



Recreational Fisheries Conservation Partnerships Program (RFCPP)

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Recreational Fisheries Conservation Partnerships Program (RFCPP)

- The Recreational Fisheries Conservation Partnerships Program supports the Government's commitment to protect Canada's environment, as outlined in Budget 2015 and as reflected in the recent changes to the *Fisheries Act*.
- The program's objective is to:
restore, rebuild and rehabilitate recreational fisheries habitat.



Eligibility

3 conditions to meet

- Applicant
- Type of Project and the expenses linked to it
- Stacking



1. *Eligible Applicant*

- **The eligible applicant must be a recreational fishing/angling group or a conservation organization.**
- Eligible recipient must have a legal entity (i.e. must have a federal business number).
- Project partners can come from all horizons (i.e. private and public sectors)



2. Eligible Projects

Activities directly related to **rebuilding, restoring or rehabilitation recreational** fisheries habitat in Canada

- A. Stream, Lake and Floodplain Habitat Restoration
- B. Fish Access Improvements
- C. Stream Channel and Bank Erosion Control and Stabilization
- D. Ocean Habitat Restoration and Enhancement
- E. Chemical Manipulations to Improve Water Quality



Stream and Lake Habitat Restoration

Before RFCPP



After RFCPP





Fish Access Improvements

Before RFCPP



After RFCPP



Bank Erosion Control and Stabilization

Before RFCPP



After RFCPP





Riparian Restoration

Before ...



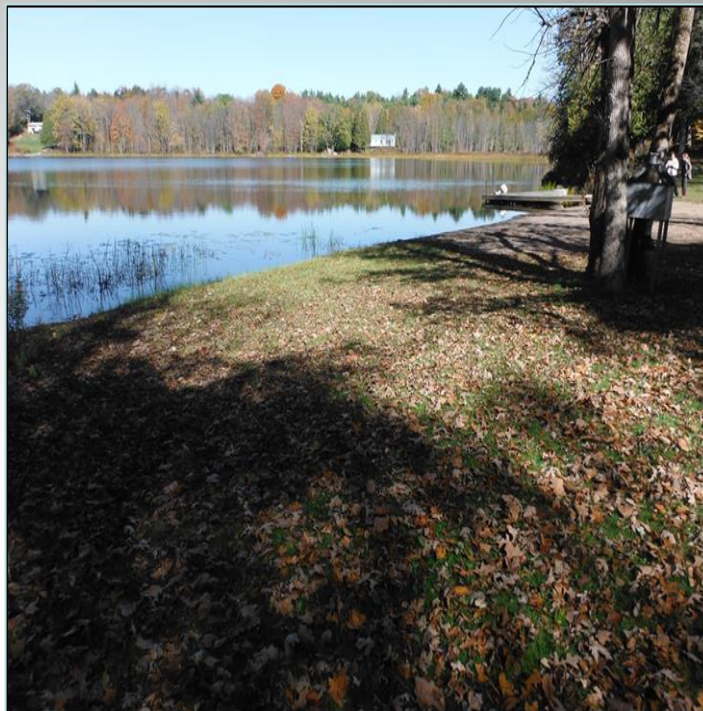


... After





Before





After





Chemical Manipulation - Aeration and liming





Ineligible Activities

- Education, awareness-raising
- Studies, assessments, monitoring
- Activities required to meet regulatory requirements
- Website construction
- Purchase of land for conservation
- Fish stocking
- Fishing platforms and sidewalks



3. *Government Stacking*

- A maximum of **75%** of the project **cash** can be derived from **all levels of government** (federal, provincial, territorial and municipal).
- A maximum of **50%** of the project's total budget can be **cash support from the federal government** including RFCPP funding amount requested.
- The in-kind support does not count in the stacking limit.



Government Stacking:

Example of Government Support:

- Grants and contributions funding (including requested RFCPP)
- Cash support

Examples of Matching Support:

- Private sector cash
- NGO cash
- All In-kind support
 - volunteer labour,
 - staff time,
 - equipment loans,
 - materials
- First Nation band funding
- Trust funds; endowment funds
- Crown corporations
- Universities



Funding

- Up to \$250,000 per fiscal year
(i.e. Approved projects start on April 1st, 2016 and must be completed by the end of the fiscal year (March 31st))
- Preference will be given to project proposals in the \$20,000 to \$100,000 range per fiscal year.
- One, two and three year projects will be allowed for funding
- There is no minimum request amount
- You can present more than one proposal



Eligible Costs:

- ✓ Human resources costs, including salaries and benefits (limited to temporary/seasonal employees hired specifically to undertake the project);
- ✓ Contract and professional service costs that are directly attributable to carrying out the project (excludes litigation costs);
- ✓ Purchase, lease, maintenance or repair of equipment, materials or supplies;
- ✓ Travel and related expenses;
- ✓ Vehicle rental and operation costs;
- ✓ Insurance expenses related to RFCPP activities under the agreement.

Note: *Salaries for existing/core personnel and overhead cost are NOT eligible.*



Contribution Agreement

Once a project is approved, a Contribution Agreement must be negotiated and signed between the applicant and DFO

➤ Grant vs Contribution Agreement



Next opening window for proposals

- Round 5 opens on **October 26, 2015** and closes on **December 16, 2015**;
- Approved projects start on April 1st, 2016 and must be completed by the end of the fiscal year (March 31st)
- One, two and three year projects will be allowed for funding



How to apply?

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