

## **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 that up to U.S. \$2.5 million will be available in the 2009 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 for the Northern Boundary and Transboundary areas that are consistent with the Funds goals that involve:

- 1) Improved information including 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.

A majority of Northern Fund expenditures in previous years has been for projects in category 1) improved information. For the 2009 cycle, the Committee wishes to encourage applications from proponents for projects in category 2) habitat improvement/restoration, and category 3) wild stock enhancement.

The Northern Fund's primary geographic area of eligibility for applications 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. Applications for projects that are physically located outside the Northern Fund's primary geographic area but provide benefits to the fisheries within that area are also eligible for submission.

Applicants must complete and submit "Project Concept" forms to the Fund Coordinator at the Pacific Salmon Commission in Vancouver, B.C. by midnight on **August 24th, 2008**. 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 2nd of November 2008.

More information and "Project Concept" forms may be accessed online at [www.psc.org](http://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](mailto:Mackay@psc.org)