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Executive Committee Meeting – Mtg Notes		
Date	Time	Location
December 20, 2017	900-300	985 McGill Place, Kamloops BC
Teleconference	GoTo	https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/541215749
Details	Dial in	Tel.: 1.866.512.0904 / Access code: 1773489 #
<p>Invited: Independent Chair: Ken Malloway Executive Committee Members: Ernie Victor, Ernie Crey, Gord Sterritt, Pat Matthew, Howie Wright, Thomas Alexis, Adrian Wall, and Matthew Parslow Biologists: Aidan Neill, Pete Nicklin and Mike Staley FRAFS Staff: Greg Witzky (Operations Manager) and Allison James (Communications Coordinator)</p>		
Attendees: Ken, Greg and Allison, Thomas (in-person)		
Dialed in: Adrian, Gord, Pete, Mike, Aidan, Ernie Victor, Howie, Pat Matthew, Ernie Crey		
Action Items:		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Greg will follow up with Howie at ONA to discuss bio contract 2. Tommy will let FSMC know that FRAFS asked about transition planning. 3. Action Item: FRAFS EC to send letter to Jennifer Nener regarding expansion of the First Nations technical participation in on-going FRSSI work, this is in addition to FRSSI discussions at the JTWG table – Pat Matthew to draft letter for review 		
Agenda Item	Topic(s), Lead	
1. Roll call, review, adjust, and accept the agenda.	Chair asks if we can bump AW up because he is travelling. Adrian wants to add FPC update and defer area 29 update.	
2. Old Business	<p>-Notes from the previous EC meeting: no changes -Action items from the EC previous meeting - GW -No progress on meeting with Regional Chief -Financial Update: Surplus is only \$11,000. Schedule 6 and 7 Reports are 99% complete and GW will send after meeting Website task is complete. OM evaluation: GW completed last week with a score 3.5/5.0. Pat says MP will send evaluation to FRAFS EC, Pat says NTA will write a letter to Greg with recommendations, Greg has made a request for a wage increase but Pat cannot speak to that process. Pat would like NTA to lead this process and not the FRAFS EC, EC HR Committee should only be advisory. Thomas says EC HR committee did their job Item 6: action is complete</p>	

	<p>7: Greg has reprofiled the funds. Who should Greg follow up with? Howie at ONA, the sooner the better. Include Pete, Aidan, Mike in correspondence. And use Elinor's email to start off</p> <p>Item 8: work in progress. Pete thinks FRAFS bio's should add some input into the draft steelhead letter.</p>
3. Communications	Communications Coordinator activities update, AJ reads monthly report.
4. Operations	-Finance report -Operations update: McGrath Contract for Chinook 5 Year review Proces
5. CSPI	<p>Chinook Strategic Planning Initiative Steering Committee update (Mike, Pat)</p> <p>Mike Staley: workshop of the planning steering committee took place on Dec 11. Discussed the draft of summary on where we are now, included COSEWIC and steelhead. IFMP development by mid-January including input from 5-year review. Management and evaluation using simulation. Much of the discussion focused on performance evaluations.</p> <p>KM: Jerry Christianson's discussion on seals and sea lion's predation on Fraser Salmon has increased. There was some objection to culling by an environmental group but fish farms (noone else) gets licenses to shoot them. Howie wants to know what permits DFO is issuing.</p> <p>Pat says trade-offs were discussed in depth but DFO was not clear on the consultation process for FN.</p> <p>Ken says habitat was discussed too, monitoring spawning habitat is important. Cows have an impact on the spawning grounds and should be kept out of spawning grounds.</p> <p>The next workshop is in January.</p>
6. FSMC Negotiations	<p>FSMC Update: Thomas Alexis</p> <p>Near final agreement, deadline of December 2017, ratified by March 2018. Only a few more issues to discuss. FSMC Assembly is on January 17, 2018. There were regional updates in each of the four regions last week on the negotiations for the agreement. A powerpoint was developed for this purpose.</p> <p>Gord: Discussion on transition from FRAFS to FSMC. Process is moving faster than anticipated. When is FSMC going to consult with FRAFS about the transition and how the regional bodies impacted? Tommy says there is a draft transition plan for FRAFS and regional bodies have been worked into the management agreement. All this is in the powerpoint. Only timelines have been identified for FRAFS transition.</p> <p>Tommy will let FSMC know that FRAFS asked about transition planning.</p>
7. White Sturgeon	<p>Discuss who to best engage with DFO's Recovery Planner/ SARA team on changes to Fraser River white sturgeon under SARA.</p> <p>Greg W: Cindy Wong sent an email asking for FN input. New project needs input on how it should work. Greg forwarded the email.</p> <p>Kens update on LFFA: in the 90's dead sturgeon would wash up, DFO would not do anything about it so LFFA held a press conference and informed everyone that Sto:lo would voluntarily stop harvesting the</p>

sturgeon. Then DFO introduced catch and release on sturgeon in place of harvesting. This can still stress females carrying eggs. LFFA has met with province to discuss that the number of licenses handed out, has risen, even though recruitment of young sturgeon has dropped. Greg at the Province is the contact now. Many recommendations have been made – including limiting access to sturgeon spawning grounds. Mandatory “No go” areas will be implemented in 2019. Traditionally we ate sturgeon, but haven’t for over a generation. It’s like a medicine, culturally. Sturgeon are provincial jurisdiction and are being tagged.

