

Forum on Conservation & Harvest Planning for Fraser Salmon

March 10-12th, 2015

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1300 Robson Street, Vancouver, BC

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Forum Purpose (s):

Overarching Purpose: The FORUM is intended to provide an annual process for information sharing and discussion on Fraser salmon fisheries issues between DFO and First Nations (Tier 2) and First Nations with other First Nations (Tier 1).

March FORUM Purpose: The intent of this meeting is provide an overview of the contents of the draft 2014/2015 IFMP for southern BC salmon and to initiate thinking about fishery planning for 2015. There will also be a presentation from the Province on the Draft Steelhead Management Framework.

Day 1 (Tuesday, March 10th): First Nations and DFO together

9:00 am - 9:15 (15 mins)

- Welcome/Opening Prayer –
- Setting the Stage - Adrian Wall and Ken Malloway.

9:15 to 10:15 am (One hour)

- 2015 Fraser Sockeye and Pink Forecast – Sue Grant

10:15 am to 10:30 am (15 minutes)

- Introductions

10:30 am - Refreshment break

11:00 to 12:00 noon (One hour)

- 2015 Proposed Sockeye Escapement Plan – Ann Marie Huang

This presentation will include the draft escapement options outlined in the IFMP (fisheries reference points & LAERs) and the projected spawners to the grounds for each forecasted stock under each draft escapement option. The presentation will also include management adjustments used in conjunction with the escapement options which, at the time of the meeting, will be based on historical data and an overview of when year-specific estimates of management adjustments, timing estimates and diversion estimates will be available (i.e., typically for June FRP meeting).

12:00 noon - Lunch will be provided

1:00 to 2:10

- Presentation on Pink and Sockeye management issues – Les Jantz (30 mins)

A presentation on some points to consider in advance of the upcoming season such as Early Stuart sockeye, length of the proposed window closure, considerations on when to commence test fisheries, considerations on how the LAER might be managed for Early Stuarts, how sockeye by-catch might be managed in fisheries targeting pink salmon, etc.

- **Key changes in 2015/2016 Draft IFMP for Southern BC Salmon – Dave Reedman. (40 mins)**

A presentation that highlights some of the key changes in the draft salmon management plan.

2:10 pm - Refreshment break

2:30 to 3:15 pm (45 minutes)

- **Fraser River Sockeye Spawning Initiative (FRSSI or 'frizzy') – Ann Marie Huang**

At the January Forum, it was requested to have a presentation in March to cover some of the background on the FRSSI. This presentation will provide an overview of the model that guides FRSSI, an overview of the process that we call FRSSI and a description of further work to be done.

3:15 to 3:45 pm (30 minutes)

- **Draft Steelhead Management Framework – TBD – Provincial Reps.**

***Framework Purpose:** To develop a framework that provides provincial direction for steelhead management and guides the implementation of regional management actions in British Columbia.*

3:45 to 4:00 am (15 minutes)

- Wrap up of Day One Discussion.

Day 2 (Wednesday, March 11th): First Nations and DFO together

9:00 to 10:00 am (60 minutes)

- **2015 IFR Coho Management Approach – Brigid Payne**

Discussion of 2014 post-season analysis and preliminary results, recent coho-related Science work and 2015 management options and approaches.

10:00 to 10:15 (15 minutes)

- **Fraser Salmon Management Council Update – Darren Haskell**

10:15 Refreshment break

10:35 to 11:30 am (55 minutes)

- **Joint Technical Working Group Update – Pete Nicklin/Jamie Scroggie**

A presentation on what was discussed at the March 9th JTWG meeting.

11:30 to 12:00 am (30 minutes)

- **FSC Fisheries Access Requests and Management Planning at the Fraser River Mouth – Process Update – Brigid Payne**

12:00 Lunch will be provided

Day 2 (Wednesday afternoon, March 11th): First Nations Only

***Note:** The Tier 2 portion of the agenda was developed by the FORUM Planning Committee. The Tier 1 portion will be developed by First Nations participating in the March FORUM and as such is left blank at this time.*

1:00 to 2:30 (90 minutes)

- *Tier 1 Discussions Related to the FORUM Process and information presented during the Tier 2 portion of the Agenda.*
- *IMAWG update on FSC Fisheries Access Request and Management Planning (Sonora Thompson)*

2:30 Refreshment break

2:45 to 4:00 (75 minutes)

- *Discussion Continued.*

Day 3 (Thursday morning, March 12th): First Nations Only

9:00 to 10:30 (90 minutes)

- *Discussion Continued.*

10:30 Refreshment Break

10:45 to 12 noon (75 minutes)

- *Wrap-up*

Safe Journey Home!

FN Speakers:

Ken Malloway is chair of the Fraser River Aboriginal Fisheries Secretariat and the chair of the FORUM planning Committee.

Pete Nicklin is a biologist who works with both FRAFS and the Upper Fraser Fisheries Conservation Alliance. He is a co-chair (with Jamie Scroggie) of the Joint Technical Working Group and a member of the Pacific Salmon Commission (PST) Joint Coho Technical Committee.

DFO Speakers:

Adrian Wall is the Aboriginal Affairs Advisor for the BC Interior and a member of the Forum Planning Committee.

Jamie Scroggie is the resource management biologist for the BC Interior and the co-chair of the Joint Technical Working Group.

Ann Marie Huang is a resource management biologist for the Lower Fraser Area and is the Canadian Chair of the Fraser Panel technical committee.

Brigid Payne is working on various salmon related projects for DFO at Pacific Region Headquarters.

Les Jantz is a contractor who works for DFO on Fraser sockeye and pink management. He may be the co-chair of the Fraser River Panel for 2015.

Sue Grant is a stock assessment biologist for DFO who produces the annual forecast for Fraser River sockeye and pink salmon.

Dave Reedman is a resource manager in the BC Interior.

Our Favorite Acronyms and maybe even some definitions:

Please let me know if this is helpful and feel free to suggest additions to linda.stevens@dfo-mpo.gc.ca

AABM	Aggregate Abundance-Based Management
AAROM	Aboriginal Aquatic Resource and Oceans Management
AFS	Aboriginal Fisheries Strategy
ATP	Allocation Transfer Program
CCTAC	Canadian Commercial Total Allowable Catch
COHO ABM	Coho Abundance-Based Management
COSEWIC	Committee for the Status of Endangered Wildlife in Canada
CPUE	Catch Per Unit Effort
CSAS	The Canadian Science Advisory Secretariat
CSAB	Commercial Salmon Advisory Board
CWT	Coded Wire Tag
ER	Exploitation Rate
ESSR	Excess Salmon to Spawning Requirements
FNFC	First Nations Fishery Council
FRP	Fraser River Panel
FSC	Food, Social and Ceremonial
ITQ	Individual Transfer Quota
IHPC	Integrated Harvest Planning Committee
ISBM	Individual Stock-Based Management
LAER	Low Abundance Exploitation Rates
LRP	Lower Reference Points
MSY	Maximum Sustainable Yield
PICFI	Pacific Integrated Commercial Fisheries Initiative
PSC	Pacific Salmon Commission (www.psc.org)
PST	Pacific Salmon Treaty
SARA	Species at Risk Act
SFAB	Sport Fishing Advisory Board
SHMF	Selective Hatchery Mark Fishery
TAC	Total Allowable Catch
TAM	Total Allowable Mortality
WSP	Wild Salmon Policy (Canada's Policy for Conservation of Wild Pacific Salmon)