



BC Salmon Restoration and Innovation Fund (BCSRIF)

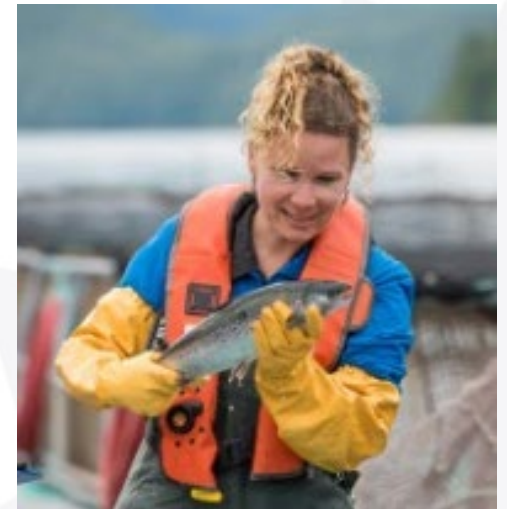
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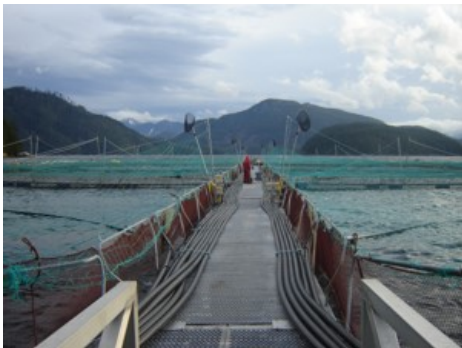


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- The Fund was jointly launched by the Honorable John Horgan, Premier of British Columbia, and the Honorable Jonathan Wilkinson, Minister of Fisheries, Oceans and the Canadian Coast Guard, and on March 15, 2019 at Fisherman's Warf in Victoria.
- Focal point of BCSRIF will be a contribution fund of \$142.85 M over five years.
 - The federal government will provide 70% of the funding, and 30% will come from the Province of BC.
- First call for Expressions of Interest closed on April 15, 2019.

Scope and Focus



- BCSRIF will help restore and protect vulnerable Pacific salmon species and habitat, and support the fish and seafood sector in BC to better protect the health and sustainability of fish stocks, while modernizing the wild fisheries and aquaculture sectors in BC.
- Intended to focus on (but not be limited to) supporting the protection and restoration of BC's iconic Pacific salmon species, including salmon habitat.
- Ensuring the fish and seafood sector in BC is positioned for long-term environmental and economic sustainability and resilient to the challenges of climate change and evolving economic conditions.



BCSRIF Three Program Pillars

- Similar to the successful Atlantic Fisheries Fund (AFF), BCSRIF will support projects focused on science partnerships, innovation, and infrastructure investments.

Science Partnerships

to support collaborations with academia and other research institutions to improve our knowledge and understanding of impacts to wild stocks and to develop sustainable fishing practices

Innovation

to encourage the development of new products and technologies in the harvesting, aquaculture and processing sectors to increase productivity and help meet conservation and sustainability objectives, including the protection and restoration of wild BC stocks, including salmon

Infrastructure

to encourage capital investments in new products, processes or technologies to support the advancement of sustainable fishing practices and to support the protection and restoration of wild BC stocks, including wild Pacific salmon

Recipient Eligibility

- Although there is a focus on salmon, commercial (wild capture and aquaculture) and recreational fisheries for other species are eligible as well.
- Eligible recipients must reside in BC, be federally or provincially incorporated, and be active in, or support activities related to BC's fish and seafood harvesting, processing, or aquaculture sectors.
- Funding is available to British Columbia-based commercial and non-commercial organizations, including:
 - Indigenous groups
 - commercial enterprises, including fishers, aquaculturists and seafood processors
 - universities and academics
 - industry associations
 - other organizations, such as research institutions and stewardship organizations

Program Priorities

- For the first round of intake, expressions of interest were requested that targeted projects that contribute to:
 - restoration, protection, and maintenance of healthy and diverse salmon populations and their habitats;
 - improved performance and sustainability of the commercial and recreational fisheries, and seafood processing sector; and
 - improved sustainability of the aquaculture industry to ensure the protection and conservation of marine ecosystems and wild fish populations.
- Priorities may be refined for future rounds of intake.

Summary of initial Expression of Interest (EOI) Intake

- 192 applications received
- Total BCSRIF funds requested = \$327 M (2.5 x available funding)
- Program Areas: Habitat, Enhancement, Commercial wild capture/rec fishing, Aquaculture, Science & Research
- EOIs received from a wide range of commercial and non-commercial recipients (e.g. Indigenous groups, industry associations, commercial enterprises, ENGOs, academia)
- The majority link to the priority: *restoration, protection and maintenance of healthy and diverse salmon populations and their habitats*

Next Steps

- **Recommended projects** - most strongly aligned with current program priorities.
 - Proposals currently under review
 - No funding decisions have been made at this time.
 - Once project agreements have been approved, information will be available on the BCSRIF webpage.
- **Projects for future consideration** - eligible but may be duplicative or require further scoping to meet program requirements/priorities.
 - Over the summer, BCSRIF staff from BC and DFO will work with the proponents to discuss opportunities for collaboration and develop a strategic approach.
 - Proponents will be encouraged to develop partnerships to increase project benefits and maximize the impact of available funding.
 - Some projects may move directly to requests for proposals, others will be encouraged to submit new/re-scoped EOs for the next round.
- **Ineligible projects** – ineligible under the Terms and Conditions or do not meet initial program priorities. Proponents have been informed.
- Further opportunities to apply for funding will be provided in fall 2019. Details and exact dates will be communicated when available.



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