



Fisheries and Oceans  
Canada

Pêches et Océans  
Canada

# Moving Toward a new Relationship for the Co-Management of Fraser Salmon: DFO Perspectives on the Roadmap Initiative

## Fraser Roadmap Workshop

March 21-22, 2011

Prince George



## Context

- Moving toward Co-Management is a DFO priority
  - Reflected in WSP, Fisheries Reform, PICFI, etc.
- Fraser salmon management is also a key priority for DFO and First Nations
- *Forum* created as an interim (Tier 1/Tier 2) process for DFO and First Nations to collaborate on management of Fraser stocks
- *Roadmap* building toward a more permanent, structured process for co-management of Fraser salmon



## DFO Objective for the Roadmap Process

- DFO is committed to the goal of jointly building a co-management process with First Nations for Fraser Salmon that includes a vision, objectives, roles and responsibilities, clear outcomes, as well as a process for getting there.
- Meeting this goal will require:
  - Strong commitment from both DFO and First Nations
  - Agreement on a vision, objectives and outcomes
  - Agreement on a strategic plan (e.g. What needs to be achieved, in what timeframe and by whom)



## An Engagement Continuum

Minimum participation

Maximum participation



Information

Consultation

Collaborative  
Decision Making

Delegation

Decision  
Authority

- Increasing decision making authority and accountability generally involves moving from the left to the right of this continuum
- Extent of decision making responsibilities and accountabilities varies
  - depends on the fishery, activity or type of decision
- Different decisions and activities are undertaken at different scales (some local, others more broadly)



## Building a Foundation for Co-Management

- Vision statement with principles and outcomes
- Agreement on roles & responsibilities will require considerable work and are essential elements for both DFO and First Nations
  - Appropriate governance and representative structures (both DFO and First Nations)
  - Capacity
  - Accountability
  - Efficiencies in the use of resources (human & financial)



## Strategic Elements

- Make incremental progress—build from a narrower to a broader focus (e.g., initially First Nations fisheries management)
- Clarify roles and linkages to other processes and organizations (e.g. First Nations Fisheries Council, Intertribal Treaty Organization, Sub-regional AAROM bodies)
- Engage individuals with the appropriate skills
- Use support teams as necessary (working groups)
- Develop an effective communications strategy



## Next Steps

- Commitment from DFO and First Nations to move toward a co-management agreement / arrangement
- Next steps might include:
  - Identifying a negotiation framework with a Terms of Reference with participant mandates
  - Determine Process and timelines
  - Political involvement
  - Identifying negotiating teams (First Nations and DFO)
  - Ratification process



## Key Documents Relevant to the Roadmap Process

- *Fraser Salmon Roadmap: Document Analysis and Process Recommendations*, Julie Gardner, PH.D. Dovetail Consulting Group, February, 2011 [posted on Fraser Aboriginal Fisheries Secretariat Website]
- *Establishing a Fraser Watershed Process*, by Brenda Gaertner, August 2003 (include Appendix E – 13 Recommendations [posted on Fraser Aboriginal Fisheries Secretariat Website])