

## Summary

**SUMMARY FUNDING TABLE**

	<b>2020-21 Budget</b>	<b>2020-21 Spending</b>	<b>Variance</b>
<b>Haida Gwaii (various)</b>	\$14,200	\$11,192	-\$3,008
<b>Yakoun River</b>	\$7,575	\$0	-\$7,575
<b>Tlell River</b>	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Mainland Coast (Various)</b>	\$8,000	\$0	-\$8,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$29,775</b>	<b>\$11,192</b>	<b>-\$18,583</b>

**General Project Summary**

There were three components to the QWS projects in 2020-21. The River Guardian program was successfully delivered in partnership with the BC Conservation Foundation and the Haida Fisheries Program. This was the third year of the project and it ran relatively smoothly again in 2020-21 despite the difficulties of covid and some extreme wind events which caused periods of reduced access. The results of River Guardian Activities in years 1 and 2 have been summarised into a report and reporting of 2020-21 data is underway. Estimated angler effort in 2018-19 and 2019-20 aligns well with independent estimates from the STQ (900 and 675 days respectively). In each of these years, the majority of anglers encountered were BC residents from areas other than Haida Gwaii (85% and 75% respectively), with Haida residents comprising 10% of the interviewed anglers and the remainder coming from places outside of BC. There were no observations of angler non-compliance in either survey year. These activities have also suggested similarities in spatial distribution of angler effort between years and response to environmental conditions (discharge). The results of the River Guardian surveys are producing meaningful insights into the spatial-temporal distribution and behaviour of steelhead anglers on the Yakoun River, and are continuing to provide an opportunity for collaboration with the Haida Fisheries Program and their direct engagement with anglers on the waters of Haida Gwaii. Neither the Yakoun electrofishing surveys (component 2) nor the mainland coast steelhead surveys (component 3) were able to be completed in 2020-21 due to covid travel restrictions. As a result, there were no funds expended on these activities and unspent QWS dollars are being returned to HCTF.

**Capital Asset Purchase information:**

n/a

**Additional Supporting Information**

Data reports have been completed for the River Guardian patrols and the steelhead juveniel electrofishing surveys. These are still in raw form but are currently on file and available at the Regional office.