HCTF 2015-16 Approved Projects - Skeena

Project Name	Project #	Project Description	Approved Funding	Project Leader
Skeena Weirs and Steelhead Stock Assessment	6-97	This project will provide wild Skeena Watershed steelhead abundance data at three index sites: the upper Sustut River weir, the Kitwanga River Didson sonar and the Kloiya River resistivity counter to emumerate an upper Skeena, early run-timing, a mid-Skeena summer and a coastal winter run steelhead population, respectively.	\$67,000	Mark Beere Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations 250-847-7297
Skeena River Guardian Project	6-213	The Skeena River Guardian Project will monitor recent angling regulation changes on Classified Waters including the Bulkley, Kispiox, Skeena and Zymoetz rivers. This information will allow MFLNRO to assess whether they are working as intended.	\$172,042	Paddy Hirshfield Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations 250-387-3978
Restoring Whitebark Pine Ecosystems to Enhance Subalpine Grizzly Bear Habitat	6-227	This is the 5th year of a project to restore endangered whitebark pine ecosystems with high habitat potential for grizzly and black bears. We have collected seeds from apparently disease-resistant whitebark pines and are growing nursery seedlings. We will monitor and maintain 10 existing restoration sites and continue outreach activities.	\$5,000	Sybille Haeussler Bulkley Valley Centre for Natural Resources Research & Management 250-847-2728
Juvenile Sooty Grouse Dispersal and Winter Survival on Haida Gwaii	6-235	On Haida Gwaii, the number of Sooty Grouse appears to have declined dramatically over the past 100 years. This project assesses juvenile recruitment and nest success. The effects of forest conversion, fragmentation or hunter harvest on juvenile recruitment and nest success are examined.	\$51,500	Frank Doyle Wildlife Dynamics Consulting 250-847-3252
Population structure and migration of lake char in Yukon River headwaters	6-242	A receiver grid will be installed in Atlin Lake and 40 lake char will receive acoustic tags as a component of a tagging and genetic stock ID project directed by Environment Yukon on Atlin, Tagish, Bennett and Marsh lakes,. This will clarify lake char migrations between waters so that harvest estimates can be assigned to design regulations for sustainable fisheries.	\$5,500	Joe De Gisi Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations 250-847-7288
Skeena hunter moose observation app.	6-247	Citizen science will be used to increase the knowledge of moose populations in the sparsely populated and irregularly surveyed north western portion of the province. We will produce a mobile and internet based app that would be used by hunters to record their observations of moose while hunting.	\$21,500	Conrad Thiessen Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations 250-847-7299