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## **Aboriginal Aquatic Resource and Oceans Management**

<http://www.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/fm-gp/aboriginal-autochtones/aarom-pagrao/index-eng.htm>

The AAROM program was developed, in part, from the response to a 2002-2003 Aboriginal Fisheries Strategy (AFS) renewal process where Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) met with a number of First Nations and DFO staff across Canada. These meetings were meant to discuss what improvements could be made to DFO's overall programming for Aboriginal groups.

### **Objectives:**

- assist Aboriginal groups in acquiring the administrative capacity and scientific/technical expertise to facilitate their participation in aquatic resource and oceans management;
- encourage the establishment of collaborative management structures that contribute to integrated ecosystem/watershed management and planning processes;
- enhance existing collaborative management structures, where appropriate;
- facilitate representation of member communities in interactions with DFO at the multi-stakeholder level and potentially with other government departments;
- strengthen relationships through improved information-sharing between Aboriginal communities, DFO and other stakeholders and among Aboriginal communities;
- contribute to the federal government's broader objective of improving the quality of life of Aboriginal people; and,
- facilitate sound decision-making in advisory and other processes related to a number of areas of DFO responsibility.

### **Requirements:**

- Aboriginal groups within a common watershed or ecosystem will be required to work together and adhere to certain requirements related to management practices. The AAROM program employs a community-driven approach that recognizes that different groups are at different

stages of capacity development and that not all groups have the same priorities and goals.

- To assist groups in the development required to become eligible for the Collaborative Management component of AAROM, qualifying Aboriginal groups may apply for support under the Capacity Building component of the program.
- For eligible groups, funding may also be available to obtain commercial licenses, vessels and gear and to build capacity to take advantage of aquaculture opportunities. In addition, qualifying groups may be eligible for funding for the development of Aboriginal Community Fisheries Officers.
- The program is only available to groups that are located where DFO manages the fishery, and that have not signed a comprehensive land claims agreement that addresses eligible activities under AAROM.

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## **Aboriginal Fisheries Strategy**

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### **What is the Aboriginal Fisheries Strategy?**

The AFS encourages and enables the establishment of relationships with Aboriginal people, provides a mechanism for DFO to address its legal obligations and promotes stable and orderly fisheries management for the benefit of all Canadians. It is also in keeping with the fact that courts have repeatedly encouraged governments and First Nations to resolve issues related to Aboriginal rights by negotiation rather than litigation.

Annual funding of the AFS is \$35 million, with about 125 AFS agreements signed each year since the implementation of the program. Approximately two thirds of these agreements are reached with Aboriginal groups in DFO's Pacific Region, with the balance in Atlantic Canada and Quebec.

The AFS seeks to provide for the effective management and regulation of fishing by Aboriginal groups through the negotiation of mutually acceptable and time-limited fisheries agreements between DFO and Aboriginal groups.

### **What are the objectives of the AFS?**

- To provide a framework for the management of fishing by Aboriginal groups for food, social and ceremonial purposes.
- To provide Aboriginal groups with an opportunity to participate in the management of fisheries, thereby improving conservation, management and enhancement of the resource.
- To contribute to the economic self-sufficiency of Aboriginal communities.
- To provide a foundation for the development of self-government agreements and treaties.
- To improve the fisheries management skills and capacity of Aboriginal groups.

## **Aboriginal Inland Habitat Program**

<http://www.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/fm-gp/aboriginal-autochtones/aihp-paghri-eng.htm>

### **What is the Aboriginal Inland Habitat Program?**

The Aboriginal Inland Habitat Program (AIHP) provides funding to Aboriginal groups in the inland provinces - Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Ontario, Quebec - to enhance participation in the collaborative long-term management of fish habitat.

The Program aims to encourage new partnerships among Aboriginal groups, and to build on existing working relationships. One of the anticipated outcomes is better, more informed decisions about the management of fish habitat.

### **Developing long-term capacity in fish habitat management:**

AIHP provides funding to support Aboriginal groups in their efforts to develop long-term capacity to manage fish habitat by:

- Encouraging communication and collaboration among communities that share a common watershed;
- Supporting Aboriginal communities' understanding and priorities for fish habitat management;
- Supporting the training and professional development of new or existing staff; and
- Partnering with other government departments and industry to share resources and build capacity.

