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FRAFS Executive Committee

November 15, 2016

In Person, DFO 9:30-3:00

SUMMARY

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 and update: Confirm whether the EC “accepts the budget summary”
4. FRAFS Letters of Agreement and staff review update
5. Invite for 2-3 FRAFS members to attend the Thompson Steelhead Working Group meeting in Kamloops, Dec 2.
6. CSPI:
 - a. General Update from CSPI
 - b. First Nations CSPI Workshop January 18th: Confirm meeting structure (Tier 3, Tier 1)
7. Draft ToR: 5 year Chinook Review Update
 - a. Does FRAFS want to comment on the Process/Governance Structure for the Review?
8. JTWG Update
9. WSP/PST Update
10. ToR review: FRAFS EC Ex officio, Forum on Conservation and Harvest Planning, FRAFS EC,FPC
11. Access and Allocation (FNFC to phone in)
12. Next FRAFS EC meeting -- December 20th conference call confirmed at last meeting
13. Draft Thank you letter to the RDG.

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

Quorum present.

2. Old business:

- Notes from the previous meeting: final draft approved by the Executive Committee.
- Action items from the previous meeting

Minute taker for the January and March Forums (in-progress).

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

Budget Update

Motion: The EC accept the Operations Manager’s budget summary. Moved, seconded and approved.

Strategic Planning:

After discussion, the EC agreed to an in-person strategic planning meeting to be held in Kamloops prior to the regular EC meeting.

4. FRAFS Letters of Agreement and staff review update (Lita)

An Employee Valuation for the Communications Manager (NTA/FRAFS employee) was carried out by the FRAFS Operations Manager and the FSMC President. The FRAFS EC decided that they will do one for the Operations Manager.

5. Invite for 2-3 FRAFS members to attend the Thompson Steelhead Working Group meeting in Kamloops, Dec 2.

EC members and FRAFS staff to attend.

6. CSPI:

- General Update from CSPI

FRAFS Bio: The Data Generation Model (DGM) can provide a way to ‘model’ catch and escapement, and there are many variables that can be modified. At this time, someone needs to re-tool the DGM, as the DGM might not be appropriate for the tasks anymore: it may be too cumbersome to be useful, and we may need something simpler and more dynamic. Unfortunately there’s been a lack of DFO commitment to resource this. Members of the CSPI will be discussing this need, in mid-December.

- First Nations CSPI Workshop January 18th: Confirm Meeting structure (Tier 3, Tier 1)

Ops Manager: The original plan was to hold a First Nations workshop.

EC member recommended that it's a workshop to update First Nations about the work done and the process, with DFO staff there for input. All agreed it will be a First Nations workshop with Tier 1 and 2.

7. Draft ToR: 5 year Chinook Review Update

- Does FRAFS want to comment on the Process/Governance Structure for the Review?

FRAFS Bio reported that there was strong First Nation and stakeholder participation on the Nov. 4th webinar. First Nations have a "tremendous interest" to get work done in time for planning 2017 CH fisheries. The work should be done to a standard that will pass a CSAS peer review process; gap analyses and recommendations included.

EC member: How does this relate to CTC peer review for PST?

Bio: Scope not yet determined.

Ops Manager: The technical work is now just starting. Is there a role for FRAFS re: policy?

Bio: Tech and policy "pieces" that can't be separated from the management regime.

EC member: Could this be vetted through the Forum process?

Ec member: I thought that it would go through there. What's DFO's timeframe for this?

Bio: Open to short-term and long-term work.

EC member: I'm concerned that there are more Chinook systems without Chinook, than there are that do. We are a tech process, but we have a responsibility to communicate policy to communities.

Bio: Good points.

EC member: Long-term initiatives are needed for management of Chinook is really what's needed.

Action Items: OPs Manager will draft a letter to DFO re: FRAFS' concerns

(i.e.: short-term and long-term; technical and policy aspects); Forum Planning Committee to discuss including this on the Agenda this Forum season.

8. JTWG Update

JTWG GoTo meeting in December to prepare and set priorities for next season, including January, March and April Forums. Adding: Run Reconstruction Update; Five-Year Chinook Review.

9. WSP/PST Update

WSP

Bio: DFO presentation was "light," not much substance on WSP. This "quick" consultation is really about DFO changing WSP. At the FNFC AGA last March, DFO ADM made the commitment to "co-develop" policy with First Nations. But this presentation "glossed over" co-development.

EC member: What part are they trying to change?

Bio: Simplify some parts of the policy that are too difficult to implement. Make what's happening right now fit the policy.

Bio: Were they specific about what they want to simplify?

Other Bio: For example, they want to compress six strategies into three. It was a negative experience.

EC member: Priorities: (1) First Nations need to be involved in co-developing policy; and (2) If it's being simplified, we need greater detail (conservation units; socio-economic analysis re: S. 35 fisheries).

Ops Manager: It was a high-level discussion for WSP. There just wasn't enough time to cover the material.

PST

- DFO rep did an overview that First Nations caucus found basic, but valuable on the renewal of the Chinook and coho Chapters. Not specific about Canada's strategic position re: CO and CH at the international level.
- There could be a renegotiation of how the assessment of coho works.
- There will be a two-day workshop on Nov. 28-29.
- Questions: Is Canada o'k with the current coho Chapter if the resources are available? Are they taking a comprehensive approach, or, species by species?

EC member: Canada and U.S. tribes will likely meet in January to discuss ER bump in CO that Canada did; commercial fished SK.

Bio: Canada doesn't have CO data at the CO Technical Committee. This might change in the next round of negotiations.

EC member: I don't see the Chapter changing much.

- Same as with WSP (ie; simplify to reduce costs).

10. ToR review: FRAFS EC Ex officio, Forum on Conservation and Harvest Planning, FRAFS EC, FPC

- Deferred to December meeting.

11. Access and Allocation (FNFC via phone)

Tier 1. DFO rep excused himself from the call. FNFC provided a summary of the report *Section 35(1) Food Social and Ceremonial Fisheries*, to the FNFC Assembly in on November 9th.