, particularly between opinion leaders from the groups. The project provided a valuable success that both Parties can point to that transcends the limited timeframe of the project itself and has become institutionalized in a joint working group based in the lower Fraser River.
3. Produce a 5 minute video illustrating the preferred method of hailing, avoiding, and communicating between sport anglers and First Nation drift-net fishers in the lower Fraser River to help the two fisheries visualize ways to "get along"	A 5 Minute video and an accompanying pamphlet (Appendix 1)

3.2 Please evaluate the EFFECTIVENESS of your project in achieving Project Objectives. Identify the indicators you have used to measure the effectiveness of your project. Please include any notable successes or challenges.

The project was effective in achieving the project objectives.

1. **An understanding was reached** between the anglers and First Nations involved by way of “acting out” the scenario with the objective of creating a positive outcome as the focus of the video;
2. **A constructive relationship was created** by building a tangible success between opinion leaders from BC sport fishing organizations and lower Fraser First Nations that engaged a large body of interest and discussion – the joint working group hosted by the Salmon Table used this success as the foundation of formalizing their joint working group to tackle other objectives in their list to “get along on the river”;
3. **A 5:52 video was produced along with an accompanying pamphlet** that has been presented sport fishing organizations AGM’s and topical meetings numerous times since the spring. In addition, representatives of the joint working group went out onto the fishery in August 2010 and handed out pamphlets together to public fishers and shared their message of cooperation in the fishery.

3.4 IF applicable, please describe how your project has achieved one or more of the following supported processes (Section 2.2 of RFP; section 7 of detailed proposal template). If results differ from those originally anticipated, please describe.

<p>Engagement of First Nations. Please specify who, and in what capacity.</p>	<p>Chehalis Indian Band, Ernie Crey and Ken Malloway led discussion with sport fishers on behalf of the Fraser River Salmon Table; Chehalis Band members James Leon and Franklin Point starred in Video. Kim Charlie and James Leon assisted with local logistics. James Leon and Franklin Point from Chehalis, and Sonny Williams Scowlitz Band were the First Nations players in the video production.</p> <p>The Sto:lo Tribal Council and Sto:lo Nation have both sent their representatives to joint working group meetings (Murray Ned, Martha Fredette, and Mike Jimmy); Scowlitz Chief Andy Phillips (also Sr. Policy Advisor to Sto:lo Tribal Council), Bill Rabang and Collette Sutherland (Councillors Skway Band), along with Kwantlen Councillor Les Antone and Elder <i>Llekeyten</i> also joined the working group meetings; The Fraser Valley Aboriginal Fisheries Society staff Tony Malloway, Louise Mussel and Ron Williams have attended working group meetings with increasing regularity. Yale Band sent Dominic Hope to the most recent workshop.</p>
<p>Active partnerships with one or more organizations.</p>	<p>The Sto:lo Nation and Sto:lo Tribal Council have hosted a number of Joint Working Group meetings in the last several months. The BC Wildlife Federation, the BC Federation of Driftfishers and the Fraser Valley Angling Guides Association have all appointed permanent representatives to the joint working group as has DFO’s lower Fraser office and C&P. The working group participants contributed in-kind labor to the production of the video and volunteers provided boats, motors gear and actors to the production.</p> <p>Leah McCracken BC Federation of Driftfishers, Frank Kwak, Fraser Valley Salmon Society, Ed George BC Wildlife Federation, Vic Carrao STS Guiding Service were the sport fishing players in the video. The Fraser River Salmon Table organized and facilitated meetings and assisted with administrative matters.</p>

Engagement and participation of diverse and under-represented groups.	The lower Mainland's Sikh organizations have approached the Fraser River Salmon Table to explore ways in which their youth movement can become involved.
Relationship building, as a foundation for sustainable, enduring activities.	<p>There were less conflicts on the Fraser River fishery than in previous years. The group engaged in at least 2 interventions into conflicts on the river: An angling guide-First Nation gear altercation, and a drift-net-angler conflict over gravel-bar space).</p> <p>The sport fishing organizations and First Nations of the lower Fraser River have begun attending and making presentations to each other at meetings, always making reference to the video as a lead in to discussing conflict resolution.</p>
Capacity building, including mentorship models, leadership training and skills development.	In 2010 and 2011, the joint working group has become the focus for a pilot project in partnership with the Monitoring and Compliance Panel of the Integrated Salmon Dialogue Forum that will focus on Peacemaking skills. A series of three training sessions have been initiated with the goal of training folks in the fishery with conflict resolutions skills and to provide enhanced training for a "triage group" from among the participants that may attend to conflicts in the future.
Recognition and support of champions and their initiatives.	Tracking of <i>Youtube</i> views (2 releases) has accounted for over 3,500 views and 100 copies of the CD were distributed to sport fishing organizations and sporting goods stores in the lower mainland. The pamphlet went into its second printing by the Fraser Salmon Table accounting for nearly 4,000 units distributed.
Opportunities to influence policy and decision making,	The sport fishing and First Nations Parties to the joint working group believe that their resolution of conflicts in the fishery will empower them to advance common interests in decision-making and policy development.
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?	
<p>The benefits of participant-led conflict resolution are sustained by the relationships that created in each of the participating interests. The culture of conflict resolution and the skills they engender will remain in place as a legacy of this project.</p> <p>As a joint-project of the Fraser Salmon Table and the Monitoring and Compliance Panel and the Fraser Salmon and Watershed's Program, a Peace-maker course is being piloted that will target the participants of the joint working group (it will also involve participants from the Skeena River).</p>	
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?	
<p>1. Investment in participant-led conflict resolution will lead to enduring solutions to problems that arise between interests that share in the Fraser salmon fishery;</p> <p>2. Champions and the organizations they represent have demonstrated that there is a benefit from having a safe place for difficult conversations <u>as they arise</u>. Appropriate training & tools for these champions will assist in communications across different interests in the fishery when conflicts arise.</p> <p>3. The culture of participant-led conflict resolution in the Fraser salmon fishery needs to be supported by managers looking to develop more orderly fisheries. Management rewards that arise from resolved conflict in the Fraser salmon fishery are the incentives that sustain the participant-led conflict resolution.</p>	

REQUIRED: Attach all DOCUMENTATION of Final Deliverables, and LIST attachments in Section 7. 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.

The video has been presented by participants at various meetings of their constituencies (more than 3,500 views recorded). (Annex - River Manners Video: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eZ8YStwrhy4> (DVD available upon request). It has also been broadcast by Shaw Cable in Chilliwack and Kamloops.

Pamphlets have been distributed at the spring 2009 Outdoors show at the Abbotsford *Tradex* and by various sporting-goods stores in the lower mainland. They were distributed by the Sto:lo Tribal Council and the Sto:lo Nation and various local Bands before the 2010 fishery. Pamphlets were handed out by both sports fishing and First Nations representatives on the Fraser River gravel bars during the opening of the 2010 sockeye sports fishery.