### **Why was this Program developed?**

This Program was developed to respond to a number of issues identified during discussions on the renewal of the Aboriginal Fisheries Strategy, which include:

- Aboriginal groups are seeking greater participation in decision-making processes used for aquatic resource and oceans management;
- Fisheries and Oceans Canada's expanding responsibilities require engaging with Aboriginal groups on a broad range of issues, including oceans management, habitat management and planning, environmental assessment and species at risk; and
- Existing Aboriginal programming is focused on fisheries management, limiting the Department's ability to respond effectively to the evolving aspirations of Aboriginal people.

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## **Allocation Transfer Program**

[http://www.pac.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/tapd/atp\\_e.htm](http://www.pac.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/tapd/atp_e.htm)

### **What is the purpose of the ATP?**

The “Allocation Transfer Program” was created in 1994. The program has a relatively stable operating mandate of approximately \$6 million annually in Pacific Region.

In keeping with DFO’s overall objective of resource conservation, the ATP facilitates the voluntary retirement of commercial licenses and the re-issuance of the equivalent commercial fishing capacity as communal commercial licenses to eligible Aboriginal groups. Therefore this program does not add to the existing effort on the resource.

### **Who is eligible for the program?**

- Aboriginal organizations seeking access to communal commercial licenses under the ATP must have a current AFS Comprehensive Fisheries Agreement with DFO, with a satisfactory record of compliance with conservation and fisheries management principles and practices, and satisfactory compliance with terms.
- Aboriginal groups wishing to participate in the ATP will be required to demonstrate good business practices through the preparation of business plans. These plans will indicate the financial benefit, employment and skill-development targets of the group.
- Priority will also be given to providing commercial fishing opportunities to eligible Aboriginal groups that contribute to long-term Aboriginal employment and community economic development, as well as increased participation of Aboriginal people in the fisheries.
- Aboriginal groups that benefit from the ATP will be required to re-invest a portion of the profits obtained for their fisheries management activities and fisheries-related economic development in reasonable proportion to the magnitude of the profits.

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# Aquaculture Collaborative Research and Development Program

<http://www.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/science/enviro/aquaculture/acrdp-pcrda/index-eng.htm>

## What is the purpose of the ACRDP?

The Aquaculture Collaborative Research and Development Program (ACRDP) is a Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO) initiative to increase the level of collaborative research and development activity between the aquaculture industry and the department, and in some instances with other funding partners. ACRDP funding is approximately \$4.5 million per year and will be subdivided regionally.

## What are the main objectives of the ACRDP?

- Improve the competitiveness of the Canadian aquaculture industry;
- Increase collaboration between the department and industry on scientific research and development that will enhance aquaculture in Canada;
- Facilitate and accelerate the process of technology transfer and research commercialization through closer collaboration with the Canadian aquaculture industry; and
- Increase scientific capacity for essential aquaculture research and development in the aquaculture sector (optimal fish health, best performance in fish production, industrial environmental performance)

## Who is eligible for this program?

- Aquaculture producers operating within Canada who are directly involved in producing an aquatic species for pre-commercial or commercial purposes;
- Producers undertaking commercial or developmental production activities on existing or new aquaculture species;
- Aquaculture companies or associations involved with sea ranching mariculture operations;
- Industry producer associations or consortia of producers; and
- Other aquaculture sector stakeholders are eligible to participate as a partner with an industry producer.

*Expenses covered by ACRDP include:*

- Wages and salaries plus associated required payroll benefits of project personnel (scientific and technical) or post-doctoral or graduate student support;

- Equipment directly related to the work;
- Laboratory and field supplies;
- Travel costs directly related to the goals of the project;
- Other expenses agreed to be necessary to the success of the project

### **What is the review process?**

#### *Technical Review:*

- The project has scientific merit.
- The project is original.
- The problem and objectives are well defined.
- There is a clear and sufficient description of the experimental methodology.
- The scientific approach is valid.
- The project team is qualified to conduct the work in a thorough and professional manner.

