

SUMMARY
FRAFS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
DECEMBER 17, 2013



Stó:lō Nation - Natural Resource Centre,
7201 Vedder Road, Chilliwack
9:00 a.m. start

A. PARTICIPANTS

- Ken Malloway (Chair)
- Thomas Alexis
- Ernie Crey
- Gord Sterritt
- Ernie Victor
- Mike Staley
- Neil Todd
- Walter Quinlan (Meeting Notes)

By phone

- Howie Wright
- Terri Bonnet
- Murray Ross
- Pete Nicklin
- Dana Bellis

B. AGENDA ITEMS

• **9:00 a.m.: FN caucus of the EC**

Discussion re: Southern Chinook

• **10:00 a.m. FRAFS EC meeting**

1. Roll call, review, adjust, and accept the agenda
2. Old business:
 - 2.1) Notes from the previous meeting
 - 2.2) Action items from the previous meeting

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B. AGENDA

3. Finance :
 - Expenditure update
 - Proposed re-allocation of Forum funds
 - Proposed transfer of Visions budget to 2014/15
4. Scheduled for 11 a.m.: Ecotrust
5. Review and approval of the TORs for the FPC, the EC, and the JTWG.
6. JTWG update
7. Email letter re: Commercial Salmon Allocation Framework:
 - FRAFS EC (FN Caucus) and Mike S – express concerns re: CSAF process?
 - FRAFS EC (all) and Mike S – discuss allocating funds to provide tech assistance to Fraser FNs re: CSAF
8. No response from RDG re: FRAFS letters re: Fraser Panel – discuss follow-up?
9. Stó:lō Resource Centre

C. DISCUSSIONS

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 approved and accepted.

2.2) Action Items

- The next two FRAFS EC meetings were confirmed for Mon. Jan. 20th, 1 p.m. and Mon. Feb. 18th. Both meetings will have a 1 p.m. start and will be held at the Executive Airport Plaza in Richmond.
- The new Polycom speakerphone system was delivered and will be in operation for the January EC meeting.
- The Action Items were reviewed and approved.

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3. Finances

Expenditure Update

The Operations Manager led the EC through an item by item review of the status of expenditures.

Proposed transfer of Visions budget to 2014/2015

Issues around holding a Visions Conference in the last quarter of this year and the potential to transfer the funds into next year were discussed. The possibility of using the transferred funds for a Visions conference in spring 2014, focused on the work of the CSPI, was discussed. This will be re-visited after the proposed transfer is put into effect.

Motion #1: To move the Visions \$15,000 allocation from this fiscal year to fiscal 14/15. All agreed.

Action item #1: Ops Manager was directed to write a memo to DFO to put this into effect.

Proposed allocation of Forum funds

The EC discussed the travel assistance process and the Letter of Invitation that will go out in advance of the Forum.

Action Item #2: Ops Manager to confirm with DFO the amount available for travel funding assistance.

Concern was expressed regarding the JTWG may exceed its allocation this year, and it was recommended that \$1,500 be removed from the Forum budget and put into the JTWG budget. The EC agreed with this recommendation. DFO noted that if the amount is over 10%, then the Ops Manager will need to send an email request/memo.

4. Ecotrust: Presentation by Project Analyst, Fisheries

Ecotrust is a non-profit organization whose programs are modeled by the ideal of a sustained, conservation economy. They take a holistic, long-term approach to community and economic development, and, in the course of doing so, recognize and honour Aboriginal rights and title.

Fisheries is their main activity and Ecotrust is a DFO-approved "Design Service Provider." For example, they co-develop with local communities marine monitoring programs. They have a seafood traceability program (ThisFish), as well as Salmon programs (At-Sea Observer; At-Sea Catch Composition). Ecotrust delivers training programs adapted to local fisheries needs. Part of their work with clients is developing custom privacy and data policies.

The presentation generated a large number of questions from the Committee. Many of the questions and subsequent discussion focused on catch monitoring programs: Eco-Trust's role vs DFO role, and the inclusion of local First Nations in monitoring their own (and other) fisheries. Eco-trust also has other training programs available, namely fisheries field technician training, and training in their fish traceability program.

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The Ecotrust rep distributed an information package and the Committee thanked her for her presentation.

5. Review and approval of TORs (FPC, JTWG and FRAFS EC)

EC TOR

The EC expressed agreement with the changes and this version of its TORs. Because this has been done $\frac{3}{4}$ of the way through the year, the EC agreed that the TORs don't need to be reviewed prior to the end of this fiscal as would otherwise be the case.

Forum Planning Committee (FPC)

The FPC's role was clarified, i.e. its job is to determine the agenda for the Forum. If members of the FPC wish to see an evaluation of the Forum process they can put it on the agenda for a FRAFS EC meeting for the EC's consideration.

Motion #2: The EC approve the TOR for the FPC.

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TORs continued

JTWG TOR

Pete outlined the drafting process that took place from October to December, 2013.

Motion #3: To accept the JTWG TOR; seconded.

6. JTWG Update

On December 3-4 there was an in-person meeting that included a request to DFO for information on coded wire tag Chinook mortality. The JTWG plan is to report out on what the DFO response will be. There was also a discussion of issues and a Briefing Note was written by the JTWG Co-chairs and distributed to the FPC. The JTWG will meet for 1 ½ days immediately prior to the Forum. The JTWG Co-chairs are now part of the FPC and would be attending the January FPC conference call.

7. Allocating funds to provide technical assistance to Fraser FNs re: Commercial Salmon Allocation Framework (CSAF)

The CSAF is a priority for First Nations and DFO as well. First Nations would like to take the time to understand the CSAF. One concern is that it's presently a collection of disjointed spreadsheets and the information isn't centralized into one document.

An EC member said that he'd appreciate technical support from the FRAFS biologist when giving DFO insight at CSAF meetings re: commercial fisheries of the Upper Fraser.

Action Item #3: The Ops Manager will review with the FRAFS biologist his task outline/work plan and determine the potential for allocating some of his budget toward CSAF activities.

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8. No response from RDG re: FRAFS letters re: Fraser Panel – discuss follow-up?

The EC was informed that the department is working on a response and a letter will arrive shortly.

9. Stó:lō Resource Centre (Ernie Victor)

The EC took a brief, informative tour of the Stó:lō Resource Centre. For more information, visit: <http://www.srrmcentre.com/index.html>

Summary of Motions

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Motion #2: The EC approve the TOR for the FPC.

Motion #3: The EC approve the JTWG TOR.

Summary of Action Items

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