

RECORD OF AGREEMENT

Recognizing the importance of a sustainable placer industry to the Yukon, and the importance of conservation and protection of fish and fish habitat supporting fisheries,

Recognizing the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans decision to replace the YPA with a new regime,

The parties, (Council of Yukon First Nations (CYFN), Yukon Territorial Government (YTG) and Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO)) agree to work together and strive to reach consensus on the following tasks:

- To develop a new regime for implementation by 2007, and introduce a new process for specific authorizations.
- To establish a process that is fair and understandable to industry.
- To develop a plan by April 2004 which describes the regime to be implemented on or before 2007.
- To provide certainty and maintain stability for industry, the transition process may involve a phased implementation process or possibly, with ministerial approval, a further extension of the YPA during a portion of the transition process.

Outcomes of the process will include:

- A clear set of guidelines, responsive to area and topographical differences, for the management of the Placer Mining industry with respect to fish and fish habitat supporting fisheries.
- Guidelines which are achievable and science-based and incorporate experience and traditional knowledge.
- A schedule for the implementation of the guidelines.
- A harmonized, efficient and timely approach to regulation of placer mining including licensing, application, inspection and monitoring.

An agreement between the three levels of government represented by DFO, the YTG and CYFN - setting out the accountabilities related to the new regime and the review process to monitor the effectiveness of the new guidelines.

Structure of the Transition process:

- The **Implementation Steering committee**, composed of senior representatives of CYFN, YTG, DFO and Klondike Placer Miners' Association (KPMA) will direct and approve the work of the Working Committee.
- The **Working Committee**, will consist of up to two members from each of the four principals on the Steering Committee. Its work will focus on the tasks described above, and it will report to the Steering Committee. It will be supported by technical personnel as agreed.
- An **Independent Facilitator** will be appointed to facilitate discussion at both levels and to guide the work of the process. The facilitator will act as Chair of the Working Committee and will work closely with the Implementation Steering Committee.
- In addition to its continuing role for 2003, the **Yukon Placer Committee (YPC)** will serve as a forum to periodically inform stakeholders of progress as approved by the Implementation Steering Committee.
- Media responses and communications strategies will be agreed by consensus amongst the parties.

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