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Executive Committee Meeting – Notes
May 14, 2018 1:00 – 4:00 PM
680 Athabasca Street W. Kamloops BC Shuswap Nation Tribal Council
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<p>Attending: In Person – Ken Malloway, Greg Witzky, Gord Sterritt, Thomas Alexis, Pat Matthew and Allison James. On the phone – Aidan Fisher, Mike Staley, Linda Stevens, Pete Nicklin, Matthew Parslow, Ernie Victor and Ernie Crey. Peter Hall and Paul Grant called in at 1:45 Angela Stadel and Co. called in at 3:30</p>
<p>Actions Items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Peter/ Paul will send an email to Gord about work discussed. • Greg Witzky will write a letter to Kendra (CC Wilf, Jeff, John) re: the 5-year review • Gord Suggests we resend FNFC questionnaire to FRASER FN with reminder of deadline of May 19th - Allison? • Allison will start a folder for SRKW. • Angela and Mike to draft version 1 of Agenda for engagement sessions • Allison Chang will send Allison James the invite and her distribution list. Allison James will send the invite to her FRAFS distribution list and post to the facebook and twitter account. • Greg and Allison will distribute a Watershed Talk Newsletter with logistics and background information • Greg and Allison will send a revised agenda via email for input on changes to the RDG agenda. • Linda will work with Pat and Greg to ensure she understands which management recommendations require responses. • Paul Grant will send an email invite to JTWG to discuss Korman's approach to the steelhead exploitation approach • Peter will get a letter out to First Nations describing the SARA process for IFS soliticing info from FN on cultural significance.
<p>Agenda Item</p>
<p>1. Opening Comments: -Roll Call -Additions to the agenda #13 item Letter from old Operations Manager and #14 Forum #3 Letter</p>
<p>2. Old Business: Linda provided a document with updates on her actions items. Because they come up later on the agenda they will be discussed then. (see Actions Items from April 17 Stevens)</p>
<p>3. Finance/ Operations Update: -AAROM is at 757, 135.00 and has not been delivered yet. NTA is covering FRAFS for the interim. -Motion to accept April expenditure report: Moved by Pat Matthew and Second by Thomas</p>

Alexis. Passed with no opposition.

-Gord asks that Linda follow up with Trixia for the timeline for DFO to Pay NTA. Linda contacted the AAROM group in Vancouver on May 14 and was informed that the agreement is still undergoing Regional approvals. They were unable to provide a timeline at this point. Once Regional approval is received agreement must be signed off by FRAFS and then request for payment is submitted. Essentially this means about 10 business days from sign off to payment but cannot estimate sign off at this time.

-Thomas noted that DFO did estimate the timeline in the past.

4. SARA Update: Peter Hall and Paul Grant call in at 1:45.

-Pete Nicklin and Aiden Fisher have joined RPA technical group.

-Intent is to review data and data gaps.

-Paul anticipates sending out frequent meeting invites wrt looking at models and model development.

-Josh Korman is putting together the RPA on Steelhead. Discussion on large data limitations for forecasting productivity. Josh is putting together a modelling approach based on exploitations – **Paul will send out an invite to discuss Josh Korman's approach.**

-Pat wants to know how data limitations will be considered. Response that Josh will propose a relevant range for exploitation and the model will go to the technical working group. Pat says migration timing is going to be a huge concern. Ken wants to know what condition Steelhead are in while they are intercepted? Ken asks why Socio-economic impacts analysis on white sturgeon do not consider First Nations socio-economic situation, as an example of what he does not want to see happen with Steelhead. Pat says there was no socio-economic assessment so what framework will be used to collect information on those impacts to first nations. Peter explains the emergency listing process again – will be soliciting significance for first nations once a document is signed. There will be a socio-economic impact analysis if the Minister determines the species is in imminent threat of extinction; will be developing management scenarios based on technical advice. Ernie Victor asks about management scenarios and how areas adjacent to the spawning areas will be protected? Habitat elements don't get as fully developed in emergency listing situations. Ministry of Transportation/ Agriculture (?) has grandfathered in environmental legislation for areas adjacent to important steelhead habitat. Gord expresses concerns that First Nations impacts in the economic assessment can hardly be quantified in this process – If GICC wants to include quality input they will need a presentation from impacted First Nations. It's too large a task to understand the cultural significance of what steelhead mean to each First Nation. No update on the White Sturgeon. The last RPA meeting happened a while ago with a lot of advice provided at the meeting and subsequent technical advice: these documents will be circulated in the next few weeks. Also upcoming combined engagement sessions. **Peter/ Paul will send an email to Gord about work discussed.** Peter – DFO looking for advice on how low steelhead returns impact First Nations.