Adrian: was there a decision or feedback to Cindy regarding her request.

8. Area 29

Greg provides update: purpose of meeting was to discuss DFO management for FSC

Pat says this is a DFO process not a FRAFS process so DFO should be reporting on it.

Adrian wasn’t there so would like to defer this.

Ken’s perspective: DFO says they are not in the business of recognizing Aboriginal Title and Rights but if they are handing out licenses they are recognizing it. Janice Billy wants it to be Tier 1 only discussion. Reduction in number of meetings. Hoping to discuss at Feb Forum. Musqueam is abstaining from attending any meetings based on legal advice they received.

Gord says they initially wanted to raise awareness but now its time to take action. Recommendations and action points from the meeting are needed.

Adrian says it would be good have results made available from and will assign that to Matthew.

Thomas says area 29 is only to deal with access not allocation.

Ken wants minutes from meeting and notes from Marcel Shepert (facilitator). Adrian Will follow up with Cynthia (Dawne Steele took minutes)

9. Forum Planning Committee

Update on Forum and Harvest Planning:

FPC met on December 6th and will be making some changes to the format based on input. Aidan mentioned COSEWIC announcements. Adrian thinks more details will be made available in January. Should we include COSEWIC assessments and next steps?

-COSEWIC already had an unsolicited emergency listing for an assessment on Fraser Steelhead. Adrian wants to make sure the COSEWIC process is clear to First Nations at the February forum – he wants it on the January session so does Aidan. If the department doesn’t have enough info on it, they can at least address it.

PM: COSEWIC process isn’t that clear now. Neither is status and how SARA works

MS: there is an emergency assessment not an emergency listing.

AW: understands/summaries – language needs to be clarified around assessment process. A snapshot needs to be included in the January agenda.

	<p>HW: No salmon has ever been SARA listed for socio-economic reasons. COSEWIC is independent from government and is science-based.</p> <p>AW: provided historical background on development and implantation of SARA.</p> <p>Ken mentions that Marcel Shepert sent out an email for collecting input on tier 1 in advance of the forums. Someone asks and hasn't seen the email yet. Ken will look for it – Adrian says it might be in the FPC minutes.</p>
10. JTWG	<p>Update on JTWG Session:</p> <p>-outcomes that require FRAFS EC attention (AF, MS)</p> <p>See briefing note; Gord wants to call it the 7-year review; Pat asks if recommendation by Pete (more FN tech folks or FRAFS EC, Fraser Panel etc participate in the FRSSI Process) will be implemented, and how with no additional funding added. Where is the information on FRSSI modeling going to end up? DFO says "info will be used to IFMP" and is not an answer.</p> <p>Pete says Aidan did a good job his first time chairing, Marla Maxwell will be the DFO co-Chair. He echos Pat's question about FN participation. Invitations to participate are not always clear</p> <p>-Expanding the FRSSI working group (PN)</p> <p>Pat wants a letter sent to Jenifer Nener about FN participation to make sure all invitations to participate are clear. There is an action item in this and Pete will clarify in an email afterwards.</p> <p>Action Item: FRAFS EC to send letter to Jennifer Nener regarding expansion of the First Nations technical participation in on-going FRSSI work, this is in addition to FRSSI discussions at the JTWG table – Pat Matthew to draft letter for review.</p>
11. 5-year Chinook review	<p>Addition of Question from Aidan on 5-year review and ongoing external participation</p> <p>Ken: need to clarify tier 2 and tier 3 for others (sports fisheries) that want to participate</p> <p>HW: what if we ask DFO to host a consultation session with other groups to let them know the progress. Requires additional follow up because Adrian is no longer on the call.</p> <p>Thomas says this is a Tier 2 process so Howie's suggestion is appropriate.</p>
12. Confirm next meeting(s)	<p>-Schedule FN Caucus Conference Call – could include recognition, song, speech. Allison will send an email to the FN Caucus to coordinate.</p> <p>-Schedule 2018 Meetings (Usually the third Tuesdays of every month)</p> <p>Jan 22th – confirmed</p> <p>February 20th Change to 26 to align with Feb Forum</p> <p>March 20th Change to 26 to align with March Forum</p> <p>April 17th</p> <p>May 15th</p>
13. Adjourned at 12:00	