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### **FRAFS EC, January 17th, 2017**

**Richmond, BC**

### **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 and update: Confirm whether the EC “accepts the budget summary”
4. Fraser Fisheries Biologist Update, and JTWG
5. FRAFS 2017/2018 Workplan Summary Update
6. New mid-Fraser FRAFS EC member- confirm the process
7. 1:00 FRAFS and FNFC Charter Review (Tier 2 to start, Tier 1 if needed)
8. FRAFS Archives and Information Management
9. Operations Manager’s Staff Review (EC only)
10. Confirm next FRAFS EC meeting

1. **Roll call, review, adjust, and accept the agenda:** Quorum present.

2. **Old business:**

- Notes from the previous meeting : final draft sent to the EC.
- Action items from the previous meeting

### Steelhead

The EC believes that FN find out about Steelhead decisions after-the-fact. They want to see how the Strategic Engagement Agreements, and the FN that have signed on to them, could be a way to close the gap between FN and the province. DFO rep suggests follow up with DFO person managing the steelhead file for the department.

3. Budget

The EC complimented the Operations Manager on her detailed budget report.

Motion to accept the Operations Manager's Finance Report: Moved, seconded and approved.

4. JTWG

FRAFS Bio announced that he was cutting back his time 50% at FRAFS and that he would be resigning as JTWG Co-Chair. He said that the experience has been "awesome" but he'd like to spend more time working at the community level (April to September).

The EC thanked him for his work and for giving FRAFS time to prepare a transition.

A Transition Committee was formed.

- There will be In-person meetings before each Forum
- 2014 Juan-de-Fuca Chinook recreational fishery data:

According to a fisheries biologist, 2013-14-15 data is done, and 2016 is complete. FRAFS Bio has requested data and the JTWG could put it to use before the March Forum. It is a "structural issue."

DFO said that he and the DFO JTWG Co-Chair Jamie have raised this internally. Bio: It's not just DNA – catch and program data too. The IFMP should specify data that will be provided. This includes: programs; proposed programs; and timelines for supplying data.

The Ops Manager will draft a letter to the RDG and Minister seeking immediate access to the CH data.

5. FRAFS 2017/2018 Workplan Summary Update

DFO rep said that the Ops manager's work was a "very responsible approach and helps with work planning." Supportive of this "Budget Option." Recommended to DFO AAROM Lead: two-year Agreement with a two-year Work Plan.

The Ops Manager use budget funding numbers on page 3 in the draft work plan to send to the EC.

EC member: Should work planning be multi-year?

DFO rep: If we confirm a multi-year agreement, we could do that.

**6. New mid-Fraser FRAFS EC member- confirm the process**

FRAFS is using the same process as before. A letter is being sent to mid-river First Nations with an AFS.

**7. 1:00 FRAFS and FNFC Charter Review (Tier 2 to start, Tier 1 if needed)**

The discussions covered a range of topics, such as: Oceans Protection Program; Science Partnership Fund; Steelhead; collaborative communications mechanisms; and working together to move J-D-F Chinook data forward (South Coast staff is holding things up).

FNFC recommended that Section 2.5, paragraphs 2 to 4 require more specificity.

Integrated Natural Resource File: What are the issues that we want to look at? DFO rep and EC member volunteered to work with FNFC on this.

**8. FRAFS Archives and Information Management (Lita)**

FRAFS staff look into Office 365 or SharePoint.

**9. Operations Manager's Staff Review (EC only)**