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### **FRAFS EC, March 21, 2017** **In-Person, Kamloops, SNTC** **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. FSMC Update
5. FRAFS Biologists’ Update
  - a. fast tracked Fraser Sockeye WSP status reassessment
  - b. COSEWIC threat model for southern BC Chinook and Fraser sockeye
  - c. Chinook Review
6. Working Group of Ministers on the Review of Laws and Policies Related to Indigenous Peoples
7. Operations Manager Update
8. RDG Meeting: preparation for the April 18<sup>th</sup> meeting at RHQ
  - a. Agenda topics, timeline
9. 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 done.
- Action items from the previous meeting.

### Ongoing discussion re: steelhead

EC member contacted TNG. They want to do something about the issue and they've contacted the people who administer the SEA to see if steelhead can be put on the agenda.

EC member: IHPC has just started an internal steelhead group.

EC member: Not aware of any First Nation who've joined.

EC member: Thompson Steelhead Working Group (TSWG) is putting together a three-year plan that would include coordinating the various committees. What direction does FRAFS want to go? I see it playing a major role?

EC member: Should we coordinate a Tier 1 session?

DFO rep: It would be good to put it in the Work Plan with deliverables.

EC member: The inter-jurisdictional issue will be the toughest to crack. TWSG only has FLNRO and DFO at the table.

Ken: In the lower Fraser BC tells DFO the province's concerns, then DFO manages our fisheries. BC does impact First Nation fisheries.

Potential next steps (raising profile of Steelhead issue):

- Steelhead on the Agenda for the RDG meeting
- FRAFS-led Tier 1 session
- Work Plan item with deliverables
- JTWG Agenda

EC member will deliver a TSWG update at the next EC meeting.

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

**Motion:** FRAFS EC accepts the budget summary presented today. Moved, seconded and approved.

### 4. FSMC Update

- Assembly and community outreach meetings held in Nanaimo beginning of March. 75% quorum at the Assembly approved the Annual Strategic Plan; Qualicum FN became a FSMC member nation as a result of the community outreach meeting. Lead Negotiator presented draft Concept Paper re: Collaborative Management at both meetings.

DFO rep: Is negotiations or community engagement the priority?

EC member: Both

### 5. FRAFS Biologists’ Update

#### A. Fast tracked Fraser Sockeye WSP status reassessment

Bio: Small group being put together, mainly DFO staff, purpose: update to status in time to provide to COSEWIC. Building consensus on Larkin benchmarks (cycle stocks).

EC member: Where did the management direction come from: outcomes, process, reporting?

EC member: I agree that the decision to do this re-assessment should be communicated.

DFO rep: The intent would be to communicate this at the Forum.

DFO rep: And CSAS.

EC member: What’s the next step?

DFO rep: Department decides on implementation of science advice.

- Action item re: Re: 5.A, Fast-tracked Fraser SK WSP status reassessment

Question: Who designed this approach? DFO to provide answer.

#### B. COSEWIC threat model for southern BC Chinook and Fraser sockeye

February meeting in Nanaimo provided opinions and recommendations to COSEWIC members. Bio doesn’t think that: they’ll have anything specific to offer in order to make threat models work by fall

EC member: What’s DFO’s role?

DFO rep: COSEWIC is independent from DFO.

- DFO to describe the COSEWIC/salmon process and DFO’s role in it.

## Chinook Review

On March 31<sup>st</sup> there'll be a meeting re: TOR development. FRAFS biologists will participate.

### **6. Working Group of Ministers on the Review of Laws and Policies Related to Indigenous Peoples (EC)**

- Action item: Ops Manager will send letter to Minister LeBlanc re: FRAFS EC meeting with “Working Group of Ministers on the Review of Laws and Policies Related to Indigenous Peoples.”

### **7. Operations Manager Update**

- Lita will be going on temporary leave in September. She'll be available to help with the hiring process

### **8 Meeting: preparation for the April 18<sup>th</sup> meeting at RHQ, Agenda topics, timeline**

- The EC expressed concern that the RDG had not yet responded to the letter from the January Forum.

FRAFS FN caucus deliver draft RDG Agenda to Adrian no later than April 10<sup>th</sup>.

### **9. Confirm next FRAFS EC meeting**

- April 18<sup>th</sup> at DFO-RHQ