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FRAFS Executive Committee

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SUMMARY

AGENDA

1. Roll call, review, adjust, and accept the agenda
2. Old business:
 - Notes from the previous meeting
 - Action items from the previous meeting
3. Finance Report : Confirm whether the EC “accepts the budget summary”
4. CSPI:
 - a. Draft CSPI Letter from FRAFS
 - b. First Nations CSPI Workshop Planning
5. Draft ToR: 5 year Chinook Review Update
6. RDG draft thank you letter
 - a. Review the letter and any decisions needed in detail,
 - b. Confirm April 18 2017
7. 2016/2017 Forums: Confirm locations and review the process (FPC ToR)
8. Request: Ideas for Watershed Talk
9. Workplanning
10. Next FRAFS EC meeting-set date, time, location
 - a. Note December 20th date-double check this date as well.
 - b. Note January 17th- FRAFS EC is the day before proposed CSPI FN Workshop
11. ATW Update

1. Roll call, review, adjust, and accept the agenda

Quorum present..

2. Old business:

- **Notes from the previous meeting**
- **Action items from the previous meeting**

All meeting notes, summaries and action items are completed and up-to-date.

3. Finance Report: Confirm whether the EC “accepts the budget summary”

Motion: The EC accept the Operations Manager’s budget update.

Moved, seconded and approved.

4. CSPI:

a. Draft CSPI Letter from FRAFS

EC to review and submit edits.

b. First Nations Southern BC CSPI Workshop - Planning

Purpose of the workshop is to share the Southern BC CSPI draft Strategic Plan with a wider First Nations audience and to get their input. Proposed date and location: Jan. 18, 2017 in the lower mainland/valley. Proposed audience is the same as the Forum audience as well as the First Nation participants in the CSPI process.

5. Draft ToR: 5 year Chinook Review Update

DFO manager joined the call and reviewed the draft ToR for the 5 year review of Chinook Management Approach. The draft ToR is being developed collaboratively. He highlighted some of the draft suggestions for further discussion

- Scope:
 - Stocks: Focus on Fraser CH (Spring 4/2, Spring and Summer 5/2)
 - Fisheries: domestic Canadian; all fisheries that could impact FR CH (First Nations, rec and commercial including Northern BC)
 - Years: 5 year review (full CH cycle)
- Process
 - Technical timelines: Short term/immediate: to inform IFMP 2017, and longer term: the earliest that a CSAS process could occur would be next Fall.
 - DFO is not currently considering a separate planning process at this point
 - DFO will review the initial comments provided by the JTWG prior to sending out a letter to a broader audience of First Nations and other groups

EC member: I agree with Jeff's idea of a webinar as a way to get input.

FRAFS Biologist: Regarding initial feedback:

- (1) The work needs to be done to a peer review standard.
- (2) Some of the work needs to be done to help with planning for next season. Identifying what can be done, to a rigorous standard, by late winter, early spring should be an early focus.

6. RDG draft thank you letter

a. Review the letter and any decisions needed in detail

Allocation and Access

EC member: Important process supported by EC.

DFO rep: At RDG meeting, EC emphasized EC involvement on the broader perspective (allocation issue).

Ops Manager: We should keep in touch with FNFC on this (Wan Li).

EC member: FRAFS should be "involved" re: allocation and "informed" re: Area 29. Do we have funds for this?
Can we request funds?

Ops Manager: Next steps: Coordinate with FNFC; scope out a budget.

Steelhead

FRAFS Bio: Provincial representative was at the April JTWG. He said it was a one-off. His presentation was “general.” Below the level of expertise of the JTWG. It will be hard to get technical info from BC until it becomes part of his work plan. It would be helpful to get a push from the FRAFS EC on this.

EC member: At the RDG meeting that they asked First Nations about the IHPC Steelhead sub-committee. First Nations decided not to participate in IHPC. Another concern: BC didn’t have “deep, meaningful consultation” with First Nations re: steelhead policy. We need to have full engagement with the Province.

EC member: Should FRAFS host a Tier 1 strategy session re: the province/steelhead? Involve groups that have stewardship agreements.

Lita: Thompson Steelhead Working Group is hosting a meeting on December 2nd with the purpose of introducing their work to a wider audience.

DFO rep: DFO is providing funds. Fraser Basin Council to facilitate.. It’d be helpful for FRAFS folks to attend.

EC member: “It’d be useful to scope it out.”

4th Forum

There is still a need for people in the communities to speak their thoughts and share their stories this year, in response to the record low Fraser sockeye returns.

7. 2016/2017 Forums: Confirm locations and review the process (FPC ToR)

- January: Richmond
- March: Fraser valley
- April: Prince George

The cost of Forum venues is often higher than budgeted for. This should be recognized during financial planning.

- *Note: the FPC TOR was not reviewed*

8. Request: Ideas for Watershed Talk

- Coho Enumeration
- Ghost Net Recovery
- Community perspectives re: past season.

9. Work planning

Ops Manager: On the agenda to “get the conversation started.”

DFO rep : Start thinking about next steps.

- EC will start thinking about options for the FRAFS workplan and bring for discussion in November or December.

10. Next FRAFS EC meeting-set date, time, location

- November 15: DFO, Kamloops
- December 20: Teleconference
- January 17: Lower mainland/Fraser valley