

Table Discussion Notes – Public Workshop 29 March 2012

TABLE 1:

Objectives:

- Erosion control
- Education awareness
- Facilities enhancement
- Water release facility
 - only option to help Cheslatta system
 - other options should be considered in context of a water release facility
- need to address long term condition of the river rather than smaller projects

need to put costs in the context of long term “payback” of enhancement

NEEF as seed money for projects

Address flow/fish habitat issues and you will address other issues

Still room within existing agreements to effect change

Restoration of Cheslatta system to healthy/productive capacity will result in downstream benefits

Loss of fish in the Murray/Cheslatta system

Monitoring and adaptive management

Table 2:

Options

1. NEWSS – rehabilitation of tributary streams to the Nechako. Provides education opportunities. Yearly maintenance of tributaries is required.
2. Water Release Facility – manage to natural historic flows and temperatures

Issues and Concerns

1. Use the interest of the fund to do tributary rehabilitation
2. Source funding from a variety of sources including in-kind government services to receive RTA matching funds.
3. Aquatic plants (weeds and mud) a problem in the river (sedimentation and erosion)