

Government of British Columbia

The following information is based on a fictitious example for the Treaty Simulation. Although the scenario is fictitious, it is based on real-life agreements with peoples, nations, organizations and different levels of governments.

YOUR TASK

NLG has proposed a meeting with the Treaty partners/parties (Nisga'a Lisims Government, Government of BC, and Government of Canada) to develop and finance a **Nass Chum Salmon Rebuilding Plan**.

Your team has been hired to negotiate on behalf of the Government of BC (**BC**). Based on the guidance from your party in this mandate letter, your team must draft a proposal for the plan.

Your proposal for the Nass Chum Salmon Rebuilding Plan should:

1. Identify which threats to Nass Chum salmon should be addressed (e.g., changing climate, habitat degradation, mineral extraction, fish farming, etc.).
2. Identify management and monitoring measures to help rebuild Nass Chum stocks (e.g. habitat restoration, enhancement, research, public education).
3. Suggest where the funds should come from (i.e., who should cover costs).

GUIDANCE FROM YOUR PARTY

- You are working on behalf of a public government, so you represent the interests of the citizens of British Columbia.
- BC understands the importance of Indigenous Knowledge and supports the use of both Indigenous and scientific knowledge systems when creating the management plan.
- BC acknowledges that salmon populations are integral to the ecosystem and communities across BC and that salmon populations are in decline and require support.
- BC is committed to collaboration with all levels of government to rebuild salmon populations including on-going work to align the province's actions with DFO's Wild Salmon Policy Implementation Plan. We are also looking into how we can best position ourselves to tackle these important issues.
- The Wild Salmon Advisory Council (WSAC) helped develop restoration strategies and in 2020 the province updated their actions taken in the WSAC report. These

actions include but are not limited to enhancement and protection of salmon populations and habitat.

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- Established under the Nisga'a Treaty with contributions from both NLG and Canada, the Lisims Fisheries Conservation Trust (the Trust) is used to promote conservation and protection of Nass area fish species, which includes these efforts to rebuild salmon stocks; however, in this scenario, the Trust is temporarily unable to accommodate new funding requests.
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- **As you develop your proposal**, be creative and think about what changes you would like to see happen. Use your party's guidance to decide what to include in your proposal. Do your own research – find other fish and wildlife management plans online and review the footnotes in your scenario/mandate, and additional resources listed below.

RESOURCE LIST

- WATCH: *DFO Stock Assessments Explainer*. <https://www.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/videos/eval-assess-eng.html>
- WATCH: *NLG Fish Wheel Explainer*. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9Pouv-6buUo>
- Pacific Salmon Foundation's *Nass River Salmon Fishery Report Card Summary*: <https://psf.ca/slug/nass-river-salmon-fishery-report-card/>
- Pacific Salmon Explorer Mapping Tool – Nass Region (explore current and future habitat pressures): <https://salmonexplorer.ca/#!/nass&to=watersheds-map>
- Wild Salmon in British Columbia: https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/farming-natural-resources-and-industry/agriculture-and-seafood/fisheries-and-aquaculture/wsac/7665_wild_salmon_council_report_2020_fn.pdf