

NECHAKO FISHERIES CONSERVATION PROGRAM

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Decision Record (2009/10-1)

Skins Lake spillway discharge is normally increased from the base winter level to the spring discharge level of 49 cms in the last few weeks of April. As per NFCP consensus reached in the past, the exact date of the increase depends on ice conditions on Cheslatta Lake.

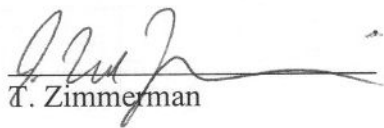
The spring increase will be delayed in 2009 until the ice on Cheslatta Lake has cracked free from shore around the perimeter of the lake. This approach is taken in order to minimize risk of drowning beaver that could get trapped under the ice cover if the water level increases quickly and there is an absence of breathing holes. An inspection is planned for April 21.

The Technical Committee agrees that RTA be directed to increase SLS discharge to 49 cms on May 1 pending the formation of open leads in the Cheslatta Lake system.


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