

NECHAKO FISHERIES CONSERVATION PROGRAM

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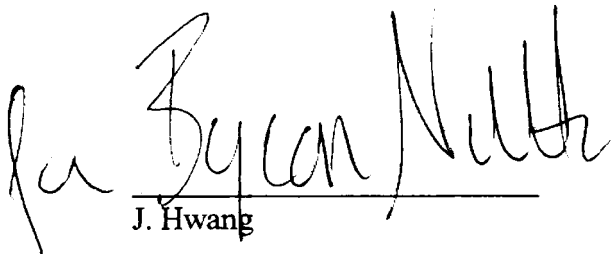
NECHAKO FISHERIES CONSERVATION PROGRAM TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

DATE: January 31, 2006

Decision Record (2005/2006-5)

The Technical Committee has reviewed the value of carrying out the Chinook Fry Emergence Project in 2006. Consideration included the conclusions of the NFCP 2005 Technical Data Review Report, the belief that periodic monitoring should be carried out to confirm habitat stability over a longer term, and the duration of time since the project was last conducted (2001). The review followed the logic in the attached decision flow chart.

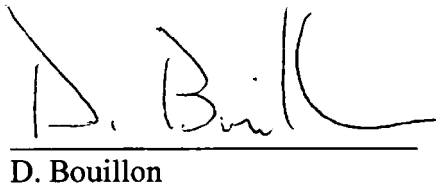
Based on this review, the NFCP Technical Committee has agreed to proceed with this study in 2006. This decision is consistent with the proposed goal (still under discussion) to reduce monitoring frequency to once in each 5 year cycle (the dominant age class for returning chinook adults). This decision brings this project timing in line with the proposed monitoring frequency and takes advantage of the availability of prerequisite data (spawner counts and distribution - already collected in the fall of 2005). The NFCP Technical Committee will confirm the future monitoring frequency for this project through further discussion in 2006.



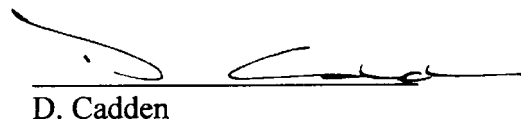
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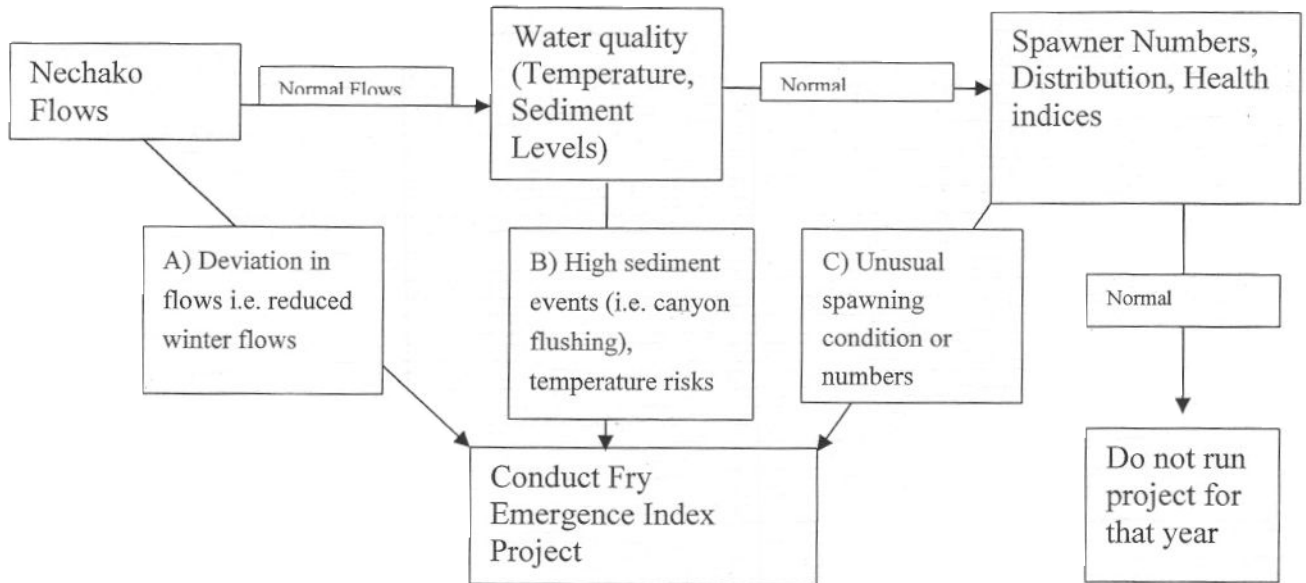


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Figure 1 Flow chart for fry emergence program

Assumptions:

- Continuous time series of data not required,
- Some frequency of monitoring will be required,
- Data prerequisites for decision paths are available (ie. Spawner counts, spawner distribution, and advance warning of calamity/disturbance events).
- Project can be brought back in the future (funding will be available)



Risks of not conducting program – Lack of recruitment data for rearing habitat/outmigration projects. This risk would be low if status quo conditions exist.