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Docee River Fence Operation

June 26 – August 12, 2006

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Background

The Docee River Counting Fence has been in operation for over 30 years. The present focus of the program includes enumeration of all salmon species into Long Lake (Sockeye, Coho & Chinook) and juvenile surveys. Since 1998, the fence has been operated in 2 time periods. The first traditionally begins in mid June and runs until mid August. Since this is the period over which the majority of the Sockeye run goes through the fence, it has been identified as the “sockeye” portion. The second time period runs from mid August (end of portion 1) to the middle/end of September. Species through the fence during this time include Coho and Chinook. In addition to fence enumeration, during the second time period a Sockeye dead-pitch may be conducted on 2 of the Long Lake tributaries (Canoe & Smokehouse Rivers) as well as juvenile acoustic surveys and Sockeye egg take participation. DFO and the Gwasala Naxwaxda First Nation (The band) have worked collaboratively on this project over the last four years and DFO wishes to contract the band to provide two fence technicians to work alongside DFO staff during the first portion of the 2006 field season.

Objectives

The band will provide 2 technicians (approved by DFO subject to training and safety requirements) to work at the Docee River Fence Site from June 24 to August 12, 2006. These technicians will be paid through a contract between DFO and the Band. This project is a collaborative effort between DFO and The Band. Over the past several years this project has been in transition from a DFO directed project to one of co-management whereby Band employees are involved in project oversight. DFO personnel will work alongside Band employees who have worked on the project over the past several years to gain the capacity to finalize this transition. The project will be overseen by DFO representatives Julian Sturhahn and Matt Mortimer in conjunction with Band representative Doug McCorquodale.

Scope of Work

The 2 technicians provided by the Band under contract will live at the Docee River Fisheries Camp and will carry out identified tasks specific to program objectives. These tasks will include species enumeration and biological sampling, fence installation/maintenance, camp maintenance, and daily reporting to DFO and Band representatives as described above. The technicians provided by the Band for this contract year will be Jessie Hemphill and John Smith. The band will be responsible for travel arrangements and associated costs for technicians as well as for food and transport of food into the field camp location. In addition, the Band must obtain and provide DFO with proof of current injury and liability insurance for Band technicians working at the Docee River Fence Site.

Program Schedule

Fence setup: June 26 – July 1, 2006

Fence enumeration/Biological Sampling: July 1 – Aug 12, 2006

Financial details

Rates

Daily Rate per technician: \$155 per day + 11% MERCs = \$172.05 per day

The band will provide a suitable boat (approx 17 feet in length with approx 60hp motor and tow post) and will be paid a daily boat usage rate of \$25/day. Fuel will be provided by DFO. Boat usage is expected to be 1-2 hours/day.

Cost Estimate

Fence operation: 2 technicians x 48 days @ \$172.05 per day = \$ 16,516.80

Boat Allowance: 48 days @ \$25/day = \$ 1,200.00

TOTAL ESTIMATE **\$ 17, 716.80**

Proposed Payment Schedule

Invoices (approximate dollar value) will be submitted on a monthly basis.

All payments will be NET30 from Date of Invoice.