#### *Comprehensive Review:*

- The project is consistent with the program objectives and regional industry R&D priorities.
- The project addresses a significant constraint to the Canadian aquaculture sector.
- The project contributes significantly to the advancement or competitiveness of the industry partner or sector.
- The project contributes to the skills and knowledge required to advance the industry partner.
- The project has sufficient industry input to generate potential practical benefits. This can include input from other funding partners, which is desirable and encouraged.
- The project facilitates technology transfer and (or) research commercialization through closer collaboration with the Canadian aquaculture industry.
- The project is cost effective.
- The overall project objective and methodology is described in a clear manner.

### **What contribution does the Department of Fisheries and Oceans make?**

A formula will be negotiated for each project, taking into account in-cash and in-kind contributions of both parties to the agreement. Industry cash contributions to a project will be managed through a DFO Specified Purpose Account (SPA). The minimum industry contribution is 30% of the ACRDP amount requested, at least 7.5% of which must be a cash contribution.

Industry and DFO partners will be required to provide progress reports at 6 months, annually, and a final report

**Deadlines:**

There will be two deadline dates for project proposal submission throughout the year: December 1, March 1. A subsequent round may be established in a particular region, if required. Notification will be provided at that time. Regional ACRDP Committees will review and evaluate proposals in a timely manner and final notification of the project assessment will be provided no later than 60 days after the deadline dates.

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# **Aquaculture Innovation and Market Access Program (AIMAP)**

<http://www.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/aquaculture/sustainable-durable/index-eng.htm>

## **Purpose and Results of AIMAP Projects**

The overall goal of the Aquaculture Innovation and Market Access Program (AIMAP) is to catalyze aquaculture industry investment from the private sector, as well as other sectors, that will:

- Improve the competitiveness of the Canadian aquaculture industry by encouraging an aquaculture sector that continuously develops and adopts innovative technologies and management techniques to enhance its global competitiveness and environmental performance; and
- Position Canadian aquaculture products as having high value in the market place based on their environmental performance, traceability and other considerations.

These goals contribute to the DFO strategic outcomes of sustainable fisheries and aquaculture and healthy and productive aquatic ecosystems. Contribution funding under AIMAP is intended to enable recipients to plan, manage and complete projects that will achieve these strategic outcomes.

The AIMAP is a nationally competitive process with calls for proposals issued on an annual basis, and based on priorities established in consultation with provinces, territories and sector stakeholders. The program will focus on short duration projects (1 year ideal – completion date March 31, 2011; 3 years maximum – completion date March 31, 2013) with demonstrable industry-wide benefits implemented by the end of the project.

Under this program a maximum of \$4.5 million in DFO contribution funds is expected to be available annually to support innovation initiatives, and a maximum of \$0.2 million in DFO contribution funds is expected to be available annually to support market access initiatives.

## **Eligibility**

Eligible recipients of contributions from AIMAP include:

- Not-for-profit organizations, such as aquaculture industry and professional associations or consortia of producers
- Aboriginal organizations or communities involved in aquaculture

- Non-governmental organizations (e.g. ENGOs), preferably associated with an aquaculture industry partner
- Private individuals or companies associated with aquaculture production or development or supply
- Processors of aquaculture product
- Education or research institutes <sup>1</sup> affiliated with any of the above

*For the program's purpose, **aquaculture** is defined as the farming of fish, shellfish and aquatic plants in fresh or salt water.*

### **Application**

1. Obtain an electronic version of the application form from your regional aquaculture coordinator (or use the one attached to this document) and email or mail it to the appropriate Regional Aquaculture Coordination offices (RACO); or
2. If you do not have internet access or encounter problems, please contact your regional aquaculture coordinator (listed below) who will assist you in the application process.

### **Deadline to Submit Proposals**

A national call for proposals will be issued on March 19, 2010 and **proposals will be accepted until April 30, 2010**. The National Review Committee will review and evaluate the proposals in a timely manner.

