

Annex

Description of Work: Docee Fence Co-Management and Capacity Building Initiative

OBJECTIVES

Long term: To develop trained technicians who will possess the skills necessary to conduct fisheries field studies and research within their Traditional Territory.

Short-term: To increase the capacity of Gwa'sala-'Nakwaxda'xw technicians by providing formal and occupational training at the Docee River Counting Fence.

RATIONALE

For several years, various agencies have undertaken fisheries management activities and environmental restoration works within the Gwa'sala-'Nakwaxda'xw Nation Traditional Territory. The large majority of these undertakings have proceeded without any involvement of G-N members, and the information from these projects has rarely flowed back to the Band.

Since becoming a partner on the Rivers and Smith Inlets Salmonid Ecosystem Planning Society (RSSEPS), the G-N Nation is now more aware of the fisheries happenings within the Smith Inlet area. This is particularly the case with sockeye, a species that continues to be vital to the G-N livelihood and culture. With a growing fisheries department, the Band is continually seeking to become involved in the management of the sockeye stocks within Smith inlet. A unique opportunity to increase involvement and capacity exists at the Docee River, where a salmon enumeration fence has been in place for several years.

In 2003, G-N technicians were extensively involved in the program, and by all accounts the program was a success. The upcoming field season will be critical to continue the momentum and training gained last year, and take the next step toward producing trained technicians capable of performing fish enumeration work independently.

DESCRIPTION OF PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES TO BE UNDERTAKEN

Through a partnership with Fisheries and Oceans Canada, G-N crewmembers are to be involved in all aspects of the Docee River Fence operations. These activities are to include the enumeration of immigrating adult sockeye, chinook, and coho salmon. Specific activities will include adult salmonid identification, scale-otolith-meristics sampling, trap operation, and sub-sampling for species composition.

Formal training that will be received will include:

- Bear Awareness Training
- White Water Safety Training
- Firearms Safety Training (FAC)
- Level 1 First Aid (with Transportation Endorsement)

- Small Boat Handling Training

DELIVERABLES

1. Final summary report on project activities	January 30, 2005
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BUDGET

Item	Quantity	Hours or Days	Rate or Unit Cost	Total
Labour (Camp)				
Regular Hours	1	40 days	\$129.75 / day	\$5,190.00
First Rest Hours	1	6 days	\$194.63 / day	\$1,167.78
Second Rest Hours	1	6 days	\$259.50 / day	\$1,557.00
			<u>SUBTOTAL</u>	\$7,914.78
Equipment / Travel				
Flights	10		\$141.70 / flight	\$1,417.00
Waders	2		\$180.00	\$ 360.00
Raingear	2		\$120.00	\$ 240.00
Footwear (boots)	2		\$75.00	\$ 150.00
			<u>SUBTOTAL</u>	\$2,167.00

Total Contract Cost* \$10,081.78

***Note: The Department of Fisheries and Oceans will contribute a total of \$???? for an additional G-N employee to be hired at the fence as a DFO term employee. G-N is also contributing \$7,000 for additional flights, training, labour, accounting and administration.**