Action: Peter will get a letter out to First Nations describing the SARA process for IFS soliciting info from FN on cultural significance.

Gord: USA/ Canada PSC are tackling socio -economic analysis.

5. CSPI Update from Gord:

-On April 10, DFO and participants met at RHQ (some of the EC was there too) the workshop objectives to discuss evaluation of work to date. Took a 20-year average of productivity scenarios. Shared preliminary results with time for questions. Did look at alternatives, how models could perform and limitations. MSC. Next steps management strategy evaluation can be used as a strategic planning tool. Conservation Units (CU's) discussed. Allocation policy. Discussion how to add First Nations flavour. Recommend a First Nations Workshop

<p>for the Fall. Pat provided his comments on the workshop. Mike comments the strategy needs more work. No more action until funding is allocated. Ken provides comments – discussion on First Nations doing the introduction and the importance of Chinook and the first fish ceremony. Ken is helping Alex draft something for the introduction.</p>
<p>6. 5-year Chinook Review: Update from DFO, in writing on the status: Email from Diana Dobson (written status from DFO), and Response from Mike Staley (See email from May 11 with subject FW: Fraser 5-year). Linda asks how this was funded previously, it was carry over funding that isn't not available any more. Mike suggests resources be allocated and we be re-engaged at a higher level with a new TOR. Jeff Grout (Fisheries Management) has been handling this but it is a Science issue. Science lead is John Holmes, Kendra and Diana report to him. This issue is passed between Fisheries Management and Science. Greg Witzky will write a letter to Kendra (CC Wilf, Jeff, John) ensure the message is clear. in 2016/2017 FRAFS carried over some funding which was then put towards this project. That funding is not available in 2018/2018</p>
<p>7. Coho Southern BC Coho Consultations update. Feedback on the consultation plan Aidan attended PST engagement session, Mike, Pete and Gord were there and it was facilitated by FNFC on the new methodology for zoning for Coho. Identifying break point and exploitation caps within those break points. The session provided clarity on what DFO wanted: not exploitation targets but what caps and breakpoints should be. Comments to be submitted to DFO. No agreement on what the CSAS had developed (2 and 4 point reference points). Gord Suggests we resend FNFC questionnaire to FRASER FN with reminder of deadline of May 18th - Allison?</p>
<p>8. FSMC Negotiations Update: Thomas Alexis: last bilateral negotiations meeting was March 26. Still waiting for a response from the DFO on the language they want to use. The FSMC held an Assembly on May 3. Strategic plan was approved.</p>
<p>9. Southern Resident Killer Whales: Linda Stevens provides a detailed update in her Action Items document – expecting decision from the minister in Mid-May. Ernie participated in the first meeting. His comments are that this was slightly different in that senior partners of the recreational fisheries were there to lobby and keep what they already had. Ernie asks if documents provided should be turned into FRAFS EC? He will send stuff to Allison to create a folder, for transparency. Pat asked if there any technical analysis being done on management actions proposed. The response was not that we know of at this time.</p>
<p>10. Pacific Salmon Treaty: PST Chapter 4 (Sockeye) Engagement Sessions will be combined with SARA engagements Sessions: Dates May 28 – 29 in Chilliwack; May 31 in Campbell River; June 4-5 in Kamloops and June 18-19 in Prince George. The following DFO employees joined the call at this time: Les Jantz, Melissa Warnock, Angela Stadel, Allison Chang, Jennifer Nener, Jamie Scroggie, Irving and Herb Klassen. Update on Meeting invites/rsvps – DFO handling logistics, catering, venue and travel. Dates are set. Save the dates went out May 7th and 10th for White Sturgeon (SARA). Angela wants FRAFS to review the letter going out. Allison Chang will send Allison James the invite and her distribution list. Allison James will send the invite to her FRAFS distribution list and post to the facebook and twitter account. Greg and Allison will distribute a Watershed Talk Newsletter with logistics and background information Meeting objectives: Provide background and details on changes in 2012 and 2013. US position to date and</p>

