

Nechako White Sturgeon Recovery Centre Facility and Operations For the year ended March 31, 2015

The Nechako White Sturgeon Facility was completed in time for the 2014 brood capture in April 2014 and is now in full operation. Twenty four combi rearing tanks and 12 10' circular holding tanks were installed by October 2013. Construction is now complete. We were successful in capturing, holding and then spawning 12 mature males and 6 mature females on May 30, 2014. The first class of 1266 juvenile sturgeon, weighing between 0.5 and 1 kg each will be released in the spring of 2015.



Figure 1. Completed Facility, Winter 2014



Figure 1. Juvenile Nechako White Sturgeon from the facility (Dec 2014).



Figure 1. Recirculation aquaculture system during testing

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Table 1. Funding, Operating and Capital costs.

OPERATIONS			
Funding related to operations	2014	2015	2016 (budgeted)
Carry-over funding	-	69,636	28,574
NEEF Funding received (F2016 requesting)	175,000	400,000	400,000
RTA Funding received	-	50,000	50,000
Funds for operating expenses spent (budgeted)	- 57,919	- 409,777	- 449,515
Funds for operating capital spent (budgeted)	- 47,445	- 81,285	- 6,100
Balance of funding	69,636	28,574	22,959
<p>* \$400,000 of NEEF Funding is requested each year. Actual expenses will vary each year, but are planned to be fully spent over the 10 years of operations. Any future deficits over the 10 years will be funded from FFSBC contributed capital funds. 2014 NEEF funding is only \$175,000 because \$275,000 was allocated to the facility funding. \$300,000 of NEEF funding was approved to be used for the building based on best estimates at the time.</p>			
Fiscal 2015 (April 1, 2014 - March 31, 2015)			
Operating Expenses	Total	NEEF 1061	RTA 1060
Salaries	229,859	220,082	9,777
Travel	3,078	3,078	-
Contract services	7,252	7,252	-
Operating Supplies & Services	65,013	65,013	-
Vehicle Expenses	5,675	5,675	-
Fish Feed	8,372	8,372	-
Facilities	12,203	12,203	-
Utilities	25,567	25,567	-
Property Taxes & Permits	12,887	12,887	-
Administration	39,871	39,871	-
Total Operating Expenses	409,777	400,000	9,777
Operating equipment			
Boat trailer	5,612	5,612	-
Production Equipment and computers	18,673	18,673	-
Marine equipment	57,000	57,000	-
Total Operating equipment	81,285	81,285	-
Total Operating costs	491,062	481,285	9,777
BUILDING			
Building capital costs	Total	NEEF 1061	RTA 1060
April 1, 2014 - March 31, 2015	578,978	529,565	49,413
Prior years costs	4,880,698	3,281,176	1,599,522
Total Building Cost	5,459,676	3,810,741	1,648,935