

NECHAKO FISHERIES CONSERVATION PROGRAM

A Joint Program of the Government of Canada, Alcan and the Province of British Columbia

STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING (2007/08-1)

DATE: November 30, 2007

Members:

Steering Committee

Don Timlick (Alcan Primary Metal Group)
Nancy Wilkin (Provincial Crown)
Ken Smith (Federal Crown)

Technical Committee

J. Benckhuysen (Alcan Primary Metal Group)
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Decision Record

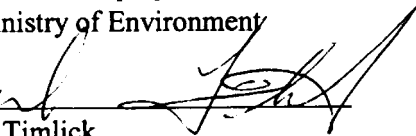
1. The Steering Committee approves the 2008/09 program and budget as set out in the attached table.



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Table 1. Nechako Fisheries Conservation Program Proposed 2007/2008 Program

REMEDIAL MEASURES		DAYS	EXPENSES	
RM08-2	Summer Temperature Management	109.5	\$15,910	ALCAN
RM08-3	Instream Habitat Complexing	12.0	\$4,821	ALCAN
RM08-8	Flow Control	22.5	\$3,410	ALCAN
RM08-8A	Flow Discrepancy Project	9	\$10,000	TC
SUBTOTAL		153	\$34,141	
MONITORING				
M08-1	Enumeration and Residency Time	176	\$58,200	DFO/ALCAN
M08-2	Carcass Recovery	24	\$5,000	DFO/ALCAN
M08-4	Fry Emergence	55	\$10,745	ALCAN
SUB TOTAL		255	\$73,945	
APPLIED RESEARCH				
No applied research projects recommended for 2008/2009				
SUB TOTAL		0	0	
TOTAL		408	\$108,086	
COMMITTEE OPERATIONS*		**	\$96,392	

Includes Independent Member, Annual Meeting and Report,

*Technical Report

Production, and Committee Meetings

**As required by each party

Production, and Committee Meetings

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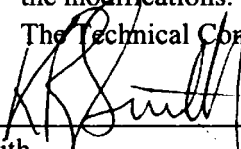
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NECHAKO FISHERIES CONSERVATION PROGRAM STEERING COMMITTEE

DATE: November 30, 2007

Decision Record (2007/2008-SC2)

1. The Steering Committee hereby accepts and endorses the Nechako Fisheries Conservation Program – 5 year Plan: 2007-2012 as recommended and presented on February 9, 2007 by the Technical Committee. Should the plan need to be modified in any way, the Technical Committee will seek approval from the Steering Committee for the modifications.
2. The Technical Committee is hereby directed to implement the 5 Year Plan.



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NECHAKO FISHERIES CONSERVATION PROGRAM TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

DATE: February 21, 2008

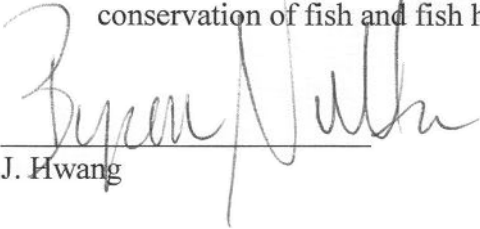
Decision Record (2007/2008-2)

1. RioTinto Alcan's ongoing monitoring of the reservoir inflows, accumulated snow pack to date and decreases in the reservoir elevation has resulted in the reservoir approaching normal levels for this time of year. Further, the snow pack accumulation indicates that only normal runoff is expected for the spring of 2008. As a result, Alcan has requested that the release from the Skins Lake Spillway be reduced from the current 80.1m³/s to 34m³/s effective Friday, February 22, 2008.
2. In considering this request, past practice has been to allow winter decreases in releases from the Skins lake Spillway as long as the decreased discharge is not less than 50% of the discharge during spawning in the previous fall or the normal spawning discharge of 32m³/s. As shown on the attached graph, the discharge in the Nechako River below Cheslatta Falls (based on WSC preliminary data) dropped below 68m³/s on September 10, prior to the peak of spawning, and remained below that level throughout the remainder of the spawning period. Thus the proposed change to 34m³/s would be consistent with past practice.
3. In addition, the timing of the change would result in the discharge in the Nechako below Cheslatta Falls reaching a stable rate prior to the start of Chinook emergence in late March.

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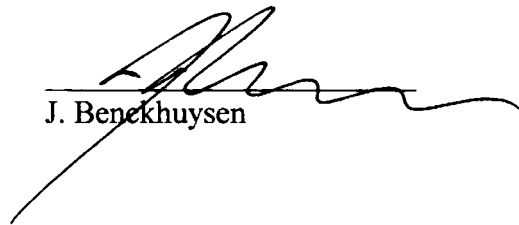
4. The Technical Committee has reviewed Alcan's plans for the release of water from the spillway and concluded that the proposed plan would not affect the conservation of fish and fish habitat in the Nechako River.

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Plot of Nechako River Discharges (August 20 to October 8, 2007)

