

Teaching Youth to Fish for Whitefish

Yukon Fish and Game Association



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Project Activities:

What activities did you complete?

In July of 2016, the Yukon Fish and Game Association held a youth camp for 14 boys and girls aged 12-16 years old. One part of the camp was to teach the kids how to fish for Whitefish. The youth were taught how to make flies for Whitefish, to rig up a spinning rod with a Whitefish set-up and then spent a day on Little Atlin Lake applying what they learned. A video was shot during the project and has been put together to document the experience.



The youth were taught how to tie flies for whitefish.



How did your activities contribute to your goals and objectives?

The project was a success with all goals and objectives met. The objectives of the project were:

- Increased lake trout abundance;
- More youth engaged in fishing;
- More youth and Yukoners fishing for whitefish;
- Increased knowledge of the biology, stewardship, and TK in the area.

The project demonstrated to these youth that they can catch whitefish and a number of Whitefish were caught during the day. This was effective in supporting the strategy to conserve wild Lake Trout by targeting other species (i.e Whitefish). The video was also made in a way to highlight the “how to” fish for Whitefish so that others can do this as well.



Description of any variances?

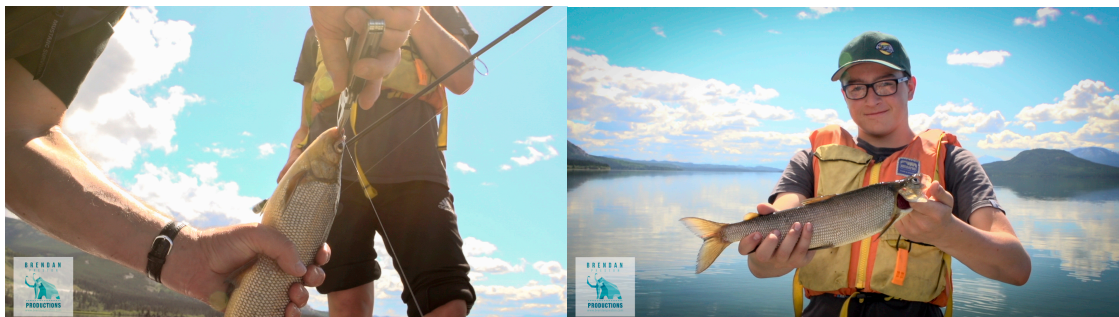
There were no storytellers or First Nation participation. The final expenditure was to repair some of the rods that were damaged during the project as well as re-supply the fishing tackle.

How did your project support the protection, enhancement or restoration of fish or wildlife?

The project supported the protection of wild Lake Trout populations by teaching people to target alternative species, which in this case was Whitefish. Secondly, the project also creates a new generation of environmental stewards that are participating in the resource in order to protect it.

If you were to do the project again what would you do differently?

There would be nothing that could be done differently.



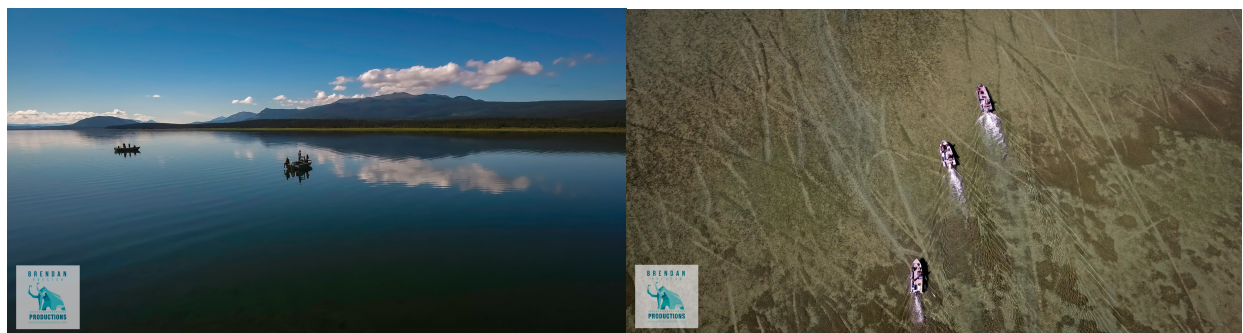
Communications:

What did you do to ensure that your project communicated with other parties and governments?

The nature of the project is collaborative in that the Department of Environment – Yukon Fisheries and Conservation Officers Services were involved in all aspects of the project. In addition, two private sector partners, Fish on Yukon and Headwaters to Oceans Troutfitter were also involved in the project. The video supports and promotes all parties in the credits.

How did you recognize the YFWET?

The video acknowledges the YFWET.



Identify the communications initiatives associated with the project?

The video will be shared on social media and within the membership of the YFGA. Environment Yukon will most likely place the video on their website as well. The project will also promote the video at the upcoming World Recreational Fisheries Conference in Victoria.