

Government of Canada

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 Canada (**GoC**). 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 national public government, so you represent all people in Canada.
- Your party takes a shared-stewardship approach to managing salmon in the Pacific region, which includes consultation with First Nations, stakeholders, industry, academia, and other levels. As part of the Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO) best practices, both scientific and Traditional Ecological Knowledge should be considered in rebuilding plans.ⁱ
- Your party is accountable to its international agreements, including the US-Canada Pacific Salmon Treaty.ⁱⁱ Based on their recommendations, push for increased and improved stock assessment for Nass Chum and for a Plan that is long-term, scientifically defensible, and cost-effective.
- It is essential to monitor how the Plan is working in the short- and long-term. Ask for regular reporting and for the Plan to be adapted if necessary.
- Your party is committed to phase out open-net fish farming, but as it is an important source of employment, the federal government has decided to delay

by another five years to allow the industry to transition to closed-containment systems.

- 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.
- Canada and BC have co-funded the British Columbia Salmon Restoration and Innovation Fund (BCSRIF) which supports habitat protection and restoration activities. The funding is split 70:30 between Canada and BC and is available to Indigenous groups active in the protection and restoration of BC wild stocks.ⁱⁱⁱ
- **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>
- DFO *Best Practice Rebuilding Measures*: <https://waves-vagues.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/library-bibliotheque/40584781.pdf>
- DFO Overview of Nass River - Nisga'a Fisheries Program: <https://www.pac.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/fm-gp/northcoast-cotenord/nass-eng.html>
- 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>
- Pacific Salmon Commission's *Coastal Nass Area Chum Escapement Project*: <https://www.psc.org/fund-project/nass-area-coastal-chum-escapement-project/>

ⁱ <https://waves-vagues.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/library-bibliotheque/40584781.pdf>

ⁱⁱ <https://www.psc.org/about-us/history-purpose/faqs/>

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