

Forum on Conservation & Harvest Planning for Fraser Salmon

April 4-6, 2017

Coast Inn of the North

770 Brunswick Street

Prince George

Facilitator: Marcel Shepert

Forum Purpose (s):

Overarching Purpose: The FORUM is intended to provide an annual process for information sharing and discussion on Fraser salmon fisheries issues between DFO and First Nations (Tier 2) and First Nations with other First Nations (Tier 1). First Nation attendees have the opportunity to provide their advice and recommendations on management plans.

April FORUM Purpose: The intent of this meeting is provide further detail on some of the contents of the draft 2017/2018 IFMP for southern BC salmon and to continue discussions on fishery planning for 2017. This forum also includes brief updates to several on-going processes on Day 2. This is the final FORUM in-person meeting for this season.

Day 1 (Tuesday, April 4th): First Nations and DFO together

9:00 am to 9:20 am

- **Welcome/Opening Prayer/Introductions**

9:20 am to 9:40 am (20 mins)

- **Setting the stage** – Ken Malloway (Forum Planning Committee Chair) & Adrian Wall (DFO)

9:40 am to 10:30 am (50 mins)

- **Joint Technical Working Group Update and Q & A** – Aidan Neill/Jamie Scroggie (40 to 60 mins)

A presentation on what was discussed at the April 3th JTWG in-person meeting.

10:30 am - Refreshment break (20 mins)

10:50 am – 12:00 pm (70 mins)

- **Discussion and Response on Letters Rec'd from previous two FORUMS** – Jeff Grout

12:00 noon - Lunch (provided)

1:00 pm – 2:30 pm (90 mins)

- **Presentation and discussion on Questions being posed from DFO wrt Sockeye and Pink Management** – Les Jantz/Jennifer Nener

2:30 pm - Refreshment break (20 mins)

2:50 pm to 3:50 pm (60 mins)

- **Presentation and discussion on Questions being posed from DFO wrt Chinook and Coho Management – Jeff Grout**

3:50 to 4:00 pm (10 minutes)

- **Wrap up of Day One Discussion.**

Day 2 (Wednesday, April 5th): First Nations and DFO together

9:00 am: Welcome/Opening Prayer

9:15 am to 9:30 am (15 mins)

- **Update on WSP Implementation – Jennifer Nener**

9:30 am to 10:15 am (45 mins)

- **Update on PST Negotiations – Sue Farlinger / Gord Sterritt**

10:15 am to 10:35 am Refreshment break (20 mins).

10:35 am to 11:00 am (25 mins)

- **FSMC Update – Darren Haskell and Angela Bate**

11:00 am – 11:30 am (30 mins)

- **Updates from FNFC – Deana Machin**

Deana will provide an overview of First Nation written submissions on the Fisheries Act review and the Standing Committee on Fisheries and Oceans Report on the 2012 Changes to the Fisheries Act.

11:30 am – noon

- **Open – Time for any further questions / discussion required.**

12:00 Lunch will be provided

Day 2 (Wednesday afternoon, April 5th): First Nations Only – Draft

1:00 to 1:30 (30 minutes)

- *Develop agenda for Tier1 portion of agenda– Marcel Shepert*

1:30 to 2:30 (60 minutes)

- *Tier One discussions.*

2:30 to 2:50 (20 minutes)

- **Health Break**

2:50 to 4:00 (70 minutes)

- *Tier One discussions.*

Day 3 (Thursday morning, April 6th): First Nations Only - Draft

9:00 to 10:30 (90 minutes)

- *Tier One Discussion Continued from previous day.*

10:30 Refreshment Break

10:45 to 12 noon (75 minutes)

- *Wrap-up*

Safe Journey Home!

Informational Items/Hand-outs

- Question for Forum Hand-out.
- WSP update.

FN Speakers:

Ken Malloway is chair of the Fraser River Aboriginal Fisheries Secretariat and the chair of the FORUM planning Committee.

Aidan Neill is a biologist who works with both FRAFS and the Lower Fraser Fisheries Alliance. He is a co-chair (with Jamie Scroggie) of the Joint Technical Working Group and a member of the Tzeachten First Nation community.

Marcel Shepert is your friendly facilitator, a Fraser Panel member and the chair of the Salmon Co-ordinating Committee. He also works as the facilitation co-ordinator for the Upper Fraser Fisheries Conservation Alliance.

Darren Haskell is the chair of the Fraser Salmon Management Council.

Deana Machin is the Strategic Development Manager for the First Nations Fisheries Council and is a member of the Okanagan Nation.

Gord Sterritt is the chair of the First Nations Caucus of the Pacific Salmon Commission.

DFO Speakers:

Adrian Wall is an Aboriginal Affairs Advisor for the Fraser Interior Area, based in Kamloops, and a member of the Forum Planning Committee.

Angela Bate is the Area Director for the Fraser Interior Area and the lead DFO negotiator with the FSMC.

Les Jantz is the Canadian co-chair of the Fraser River Panel.

Jamie Scroggie is a resource management biologist for the Fraser Interior Area, based in Kamloops, and the co-chair of the Joint Technical Working Group.

Jeff Grout is the Salmon Coordinator for DFO Pacific Region.

Jennifer Nener is the Canadian Chair of the Fraser Panel.

Our Favorite Acronyms and maybe even some definitions:

Please let me know if this is helpful and feel free to suggest additions to linda.stevens@dfo-mpo.gc.ca

AABM	Aggregate Abundance-Based Management
AAROM	Aboriginal Aquatic Resource and Oceans Management
AFS	Aboriginal Fisheries Strategy
ATP	Allocation Transfer Program
CCTAC	Canadian Commercial Total Allowable Catch
COHO ABM	Coho Abundance-Based Management
COSEWIC	Committee for the Status of Endangered Wildlife in Canada
CPUE	Catch Per Unit Effort
CSAS	Canadian Science Advisory Secretariat
CSAB	Commercial Salmon Advisory Board
CSPI	Chinook Strategic Planning Initiative (Also SBCCSPI – Southern BC Chinook Strategic ...)
CU	Conservation Unit
CWT	Coded Wire Tag
ER	Exploitation Rate
ESSR	Excess Salmon to Spawning Requirements
FNFC	First Nations Fishery Council
FRP	Fraser River Panel
FSC	Food, Social and Ceremonial
FSMC	Fraser Salmon Management Council
ITQ	Individual Transfer Quota
IHPC	Integrated Harvest Planning Committee
ISBM	Individual Stock-Based Management
LAER	Low Abundance Exploitation Rates
LRP	Lower Reference Points
MSY	Maximum Sustainable Yield
PICFI	Pacific Integrated Commercial Fisheries Initiative
PSC	Pacific Salmon Commission (www.psc.org)
PST	Pacific Salmon Treaty
SARA	Species at Risk Act
SFAB	Sport Fishing Advisory Board
SHMF	Selective Hatchery Mark Fishery
TAC	Total Allowable Catch
TAM	Total Allowable Mortality
WSP	Wild Salmon Policy (Canada's Policy for Conservation of Wild Pacific Salmon)

Upcoming Teleconferences

May xx, 2017

9:00 am to 12:00 pm.

Summary of IFMP feedback and responses via WebEx (dial-in details to be distributed through FRAFS)

- Jeff Grout from DFO will provide a summary of what they have heard as feedback from First Nations on the draft southern BC salmon IFMP.