Canada's position on what they want out of these negotiations, to help focus tier 1 discussions. Role of Fraser Panel. Evaluation of the performance to date. Mike says technical issues likely raised – aggregates and how they are expressed and agreed to, for domestic management. Angela wants to consider the audience and how technical info can be presented. A few of the slides were regionally specific (for Chinook) – supported by Jennifer and Gord, to do this for sockeye.

Key agenda topics and Approach to facilitating discussion:

Tier 1 discussion over extended working lunch (12:30 – 1:30) so that input can be provided to Les and Jennifer. Gord suggests that the Tier 1 strategic planning sessions will be most useful.

Panel Members can provide input where necessary.

Chapter 3 update should be provided if you can do it with out taking away from Ch.4

Presentation Materials needed:

Roles: Who will facilitate? Mike Staley will do it. Angela can co-facilitate all except Kamloops, and Les Jantz can do Kamloops.

Next Steps:

Greg to finalize budget

Angela and Mike to draft version 1 of Agenda for engagement sessions

Greg and Allison will distribute a Watershed Talk Newsletter with logistics and background information. Information to be provided to them from Angela Stadel's group.

White Sturgeon in Fraser River have been reassessed under COSEWIC and recommendation must be made to the Minister. Agenda is in draft – can be shared – 3 objectives: to describe the listing recommendation process, to seek FN input on impacts of bycatch and FSC, and other FN impacts. Half day session. Where is the budget coming from and when? Gord Sterritt wants to know how Tier 1 discussion will fit into a half day. He emphasizes all First Nations impacted need to be consulted properly and this is just information sharing. The First Nations need to fully understand the impacts before they can provide advice. Gord suggests a working group and bringing impacted first nations (Nechako and Lhiedli Tenneh) to talk about the impacts and how they would do things differently. He suggests Brian Toth, Thomas Alexis, other leaders from different communities. A list of names could be developed for who should be at these sessions.

Pat says some of the Secwepmec communities will want to know the impacts under different management scenarios.

11. RDG Agenda

Develop/confirm agenda for RDG meeting on June 22, 2018.

Pat: Linda made some suggestions based on the letter we sent and we discussed at the last meeting which technical/ resource management questions could be answered by someone else. There were specific recommendations that came out the forum that RDG suggested looking to resource department, so Pat wants those to be written in a separate letter.

Greg and Allison will send a revised agenda via email for input on changes to the RDG agenda.

Matthew reminds EC that Jennifer Nener could attend an EC meeting.

Pat wants a written response from the RDG on the specific management recommendations in the March Forum Letter.

12. Correspondence from Previous Operations Manager

HR Committee (Pat Matthew, Matthew Parslow) can address hiring a new operations manager. Greg will ask Arlene Johnston is she can join HR committee.

13. Kamloops Forum – response letter from DFO to the third forum letter. Pat wants the DFO to respond to the Forum Letter. Action Item: Linda will work with Pat and Greg to ensure she

understands which management recommendations require responses

14. Upcoming meeting(s)

June 22 Meeting with the RDG at RHQ in Vancouver

July 17 - TBD

August 21 - TBD

September 18 - TBD