

Proposed Changes to Version 1.2 Draft Nomination Document for the Adams River As a Canadian Heritage River

Introduction and Briefing Notes

In order to fully satisfy the requirements of the Canadian Heritage River System (CHRS) nomination process, further modifications are proposed to the draft Nomination Document.

Please note that only the nomination document is submitted to the Board of CHRS; it therefore needs to fully reflect the elements of the Background Study, and the wishes of the community.

Please note that some of the content of the proposed document changes will be generated from the proposed March 2007 meeting.

Please refer to http://www.chrs.ca/Questions_e.htm for information that will help answer some questions ahead of the March 22 2007 meeting.

Some brief extracts from http://www.chrs.ca/About_e.htm follow:

The CHRS was established in 1984 by the federal, provincial and territorial governments to conserve and protect the best examples of Canada's river heritage, to give them national recognition, and to encourage the public to enjoy and appreciate them. It is a cooperative program of the governments of Canada, all 10 provinces, and the three territories. A 15-member national board administers the program. This board is made up of private citizens and senior officials from government departments responsible for the protection of the Canadian environment.

The CHRS is a public trust. Local citizens champion the program. Actions taken are grass roots driven. Governments -- federal, provincial and territorial -- lend support and guidance, and provide approvals as required. Communities, Aboriginal Peoples, landowners, and other stakeholders have their rights and concerns respected. These cornerstones make the CHRS an open and effective forum for collaboration and partnership on river conservation.

Importantly, the CHRS has no legislative authority. Voluntary participation, partnership, cooperation and community involvement are what drive it. It is within this spirit of trust and goodwill that governments pledge to work in partnership with the public and one another to build a system that truly reflects the diversity and beauty of Canada's rivers. Government retain their traditional jurisdictional powers and management responsibilities throughout this process.

The following quotations were obtained from a brochure of the Canadian Heritage Rivers System, titled *"Your ... River...Heritage...Future... A Guide to Establishing a Canadian Heritage River"*

"It's run by the community and the people that are actually using and working on the river, and it's not something that's driven from above...and I think it works very well that way." Tom Webber, Business Owner, Clearwater River, Alberta

"...the heritage rivers program would be beneficial to other native communities...because it gives them a voice....I'd like to think that when I'm gone somebody will say that I participated and did something good for the river." Paul General, Six Nations, Grand River, Ontario

Details of Proposed Document Changes

- Change Front Cover of document:
 - delete the word "Draft" in main title
 - after "Cal-Eco Consultants Ltd." add "and an Ad Hoc Nomination Advisory Group"
 - Change date to March 31 2007
 - Change version to 2.0.
- Change footers throughout document to read Version 2.0, March 31, 2007
- Create a Table of Contents for the document
- Delete the sentence referring to a "Charter" in Section 1, page 1, paragraph 2.
- Delete the reference to "Recreational Values" under Section 1, page 1, also paragraph 2. (Note that only Natural and Cultural Values form the basis of National Heritage River status; recreational values are deemed important but only in a supporting capacity.)
- Insert a short piece in Section 1 on the purpose of the nomination document itself and its context within the overall process of CHRS
- Condense the "Whereas" statements in Section 2.1 at positions 8 and 9 in the list, located bottom of page 2 and top of page 3 to reflect the format of the rest of the "Whereas" statements, and provide further notes as necessary within the body of the document.
- Insert a space for the BC Minister of Environment's signature – to follow the "Whereas" and "Therefore" statements in Section 2.1.
- Add 2.2 to the title "Overview Map"

- Insert an additional piece in Section 3 on the process of public involvement (including how the idea was initiated by the Adams River Salmon Society).
- Expand Section 3, “Summary” to include a table listing the key themes of the CHRS criteria for nomination that the river represents, highlighting any that are felt to be of significance.
- Add to the reference in parentheses 2.2 to the words “Overview Map”
- Insert the word “Assessment” in the headings to Sections 3.7, 3.8, 3.9, 5.1 and 5.2 and 5.3. Some of the write-ups may be expanded to assist the CHRS Board to understand the merits of nomination.
- Delete, at top of page 15, first line “*is being constructed in 2006, and will open*” (referring to the interpretive centre). Add “*was constructed [in time for]*”. Add “*Other phases are planned for the future.*”
- Add a Section 6, “Managing the River as a National Heritage River”, which will include:
 - a short section on Issues, Challenges, and Opportunities that are anticipated in managing the river as a Canadian Heritage River; this will include the potential for both enhanced educational activities and climate change issues
 - a table outlining the roles and responsibilities of the major management interests in the river
 - a checklist for annual monitoring purposes
 - other items deemed necessary as a result of public input, and / or determined by the consultants
- Add Section 7, “Conclusion” at the end of the document.
- Modify Appendix 1 items: update the status of the interpretive centre construction, as indicated on Figure 2.0, From “*under construction*” to “*first phase completed, 2006*” and enlarge the font in the title box for each map referring to the figure number.
- Add Appendix 2, copies of written expressions of support to the document that have been received at time of submission of the Nomination Document. (Note that additional support letters would be forwarded as necessary.)