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# Atlantic Integrated Commercial Fisheries Initiative

<http://www.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/fm-gp/aboriginal-autochtones/aicfi-ipcia/index-eng.htm>

## What is the purpose of the AICFI?

The purpose of the Atlantic Integrated Commercial Fisheries Initiative (AICFI) is to assist in providing the 34 Mi'kmaq and Maliseet First Nations affected by the Marshall decision with the means to:

- develop commercial fisheries enterprise governance and business management skills;
- build capacity in commercial fisheries operations; and
- have a more effective voice in fisheries co-management.

## What are the primary objectives of the AICFI?

- First Nations will better use their existing access and enhance economic returns for the benefit of their communities;
- First Nations will increase their knowledge and skills required to manage their fisheries enterprises;
- First Nations will have the training to fish safely and effectively operate their vessels; and
- First Nations will help build the capacity needed to meet their future commercial fisheries operations, co-management and training requirements independently.

## Brief Overview of Program Components:

The program consists of the following MMFN Integrated Commercial Fisheries Components:

### ***COMPONENT 1: ENTERPRISE GOVERNANCE ENHANCEMENT***

To help interested MMFNs:

- Write down their existing commercial fisheries enterprise governance structure; or
- Design/redesign and write down an enterprise governance structure if none is already on paper.

### ***COMPONENT 2: MANAGEMENT PRACTICE ENHANCEMENT***

To assist interested MMFNs:

- Where necessary, with the development of an up-to-date business plan, specific to each community, that will help build a successful commercial fisheries business (2.1);
- To take an enhanced role in commercial fisheries development and capacity building (2.2);
- To increase the knowledge and skills base needed to operate a successful commercial fishery for the long term (2.3); and
- To make best use of existing access to get maximum economic benefit including job creation (2.4).

**COMPONENT 3: FISHERIES CO-MANAGEMENT CAPACITY BUILDING**

- To foster MMFN participation in fisheries co-management through AAROM Bodies;
- To support individual MMFN communities to access important industry information in a timely manner and participate effectively in fisheries advisory committee activities.

**COMPONENT 4: COMMERCIAL FISHERIES DIVERSIFICATION**

- To provide some limited funds to participating MMFNs for fishing vessel and equipment improvements and other development costs (including, for example, those associated with minor fine tuning of current access).

**For a more detailed description of this program and the application process, please visit** <http://www.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/fm-gp/aboriginal-autochtones/aicfi-ipcja/aicfi-ipcja-eng.htm>.

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## **Atlantic Zone Monitoring Program (AZMP)**

<http://www.meds-sdmm.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/isdm-gdsi/azmp-pmza/index-eng.html>

### **What is the Atlantic Zone Monitoring Program?**

AZMP involves the Gulf, Québec, Maritimes, and Newfoundland regions of DFO. The AZMP was implemented in 1998 with the aim of collecting and analyzing the biological, chemical, and physical field data that are necessary to

- a) characterize and understand the causes of oceanic variability at the seasonal, inter-annual, and decadal scales
- b) provide multidisciplinary data sets that can be used to establish relationships among the biological, chemical, and physical variables, and
- c) provide adequate data to support the sound development of ocean activities.

Every year, the AZMP Bulletin presents an annual review of the general oceanographic conditions in the Northwest Atlantic region, including the Gulf of St. Lawrence, as well as articles concerning particular events, studies, or activities that took place in the Canadian Atlantic Zone during the previous year. It is destined for oceanographers, fisheries scientists, habitat, environment managers, and the general public.

The Bulletins can be downloaded at <http://www.meds-sdmm.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/isdm-gdsi/azmp-pmza/documents/documents-eng.html>.

# Habitat Management Program

<http://www.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/habitat/habitat-eng.htm>

## What is the purpose of the Habitat Management Program?

The mandate of the Habitat Management Program is:

- To protect and conserve fish habitat in support of Canada's coastal and inland fisheries resources, and,
- To conduct environmental assessments under the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act* before Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) makes a regulatory decision under the habitat provisions of the *Fisheries Act*.

With staff in over 65 offices across Canada the Program carries out its mandate through various activities including:

- Reviews of works and undertakings in or near water;
- Monitoring compliance and enforcing the habitat protection provisions of the *Fisheries Act*;
- Watershed and coastal zone planning;
- Habitat enhancement; and,
- Public education and stewardship.

