

Forum on Conservation and Harvest Planning for Fraser Salmon

January 29-31, 2019

Coast Bastian Hotel,

11 Bastian Street, Nanaimo, BC V9R 6E4

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.

January FORUM Purpose: The intent of this meeting is to initiate thinking about fishery planning for 2019 and to provide DFO with your thoughts on what options should be considered for 2019.

Please note the Fraser Sockeye and Pink forecast will be available in mid-February.

Day 1 (Tuesday, January 29th): First Nations and DFO together

9:00 am Welcome/Opening Prayer/Introductions

9:15 am to 9:40 am (25 mins)

- **Setting the Stage** – Ken Malloway (Forum Planning Committee Chair) and Linda Stevens (DFO).

9:40 am to 10:40 am (60 mins)

- **Joint Technical Working Group Update** – Aiden Fisher/Marla Maxwell
A presentation on what was discussed at the January 28th JTWG meeting.

10:40 - Refreshment Break (20 mins)

11:00 am to Noon (60 mins)

- **Integrated Fisheries Management Plan (IFMP) Planning Priorities for 2019** – Jeff Grout
January 17th was the deadline for FN and Stakeholders to provide feedback on the Departments key planning priorities for 2019. This presentation will provide a summary of the feedback received and next steps.

12:00 noon - Lunch (provided)

1:00 pm to 2:10 pm (70 mins)

- **2019 Chinook Management Actions** – Jeff Grout
As outlined in the December 10 IFMP priorities letter, further management actions will be contemplated for Chinook in 2019. Preliminary discussion on proposed 2019 IFMP Chinook Management Objectives and potential management approaches will be presented for discussion and contemplation.

2:10 pm to 2:40 pm (30 mins)

- **Pacific Salmon Treaty (PST) Chapter 4 Update – Jennifer Nener**

On January 25 a meeting was held between DFO and FN to review and discuss PST Chapter 4 (Fraser Sockeye and Pink) related key issues and advice outlined in a letter sent August 2, 2018 from FRAFS to DFO. This presentation will include a brief update of that meeting and outline the next steps in this process.

2:40 pm - Refreshment Break (20 mins)

3:00 pm to 4:00 pm (60 mins)

- **Update on the Fisheries Act Review and Program Revitalization – Tola Cooper**

DFO has begun to reorganize the Fisheries Protection Program (FPP) into the Fish and Fish Habitat Protection Program (FFHPP) to enhance current program delivery and align the changes to the proposed amendments to the Fisheries Act. The Fisheries Act amendments are currently in the Senate Committee Stage. This presentation will provide an update on the FA Review and proposed new program.

Day 2 (Wednesday, January 30th): First Nations and DFO together

9:00 am Welcome/Opening Prayer/Action Items Summary

9:20 to 9:50 am (30 minutes)

- **Introduction of New DFO Director of Reconciliation – David Didluck**

This is a new position in DFO. David will provide an introduction to himself, some information on his past work, some thoughts on his role with DFO, his key objectives short and long-term along with a chance to ask some questions.

9:50 to 10:40 am (50 minutes)

- **2019 Steelhead Management Measures – Marla Maxwell**

This presentation will describe the two scenarios that will be included in the draft 2019/2020 IFMP for Interior Fraser River Steelhead management in 2019. The two proposed options account for both possible outcomes of a SARA Listing Decision for Thompson and Chilcotin Steelhead.

10:40 Refreshment break (20 mins)

11:00 to 12:00 am (60 minutes)

- **Pinniped Population Dynamics and Diet – Stahan Tucker**

The presentation will outline the work being undertaken by the DFO Pinniped Research Program including population assessments and diet studies. Current population will be outlined as well as new research initiated to enhance knowledge of the temporal and spatial variation in pinniped diets to better understand the impact on commercially/ culturally important species.

12:00 Lunch (provided)

Day 2 (Wednesday afternoon, January 30th): First Nations Only – Draft

1:00 pm to 3:00 pm (120 minutes)

- *Develop agenda for Tier1 portion of agenda based on DFO information and discussion provided during Tier 2 session– Marcel Shepert*

3:00 to 3:15 (15 minutes)

- **Health Break**

3:30 to 4:30 (40 minutes)

Day 3 (Thursday morning, January 31st): First Nations Only - Draft

9:00 to 10:30 (90 minutes)

- *Discussion Continued.*

10:30 Refreshment Break

10:45 to 12 noon (75 minutes)

- *Preparation for upcoming FORUM in March 12 to 14, 2019 in Kamloops, BC.*
- *Wrap-up*

Safe Journey Home!

Informational Items/Hand-outs/Copies of Presentations.

- Provided on the FRAFS website (www.frafs.ca).
- A list of presentations and hand-outs will be provided as a separate hand-out along with a list of acronyms.

FN Speakers:

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

Aidan Fisher is a biologist who works with both FRAFS and the Lower Fraser Fisheries Alliance. He is also co-chair (along with Marla Maxwell) of the FRAFS Joint Technical Working Group (JTWG).

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.

DFO Speakers:

Linda Stevens is the Acting/Aboriginal Affairs Advisor (AAAA) for the Fraser Interior Area, based in Williams Lake and a member of the Forum Planning Committee.

Jeff Grout is the Salmon Coordinator for DFO Pacific Region.

Jennifer Nener is the Salmon Director for DFO Pacific Region and the Canadian Chair of the Fraser Panel.

Marla Maxwell is the Salmon Team Program Manager for DFO Pacific Region.

David Didluck is the new DFO Director of Reconciliation.

Strahan Tucker is a research scientist at the Pacific Biological Station with the Pinniped Research Program.

Tola Cooper works for the Fisheries Protection Program as the Manager of the Indigenous Engagement Unit.

Upcoming Forums

March 12th to 14th, 2019

Conference Location: Sandman Signature
225, Lorne Street, Kamloops, BC

Teleconference

May, 2019 – details to be provided via email

Where to Stay: Sandman Signature

To book: (250) 377-7263