

SUMMARY
FRAFS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
September 16, 2014



FRAFS Executive Committee
DFO Kamloops
September 16, 2014
9:30 a.m. start

A. PARTICIPANTS

- FRAFS EC and staff

B. 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. Budget Expenditures: Update and Report
4. FRAFS agreement renewal March/April 2015
5. Forum on Conservation and Harvest Planning.
6. Resolve issues re: Chinook tasks, budget implications
7. Fraser Salmon Management Council (FSMC) update
8. PICFI funding update for Fraser Salmon Management Council (FSMC)
9. Discussion: FN Caucus of the EC meeting with RDG
10. Salmon Outlook Document
11. Partner with Fraser Basin Council re a two day conference re mining
12. Transition and Finance Sub-committees meeting schedule (schedule, location)

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Agenda continued

13. Upcoming EC meetings for October, November and December
14. Congratulations re: "Dipnetting with Dad" from the FRAFS EC.
15. Introduction to A.A.D.

C. DISCUSSION

1. Roll call / Agenda

- Attendance noted as listed under "Participants."
- After review and adjustments, the agenda was finalized and accepted

2. Old Business

2.1) Notes from the previous meeting were previously circulated to EC members. The Communications Coordinator entered the requested revisions and emailed the final draft to FRAFS EC members. The Meeting Summary was posted on the website.

2.2) Action Items from the previous meeting:

Action Item #1: Chair and Ops Manager to follow up with RDG's office on these prospective dates (Sept. 29, Oct. 3, and the five business days of Oct. 6 to 10) to meet with the EC First Nations. DFO reps to help internally. Done: Meeting confirmed for September 29th.

Action Item #2: The EC wants this topic on the Agenda for the Nov. /Dec. Forum. The FPC to discuss this at their next meeting (late Sept/early Oct.). Item #5 on today's Agenda.

Action Item #3: Ops Manager to email the memo with six bullets (Transition Committee update) to the EC. Done.

Carried over from the June EC meeting:

- **Action Item: EC Finance sub-committee to meet in late October. This meeting will be scheduled. Item #12 on today's Agenda.**
- **Action Item: EC Finance sub-committee to review RCAT document re: changes to AAROM reporting. Item #12 on today's Agenda.**

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3. Budget Expenditures: Update and Report

Operations Manager led the EC through a review of the current status of 2014-15 budget expenditures. Spending is “a little ahead of” where we normally are at this time of year.

It was noted that carryover funding has to be spent by the end of the fiscal year. It’s anticipated that it will be spent. There is a small “surplus” at this time and it was recommended that the funds be used for the FRAFS Senior Biologist to participate in discussions re: the Commercial Salmon Allocation Framework (CSAF).

Motion #1: *To allocate \$3,800 “surplus” for the FRAFS Senior Biologist to participate in discussions re: the Commercial Salmon Allocation Framework (CSAF).*

Moved: and Seconded:

Action Item #1: *Operations Manager to submit request to DFO re: allocation of these funds.*

Clarification was requested re: April allocation for the Executive Committee)?

Action Item #2: *Operations Manager to follow up by email (Done Sep. 19)*

4. FRAFS Agreement renewal

DFO has requested a letter from the Nicola Tribal Association that its Executive Director agrees to host the FRAFS AAROM Agreement and the NTA E.D. is in agreement. “Does the FRAFS Executive Committee agree?” they were asked.

The EC discussed the transition to a new Operations Manager and how that impacts their decision.

The DFO representative noted that if there is a new recipient (host) that the EC has to understand that a new host with no proven administrative AAROM background is not likely to receive the same flexibility as with NTA until a minimum two-year period of assessment indicates such.

The Operations Manager asked the EC to keep in mind that by December we’ll know more about the Fraser Salmon Management Council (FSMC) coming on-line. The DFO rep said that “I don’t want to see First Nations or DFO give up on that goal (a Tier 1 governance body). Give that organization time to get up on its feet. That’s my intent.”

The decision needs to be made in three months’ time (January).

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5. Forum

These dates and locations were agreed upon:

- December 16-18: Upper Fraser
- January 27-29: Abbotsford/Chilliwack area
- March 10-12: Greater Vancouver area

The date and time for the Forum Planning Committee teleconference was set at October 7th, 1 p.m.

