



Fish Habitat Management System for Yukon Placer Mining Implementation Status Review

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Scope and purpose

The Yukon Placer Secretariat (YPS) works with intergovernmental partners to coordinate implementation and management of the Fish Habitat Management System for Yukon Placer Mining (the Management System). In 2015, the Yukon Placer Secretariat (YPS) initiated a review of the status and effectiveness of implementation of the Management System. The goal of the review was to confirm that the Management System is applied and managed consistent with its guiding documents, and to enable effective adaptive management decisions.

Development of the Management System began in 2005, through a partnership between Fisheries and Oceans Canada, the Yukon government, and the Council of Yukon First Nations. Implementation began in 2008. The Management System is designed to balance the objectives of conservation and protection of fish and fish habitat, supporting fisheries and a sustainable placer mining industry in Yukon. The review compared the actual delivery of the main elements of the Management System with the original vision and direction as outlined in its key guiding documents.

Findings

The review found that while the Management System was designed to be consistent with the original vision and directions negotiated in the development stage, it is not yet fully implemented.

The main elements of the Management System review included: governance structure; watershed authorizations; watershed sensitivity and fish habitat suitability; compliance monitoring and inspections; operational standards; reclamation standards; traditional and local knowledge; harmonized approach to assessment and licensing; and adaptive management, including monitoring protocols.

Recommendations

The report provides recommendations setting out specific objectives to promote improvements to the implementation of the Management System, along with an indication of each recommendation's priority, lead agency and status.

A summary of the review along with a complete list of 54 recommendations is available on the YPS website. For more detailed information, please contact the Yukon Placer Secretariat:

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