

# First Fish Camp Final Report 2006

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**Indian and Northern Affairs Canada - Science and Technology Camps**  
And the  
**Yukon River Panel – Restoration and Enhancement Fund**  
And to  
**TH Chief and Council and Fish & Wildlife Dept**



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## **First Fish 2006**

### **Final Report**

This year's First Fish was held from July 12 – 16<sup>th</sup>.

### **Fishing, Activities, and Workshops**

Each morning, afternoon and evening the youth went out with the Staff from the Fish & Wildlife Department of Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in to set and check the fish nets. The final count over the camp was 32 salmon, not a bad outcome considering the salmon run this year. The first day they got 7 Male 2 Female, second day 7 male, third day 9 male 2 female, and fourth day 2 male 4 female. All of the youth were able to learn and practice their cleaning, gutting, filleting and stripping methods. All of the fish went to the Elders, Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in Soup Kitchen and the First Fish Feast. Not only were they cleaning and cutting fish but also learning hands on how to prepare and smoke/dry the fish. Most of the fish was smoked and dried this year. Between working hands on with the fish, the youth participated in many activities and workshops throughout the days such as nature walks which included traditional medicine teachings, as well as many sports, boat safety and bear safety, setting fry traps, a fry study and archery and the youth even got to make their own archery bows. They had a great workshop about the Salmon Life Cycle. They were kept busy in the evenings with games, drumming, storey telling and of course Indian Bingo.

### **Participants**

The popularity of the first fish continues grow each year, youth are eager and wait with anticipation for the camp to begin. This year 25 (7 girls and 18 boys) youth participated, the number alone was difficult enough to manage, however the desire to attend the camp resulted in no one being told to wait a year. Youth as young as 9 years old were trying to register, it is anticipated that if anything the number of participants will grow.

It was great to see so many youth want to participate and take the time to be at Moosehide learning this great tradition. It is such an important event for the youth to have each year.

### **Elders, Staff and Volunteers**

We were very thankful to have many Elders attend the camp, as well as some of our Chief and Council members. They were all very involved with the youth, showing them traditional fish cutting and telling stories. It is such a valued time for the youth to get out of the busy summer season in town and be out on the land and water, see and learn from the Elders as well as each other. Several staff were at camp and we also had volunteers such as the Dawson Community Habitat Stewart - Sebastian Jones who again provided a very valuable learning experience on the creek.

**Staff and Elder number breakdown**

Youth Staff 3

Fish and Wildlife Department 3

Elders 4

Youth Enhancement Staff 2

**The Feast & Celebration**

This year's feast/celebration was held on the first night of The Moosehide Gathering, it was perfect as hundreds of visitors and locals watch with pride as the Youth Introduced themselves in Han and stood with their heads held high in the forefront. It is a time to share stories, educate the parents of the participants as well as the community about what we do with the youth, why the river is such a key component to the First Nations people and to thank everyone who contributed. Certificates, gifts and photographs were given to each youth who attended as well as Special Recognition Certificates provided to a few youth who were acknowledged by the Elders.

## First Fish Financial Statement

### Expenses

Date of Invoice	Supplier	Item	Cost
13-Jul-06	Dawson Trading Post	Supplies	44.85
27-Jul-06	Dawson General Store	Food, etc	181.61
27-Jul-06	Dawson Trading Post	Supplies	356.80
27-Jul-06	Edenshire	Supplies	210.15
27-Jul-06	Klondike Nugget & Ivory	Gifts	158.00
27-Jul-06	A Ray of Sunshine	Supplies	18.76
01-Aug-06	Ronald Johnson	Smoke Shack	400.00
01-Aug-06	Nora's Kitchen	Food, etc	1250.00
01-Aug-06	Julia Morberg	Smoke Shack	400.00
03-Aug-06	Bonanza Market	Food, etc	613.35
03-Aug-06	Bonanza Market	Food, etc	388.88
03-Aug-06	Dawson General Store	Food, etc	697.06
10-Aug-06	Dawson Trading Post	Supplies	464.22
10-Aug-06	Bonanza Market	Food, etc	2905.08
17-Aug-06	Dawson General Store	Food. Etc	1879.75
17-Aug-06	GP Distributing	Food, Supplies	364.95
24-Aug-06	Mackenzie Petroleum	Gas	294.48
28-Aug-06	Dawson Hardware	Supplies	728.16
	Chief Isaac Inc	Donation Fuel	1000.00
	Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in	In Kind	10550.00
		<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>22906.10</b>

### Revenue

Funding Organizations	
Indian and Northern Affairs Canada - Science and Technology Camps	4910.00
Yukon River Panel - Restoration and Enhancement Fund	2500.00
Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in	3946.10
In Kind Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in	10550.00
Chief Isaac Inc – Donated Fuel	1000.00

**Total Revenue**

**22906.10**

### In Kind

Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in	
Rental Boats – 3 Boats (450.00) for 3 days –	\$ 1 350.00
Employee – Wages 8 Staff - 3 Youth 5 Adults –	\$ 8 000.00
Infrastructure - Buildings/Generators –	\$ 1 200.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$10 550.00</b>