The Program works closely and in collaboration with provinces, territories, industry and conservation and aboriginal groups on protecting and conserving fish habitat and has responsibility to report to Parliament annually on the administration and enforcement of the habitat protection and pollution prevention provisions of the *Fisheries Act*.

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## **Icebreaking Program**

<http://www.ccg-gcc.gc.ca/eng/CCG/Icebreaking>

### **What is the Icebreaking Program?**

The Canadian Coast Guard's (CCG's) Icebreaking program, in partnership with Environment Canada's Canadian Ice Service, helps maritime traffic move safely and quickly through, or around, ice-covered Canadian waters.

Clients of the program include the commercial maritime industry, ferries, fishing vessels, ports and Arctic residents.

### **What services does this program offer?**

- providing ice information and ice-routing advice to the marine industry;
- providing close escort of vessels and freeing ships surrounded by ice;
- maintaining open tracks through ice that is firmly attached to the shore;
- monitoring ice conditions and water levels, as well as flood-control and ice-management operations;
- re-supplying isolated northern settlements;
- maintaining a federal presence in the Arctic during the navigation season; and
- breaking out approaches to ports and clearing ice from wharf faces (where commercial icebreaking services are not available).

### **Seasons of operation include:**

- Winter (mid-December to May): 17 icebreakers open routes along Canada's east coast from Newfoundland to Montréal, in the Great Lakes and other shipping channels.
- Summer (June to early November): six icebreakers operate in the Arctic, assisting shipping, delivering cargo to some isolated communities, maintaining a sovereign presence and conducting essential science missions.

## **Northern Boundary and Transboundary Rivers Restoration and Enhancement Fund**

The Northern Fund Committee (NFC) has determined that up to \$1.89M US may be available in the 2011 Northern Boundary and Transboundary Rivers Restoration and Enhancement Fund to support projects. The NFC will limit use of available funding to support for some on-going multi-year projects funded by the NFC in the year or years before 2011. There will be no Northern Fund Call for Proposals for new projects starting in 2011

### **Region**

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.

### **Guiding Principals**

The Northern Fund Committee shall select projects for funding that help to:

- Conserve, restore and enhance Pacific salmon populations and their habitat.
- Optimize returns of Pacific salmon stocks with a priority on wild stocks.
- Increase the ability to harvest salmon resources.
- Develop a better understanding of factors affecting salmon production.
- Improve our ability to better manage the stocks and fisheries in the region (e.g. develop methods to accurately estimate in-season run sizes).
- Improve our ability to acquire necessary data in a timely fashion.
- Increase salmon production by protecting or improving habitat and/or through enhancement.

### **Goals**

- Development of improved information for resource management, including better stock assessment, data acquisition and improved scientific understanding of limiting factors affecting salmon production in the freshwater and marine environments.
- Rehabilitation and restoration of marine and freshwater fish habitat, and improvement of habitat to enhance productivity and protection of Pacific salmon.

- Enhancement of wild stock production through low technology techniques rather than through construction of large facilities with high operating costs. This includes acceptable refinements to existing enhancement facilities that will increase the productivity of those facilities.

### **Eligibility**

Applicants must be eligible to conduct business in the State of Alaska; the Province of British Columbia and/or the Yukon Territory.

### **Criteria**

Successful proposals will demonstrate:

- A clear connection between the proposals' intended outcome and the purposes and objectives of the Pacific Salmon Treaty.
- A description of how and when information or data analysis generated by the project will be made available to both Parties to the Treaty.
- Evidence of a bilateral commitment to achieve project goals.
- The technical merits of the proposal through:
  - Understanding of the problem.
  - Soundness of the technical approach.
  - Feasibility of the methods proposed.
  - Innovation and uniqueness of the proposal.
- The proponent's capabilities, experience and record of past performance, as well as the experience and qualifications of key personnel. Also, the extent to which outside partners and collaborators integral to the proposal's success are available to support the proposal.
- A description of the benefits to be gained from successful completion of the project. Projects that offer long-term benefits will receive favorable consideration.
- The cost effectiveness of the proposal including the balance between project costs associated with labour and site costs as opposed to administration and overhead costs, and the extent to which other sources of funds may be leveraged in support of the proposal.

