



Copper River, Prince William Sound Regional Marketing Association (CRPWSMA)

Project Proposal Application Form

See <http://www.copperrivermarketing.org/project-proposals> for more information.

Project Proposal

Project Concept

Title: Coghill Weir

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I have reviewed the CRPWSMA By-Laws Yes No (Yes response required for a complete application)

This Project Proposal will further the CRPWSMA Purpose (Article 1.2 of By-Laws) by meeting one or more of the following objectives. Check all boxes that apply.

- Develop regional seafood brands.
- Develop a marketing plan for the regional brands.
- Secure funds and to implement the marketing plan.
- Facilitate members' marketing programs through development of informational documents, market research & promotions.
- Promote, foster and encourage quality assurance standards to attain the highest industry standards.
- Promote improvements to the commercial fishing industry infrastructure in the region.

Proposed Project Start Date: 6/1/16

Proposed Project Completion Date: 8/1/16

Project Description:

The Coghill River weir is a remote field camp in northwestern Prince William Sound. This project consists of a picket weir and camp located near the outlet of Coghill Lake. Major objectives of the project are to enumerate salmon escapements into Coghill Lake, and determine species and age class composition of the escapement. All salmon passing the weir are enumerated and salmon are periodically sampled for age, length, and sex to determine characteristics of the spawning populations. The weir has been operated on an annual basis since 1974, and a partial weir and counting tower was operated from 1961-1973. The Coghill River weir provides important in-season information on run strength and timing. This information allows fisheries managers to adjust time and location of commercial fisheries in the northwest and Coghill districts in order to maximize fishing opportunity and ensure that desired stock escapement levels are met. Due to recent statewide budget shortfalls, the Alaska Department of Fish and Game no longer has funding to operate the Coghill River weir.

The weir is usually operated for about two months each year, being deployed in early June and removed in early August, allowing the weir to enumerate the majority of the sockeye salmon run. Deployment requires about four

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people, while weir operations, removal, and camp break down requires two full time technicians who live on-site for the duration of the season. The additional personnel time required for deployment can be covered by existing ADF&G staff, but funding is needed for the two full time technicians. These technicians would likely be the same individuals who work on the lower Copper River sonar project (see Prince William Sound Science Center proposal), as timing would allow sonar operations throughout May before shifting to Coghill in June.

Budget Requirement Summary (including description of other funding sources available):

Note: Budget information is only required for Project Proposals. Project Concepts may submit budget information if available.

Budget Detail:

Two Fish and Wildlife Technician II's, with overtime	- \$36,000
Airfare/transportation(deployment, resupply, and removal)	- \$9,000
Commodities (food, camp supplies)	- \$5,000
Total -	\$50,000

Total Funds Required \$ 50,000.00

Amount Requested from CRPWSMA: \$ 50,000.00

Amount Available from Other Funding Sources \$ _____

Signature of Applicant: *Stacy Taylor* Date Submitted: 12/28/2015

CRPWSMA Board Use Only:

Proposal provided to Board for review (date): _____

Board Meeting to vote on Proposal (date): _____

Approved Disapproved*

Board President Signature: _____

Letter Sent to Applicant with Decision (date): _____

(*An explanation will be provided in the letter for any proposals that are disapproved.)