

QUALITY WATERS FUND - YEAR 1 PROJECT REPORT Thompson Okanagan HCTF Project Number: 3-273

Part 1: Summary

***Please see comments for instructions.

SUMMARY FUNDING TABLE

	2018-19 Budget	2018-19 Spending	Variance
Thompson River	\$24,860	\$17,823	-\$7,037
TOTAL	\$24,860	\$17,823	-\$7,037

General Project Summary

Activity 1. Analysis and reporting of surveys during periods closed to sport fishing during the 2015/16 and 2016/17 seasons. Analysis and reporting was undertaken in August and September of 2018 and resulted in a technical report referenced as "Phelps, M. and Bison, R. 2018. Thompson River Guardian Program, Compliance Monitoring and Estimation of Steelhead Fishing Mortality during Recreational Angling Closure Periods Associated with 2015-2016 and 2016-2017 Fishing Seasons. Prepared for: Habitat Conservation Trust Foundation. 35p."

Activity 2. Survey of closed period begin October 1, 2018. A total of 5 surveys would conducted ending October 20. Surveys ceased following gun shots directed at guardian staff in the vicinity of Ashcroft. The incident was report to CO Service and the RCMP.

Capital Asset Purchase information:

None

Additional Supporting Information

The Thompson Steelhead Sport fishery was closed preseason in 2018 for the first time. Opening the fishery in the near future is not anticipated given trends in survival and abundance of steelhead. As of the end of 2018/19, we are undecided about how to proceed with gurardian activities given than pre season closures are expect for the foreseeable few years. We will be in consultation with CO Service on this matter.

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