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## **Pacific Integrated Commercial Fisheries Initiative**

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### **What is the PICFI?**

PICFI is a \$175 million dollar initiative over a five year period used to support environmentally and economically sustainable integrated Pacific commercial fisheries. The goal is to strengthen collaboration among First Nations, industry, government and other interests in managing the fishery.

### **What are the objectives of the PICFI?**

- Enhanced Accountability Measures
  - Developing improved fisheries monitoring, catch reporting, and enforcement, and steps towards a new traceability program to track the movements of fish from the time of harvest to the time of final sale.
- Acquiring Commercial Fisheries Access
  - To acquire a broad range of access coast-wide, through voluntary retirement of existing commercial licenses or quota, in support of increased First Nation participation in commercial fisheries. (ATP & AAROM programs)
  - To support the development of sustainable First Nation commercial fishing enterprises by acquiring a diverse array of access to commercial fisheries for various species.
  - To provide opportunities for commercial harvesters who wish to retire from a particular fishery.
- Capacity Building
  - To provide eligible First Nations with the tools necessary to support successful and sustainable community owned and operated commercial fisheries enterprises established or supported through PICFI
- Co-Management
  - To recognize that fisheries participants need a greater opportunity to provide their valuable contributions to policy development and resource management decisions.

- Delivering Commercial Fisheries Access to First Nations
  - To provide eligible First Nations with greater access to a diversity of commercial fishing opportunities that will support the development of First Nation commercial fisheries enterprises, for the benefit of communities
- Engagement Process
  - To strengthen collaboration among First Nations, industry, government and other interests in managing the fishery.

**Preliminary Implementation Considerations:**

- The access acquisition process should continue to be delivered through a collaborative effort involving DFO, First Nations and industry. A range of options and models should be evaluated.
- The process for acquiring commercial fisheries access must link directly with the distribution of access element of PICFI, which in turn must be coordinated with all other program elements (capacity building, co-management, etc.).
- DFO will want to achieve seamless delivery across all Aboriginal programs to reduce the administrative burden on First Nations and DFO.
- As it will take time to consult with industry, First Nations and others on the design of an acquisition process, existing mechanisms (ATP) will be used in Year One of the program to acquire commercial fisheries access.

# **Pacific Salmon Foundation: Community Salmon Program**

## **What is the CSP?**

The Community Salmon Program (CSP) supports stewards whom volunteer thousands of hours each year to monitor watersheds, develop and implement rehabilitation projects, educate and inform their community and advocate for the conservation and protection of salmon. CSP funding is comprised of partial proceeds from the sales of the federal conservation stamp on saltwater sport and commercial fishing licenses, PSF fundraising dinners and auctions and derby events, and charitable contributions.

## **What are the objectives of the CSP?**

- To promote the conservation, rehabilitation and enhancement of Pacific salmonids for the benefit of present and future generations
- To provide a funding mechanism for projects promoting the conservation, rehabilitation and enhancement of Pacific salmonids

## **Types of Projects**

- Habitat assessment
- Habitat rehabilitation
- Stock assessment
- Stock rehabilitation
- Education and awareness
- Community stewardship projects

## **Eligibility**

- Projects must support the protection, enhancement, rehabilitation or conservation of pacific salmonids and their habitat
- Projects must be carried out in British Columbia or Yukon Territory
- Proponent/funding recipients must be a non-profit society or organization, both at the time of application and during the grant period
- Proponents/funding recipients must have a strong demonstrated volunteer component to their organization and to the specific project

- Projects must have a letter of support from Fisheries and Oceans Canada's local Community Advisor (CA), this may be submitted directly from your CA to the PSF
- Proponents must partner or leverage grant funds with in-kind, donations or other grants, - PSF will fund maximum 50% of project costs
- Project must have permits where applicable from agencies and governments
- Project must have letters of support from relevant stewardship groups, agencies and government.

### **Exclusions**

- Ongoing expenses, ongoing events, fundraisers, operational or multi-year projects are not considered for funding
- Wages, labour or mandatory employee costs are not considered for funding; however, a portion of fees for technical or professional skills beyond the capacity of the applicant group may be considered for funding
- Members or persons directly related to a member of the proponent group are not eligible for any funding for any service including technical or professional services.

