

Presentation Outline

- Okanagan River ecosystem values
- Okanagan River impacts
- ORRI partnership approach
- Goals
- Implementation approach
- Benefits
- Progress report and next steps

Okanagan River Ecosystem Contributions

- Water supply
- Water quality
- Fish production
- Wildlife production





Canada's 3rd most endangered river













ORRI Implementation Committee

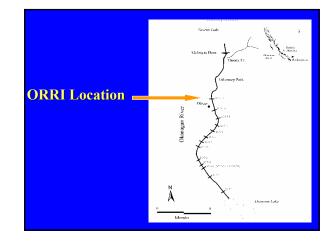
- BC Ministry of Environment (Fisheries Program and Water Stewardship Division)
 Fisheries and Oceans Canada
 Okanagan Nation Alliance

- Okanagan Region Wildlife Heritage Fund Society
- The Land Conservancy

Funding Contributors

- BC Habitat Conservation Trust Fund

- BC Ministry of Transportation
 Ministry of Environment
 Okanagan Region Wildlife Heritage Fund Society
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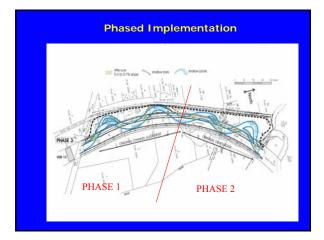






ORRI Demonstration Project (Stage 1)





ORRI Benefits

- Reduction in flood stage
 Fine sediment deposition on floodplains
 Increased stability and quality of spawning gravel
 Improved water quality





•Improved aquatic habitat for sockeye, kokanee, chinook, rainbow trout, and whitefish

•Improved riparian habitat for wide range of terrestrial species

Progress to Date

•Planning √

- •Land Acquisition $\sqrt{}$
- •Conceptual design √ •Prepare engineered drawings √ Prepare site for construction√ •Seek public and stakeholder support $\sqrt{}$



Next Steps

•Seek agency approvals •Solicit Funding •Construct channel (Phased approach) •Monitor & adaptive as required •Stage 2 planning

