

Attachment C

Northern Boundary and Transboundary Rivers Restoration and Enhancement Fund

The Government of Canada and the Government of the United States agree that:

1. There shall be established a Northern Boundary and Transboundary Rivers Restoration and Enhancement Fund, hereinafter referred to as "the Northern Fund".
2. The geographic area for the Northern Fund shall be Northern and Central British Columbia, Southeast Alaska, and the drainage of the Alsek, Taku and Stikine Rivers.
3. The Northern Fund shall be used to support the following activities:
 - (a) development of improved information for resource management, including better stock assessment, data acquisition, and improved scientific understanding of factors affecting salmon production in the freshwater and marine environments;
 - (b) rehabilitation and restoration of habitat, and improvement of natural habitat to enhance productivity and protection of Pacific salmon; and
 - (c) enhancement of wild stock production through low technology techniques rather than through large facilities with high operating costs.
4. The Northern Fund shall be constituted by a grant of \$75 million USD to be provided by the United States subject to the obtaining of specific legislative authority and the availability of funds. Either Party may make additional contributions to the Northern Fund. Contributions to the Northern Fund by a third party may be made with the agreement of the Parties.
5. The Northern Fund shall be held by the Pacific Salmon Commission pursuant to the Pacific Salmon Commission bylaws and invested in accordance with the terms of a "Trust Agreement" to be drawn up by the Parties.
6. The Northern Fund shall be administered by a Northern Fund Committee, composed of 3 representatives appointed by the Government of Canada and 3 representatives appointed by the Government of the United States, which will be responsible for the approval of expenditure of monies from the Northern Fund. Annual expenditures shall not exceed the annual earnings from the invested principal of the Northern Fund. The cost of administering the Northern Fund shall be drawn from the income of the Northern Fund.
7. The Northern Fund Committee shall develop procedures for the acceptance, review, evaluation and approval of proposals for the use of the income of the Northern Fund.
8. Monies from the Northern Fund shall be disbursed by the Pacific Salmon Commission at the direction of the Northern Fund Committee. No funds may be disbursed from the Northern Fund after the expiration of the fishery arrangements in Chapters 1 and 2 of Annex IV of the Pacific Salmon Treaty until new fishing arrangements are agreed by the Parties.