### **Assessment Procedures**

- The project is scientifically defensible or acknowledged educational/stewardship activity that benefits salmon and its habitat
- Agency support from DFO Community Advisor, plus where applicable: DFO Habitat Restoration Biologist, Habitat Restoration and Enhancement Team, Science or Fisheries Management Branches and the Province of BC
- Volunteer project, or significant volunteer component with demonstrated engagement of local volunteer stewards
- Ability of proponent to complete project as described
- Minimum of 50% community support, including matched funding, leveraging, partnership funds or in-kind contribution, level of engagement of broader community beyond government or agency.

### **Further Questions**

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## Unilever-Evergreen Aquatic Stewardship and Conservation Grant

<http://www.evergreen.ca/en/cg/cg-funding.html>

### What is the Stewardship and Conservation Grant?

Since 2004, Unilever Canada and Evergreen together have distributed \$440,000 supporting Canadian communities engaged in the protection and stewardship of urban aquatic habitats. The scope of the program has been also been recently expanded to include projects that promote the wise use of water resources through educational and hands-on activities.

The Unilever-Evergreen Aquatic Stewardship Grant will provide grants of between \$3,500 and \$10,000. These are intended to support a range of small-scale, community-driven restoration and education projects that increase the public's awareness of the sustainable use of water and the importance of aquatic features, while offering Canadians meaningful opportunities to take action.

### Who Can Apply?

- Canadian community members with potential projects located in, or within close proximity of, a city or town
- Groups that are not legally incorporated or do not have charitable status are welcome to apply if they work with at least one institutional partner (such as a municipal department, federal or provincial government agency or crown corporation, and/or publicly funded institution)
- All groups undertaking a hands-on aquatic restoration project must work with at least one institutional partner in the planning, design and implementation of their projects. (A letter of support from your institutional partner(s) is required.)
- Groups undertaking a water conservation or education project without an aquatic restoration component are not required to have institutional partners

**In 2010, there will be no intake round for this grant program. Rather, funds will be directed to applications who we were unable to fund in previous years.**

## **Project Eligibility**

- Occur in or around a river, creek or drain; a fresh or saltwater shoreline; a marsh/wetland; a pond; or estuary;
- Use native plants exclusively (species that have existed in a particular region prior to European settlement and are therefore low maintenance and do not require chemical inputs);
- Involve the community, especially children and youth;
- Be on public land or land owned by a publicly-funded institution;
- Have a strong public education component; and
- Comply with all environmental, health and safety and insurance regulations and policies of all pertinent government agencies.

## **Expense Eligibility:**

For Aquatic Stewardship Projects, this grant will cover up to 50% of total project costs. Up to 80% of the funds can be used towards:

- Native plant material (aquatic plants, trees, shrubs, wildflowers);
- Gardening supplies (soil, compost, hand tools);
- Landscape construction (excavation, etc.), equipment rentals and operators;
- Design services such as landscape design, soil and groundwater assessment, and ecological assessment;
- Monitoring equipment;
- Bio-erosion control materials such as brush bundles; and
- Transportation (car or truck rental, delivery of materials/supplies).

A maximum of 20% of the funds can be used for:

- Educational and communications materials such as signage, flyers, and press releases;
- Volunteer expenses such as refreshments and awards; and
- Health and safety supplies.

For Water Conservation and Education Projects, this grant will cover up to 50% of total project costs, including:

- Educational and communications materials such as information kits, flyers, and press releases;
- Volunteer expenses such as refreshments and awards;

- Health and safety supplies;
- Transportation (car or truck rental, delivery of materials/supplies); and
- Water conservation devices and/or demonstration materials.

**Ineligible Expenses:**

- Projects occurring on privately owned land;
- Projects, or portions thereof, completed before the application is reviewed;
- Wages and salaries;
- Reports and studies;
- Purchase of land or buildings;
- Fish stocking; and
- Stormwater management ponds and devices.

**Contact**

Application forms can be downloaded from the website or obtained by contacting Evergreen. In 2010, there will be no intake round for this grant program. The application posted online is for reference only.

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