



Funding Available for Salmon Projects in Central and Northern British Columbia, S.E. Alaska and the Yukon Territory

The Pacific Salmon Commission's Northern Fund Committee, composed of representatives from Alaska and Canada, has determined approximately U.S. \$3.1 million will be available in the 2006 Northern Boundary Transboundary Rivers Restoration and Enhancement Fund for projects consistent with the principals and goals of the Fund.

The Northern Fund Committee will be accepting preliminary applications with ideas and concepts submitted by private, non-profit, and public sector applicants eligible to conduct business in the State of Alaska, the Province of British Columbia and/or the Yukon Territory.

The Committee is seeking potential projects in the Northern Boundary and Transboundary areas that are consistent with the Fund goals that involve:

- 1) Data collection and stock assessment for salmon harvests, escapement, forecasting returns, and determining stock composition;
- 2) Rehabilitation and restoration of freshwater and/or marine salmon habitats and/or improvement of existing natural salmon habitats or providing new salmon habitats; or
- 3) Salmon enhancement through low technology techniques rather than through construction of large facilities with high operating costs.

The Northern Fund's primary geographic area is from Cape Suckling, Alaska in the north to Cape Caution, B.C. in the south. This encompasses areas of relevance to the Pacific Salmon Treaty in Northern and Central British Columbia, Southeast Alaska, and the Yukon Territory, including the drainages of the Alsek, Taku, Stikine and other transboundary rivers.

Applicants must complete and submit "Project Concept" forms to the Fund Coordinator at the Pacific Salmon Commission in Vancouver, British Columbia by **August 25, 2005**. Following review of the Project Concepts, the Northern Fund Committee will create a shortlist of top priority projects approved to move to the second stage for consideration. Applicants approved for the second stage will be requested to submit final, detailed applications by the end of October 2005.

More information and "Project Concept" forms may be accessed online at www.psc.org

Questions or points of clarification should be directed to the Fund Coordinator, Angus Mackay via phone at (604) 684-8081, or email at Mackay@psc.org