Action Item #3: *Comms Coord. email FPC members re: teleconference (Done. Sep. 15)*

6. JTWG re: Chinook

Four outstanding key issues re: Chinook data and management issues:

1. Spring/Summer chinook Run Reconstruction (2013)
2. Coded Wire Tag analysis: Nicola & Dome - recalculating historical mortality distribution values (multiple years)
3. Alternate analysis model of Spring/Summer chinook exploitation and impact distribution calculations
4. Coded Wire Tag analysis (total mortality distribution): Nicola - 2012 & 2013

Issues 2 and 3 are linked, with the completion of 3 being dependent on number 2.

There was discussion about how to move this work forward. The DFO rep said that the JTWG Co-Chair (DFO) is trying to get this up the department's priority list.

Action Item #4: *The DFO to ask JTWG Co-Chair (DFO) to brief the new Acting Area Director re: Chinook and JTWG.*

An EC member said that this raises broader issues of policy related to the Chinook concerns. For example: prioritization of technical issues; who does the analysis; and alternatives that First Nations can propose.

The Operations Manager said that the issue had to be resolved by the October FRAFS meeting because of the budget implications.

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7. Fraser Salmon Management Council (FSMC) Update

The Operations Manager informed the EC that on September 26th there'll be initial discussions on the draft Negotiation Framework with DFO and the FSMC Main Table Chair. The Communications Coordinator outlined the project Engagement Plan for the period leading up to the November 26th Assembly.

The DFO rep wondered if there should be an FSMC update at the meeting with the RDG. The EC didn't feel that it was necessary.

8. PICFI re: Fraser Salmon Management Council (FSMC)

The DFO rep reported that he'd received no indication that there would be a problem with PICFI funding for this initiative in 2014-15.

9. First Nations caucus of the EC meeting with the RDG

The meeting is confirmed for September 29th. Based on the letter sent to the RDG, the key question is: What do First Nations get from participating in the Forum process?

10. Salmon Outlook document

The Salmon Outlook document will be presented in a Webex to SCC and IHPC committee members on November 28th. The DFO rep asked if FRAFS wanted to dial in to the Webex.

EC members commented that the Outlook is "hypothetical," and "pre pre-season forecast." However, it's also an opportunity to "take a look at the stocks that we're concerned about." In the end, the EC decided not to join the Webex.

11. Partner with Fraser Basin Council on a Mount Polley Conference

A lower Fraser First Nations EC member said that Fraser First Nations don't have a full appreciation of the scope of mining and proposed mining and we need to take a broader look at the watershed. This impacts all Fraser First Nations. He asked Fraser Basin Council to coordinate a two-day conference to include a full briefing on Mount Polley and an overview of mining. FBC has contacted the province and the idea met a positive reaction. FBC would be happy if FRAFS could join them. The FN caucus of the EC would be a co-planner. FRAFS would not be asked to make a financial contribution. The EC supported the idea.

DFO rep noted that the Science Advisory Panel is "ongoing." He also said that "this is a real success story for the technical and communications work at FRAFS. The RDG needs to know about this."

Action Item #5: *Operations Manager to draft a letter to provincial representatives.*

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12. and 13. Upcoming Meetings: FRAFS EC, Finance Sub-Committee and Transition Committee

A Transition Committee meeting after today's EC meeting.

- Thursday Oct 16, 9:30 Finance Committee meeting at DFO, Kamloops
- Tuesday, Oct. 21, 9:30 Executive Committee meeting at DFO, Kamloops
- Tuesday, November 18th: FRAFS Teleconference
- Monday, December 15th, 1 p.m. in Williams Lake: FRAFS EC

14. "Dipnetting with Dad"

The EC decided to write a letter of congratulations to the author on the publication of his book. FRAFS will also purchase four copies.

15. New Acting Area Director in BCI

The new Acting Area Director in BCI until March, 2015 dropped by. EC members introduced themselves and there was some discussion. The A.A.D. noted that "the department recognizes that partnerships are the way to move forward."

Summary of Motions

Motion #1: *To allocate funding for FRAFS Senior Biologist to participate in discussions re: the Commercial Salmon Allocation Framework (CSAF).*

Moved and Seconded.

Summary of Action Items

Action Item #1: *Operations Manager to submit request to DFO re: allocation of carryover funds.*

Action Item #2: *Operations Manager to follow up re: FRAFS expenditures in April and May. Done.*

Action Item #3: *Comms Coord. email FPC members re: teleconference (Done. Sep. 15)*

Action Item #4: *DFO to brief A.A.D. re: Chinook/JTWG issues.*

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Action Item #5: *Operations Manager to draft a letter re: possible mining conference that would be hosted by Fraser Basin Council.*