



## **FRASER RIVER ABORIGINAL FISHERIES SECRETARIAT**

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### **Meeting Summary**

**FRAFS Executive Committee  
Teleconference  
Tuesday, July 21, 2015**

#### **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. June Budget Expenditures: Update and Report
4. FRAFS Senior Biologist's Update
  - a. Update re: FRSSI model and process ("Is it doing what it's supposed to do?")
  - b. Chinook Strategic Planning Initiative
  - c. Pacific Salmon Commission Fraser Strategic Review (Hydroacoustics)
5. JTWG Agenda development and prioritization: Feedback from the EC
6. Update from meeting with AANDC representative
7. Allocation Transfer Workgroup (ATW)- feedback on the draft Terms of Reference
8. AAROM amendment – feedback on the edits
9. Proposed Forum Schedule and PICFI status update
10. Agenda development for *proposed* September meeting with the RDG
11. Next meeting FRAFS EC: teleconference or in-person; start time

1. **Roll call, review, adjust, and accept the agenda**

2. **Old business:**

- Notes from the previous meeting.

Draft circulated, revised as required and final draft emailed to the FRAFS EC and Operations Manager.

- Action items from the previous meeting

All Action items are **done**.

3. **June Budget Expenditures**

- The June budget and expenditures report was reviewed and accepted by the EC.

4. **FRAFS Senior Biologist: Update**

a. **Update re: FRSSI model and process (“Is it doing what it’s supposed to do?”)**

FRSSI is a long-term planning process that’s recently been under review by an expanded steering committee. The FRAFS biologist reported on questions being asked.

- How to represent geographical and stock diversity of Fraser sockeye for all the fisheries?

Currently FRSSI models only one fishery and this makes it difficult to experiment with detail of management changes. It also represents escapement of aggregates, not individual CUs.

- Is it doing what it’s supposed to do?

It’s going to take more resources for this computer model to recognize the diversity of Fraser salmon and more representative of First Nation fisheries and of CUs. Discussion followed on the subject of building a model that is detailed enough and FRAFS’ potential role in that work.

The EC decided that the FRAFS Senior Biologist should scope out potential; partners and prepare a concept/proposal for FRSSI model funding from the Southern Endowment Fund by September 1st. Although FRAFS doesn’t normally get involved in this type of funding proposal, the EC agreed that this topic is important enough.

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b. Chinook Strategic Planning Initiative

There's a 30 minute teleconference every second Friday. The ongoing work of the CSPI TWG: assemble information and data for representative/characteristic stocks in the CTC simulator. There will be a teleconference on the Table of Contents so that people could align their thoughts moving forward.

c. Pacific Salmon Commission Fraser Strategic Review (Hydroacoustics)

The Fraser Panel's Technical Committee is currently working on a costing template for the two programs: Mission and Qualark. PSC is looking for costing savings.

It was noted that First Nations are interested in maintaining Qualark. They consider it important, because:

- Mission gets some big runs (ex.: the Chilliwack and Harrison systems) and Qualark "gets everything else."
- Qualark is used to calibrate the Mission counter.

**5. JTWG Agenda development and prioritization: Feedback from the EC**

The First Nations Chair of the JTWG gave the EC an overview of the "Management Tracker" spreadsheet (based on an IMAWG template). He aims to sort through 1 ½ years of JTWG work in order to inventory topics and their status. It'll help with both work prioritization as well as responding to data requests ("and seeing where that request fits with our work plan").

The "Management Tracker" is part of taking care of a maturing JTWG process and it'll take resources to keep it updated. The EC was asked for input because the JTWG would like to use it to prioritize their agenda and workload. There was discussion about the process, the document's functionality, as well as, the importance of having a visual method to keep the JTWG on track. It was recommended that the JTWG give itself six months to get it on track.

**6. Update from meeting with AANDC Minister's Special Representative (Consultation)**

Notes from this meeting had been distributed to the FRAFS EC. Discussion focused on whether or not to submit a written submission to Bryn Gray. Given that FNFC is making a written submission, the EC asked the Operations Manager to contact the FNFC E.D.

**7. Allocation Transfer Workgroup (ATW) - feedback on the draft Terms of Reference**

The Operations Manager provided background, an overview of the draft and asked for feedback

- EC members noted the importance of identifying and communicating with the First Nations who are eligible to participate in allocation transfers. They should be listed in the TOR. It was also pointed out that groups who want to do transfers would need to write a brief proposal. There is a DFO template and it was suggested that

it could be streamlined. The EC agreed that time is of the essence, this is a pilot and we need this group to start functioning.

**8. AAROM amendment - feedback on the edits**

The Operations Managers from FRAFS and FSMC walked the EC through the Amendment (work plans and budgets). All agreed that work on the Amendment will continue, in a collaborative manner, with the respective Operations Managers and DFO personnel.

**9. Proposed Forum Schedule and PICFI status update (Adrian)**

There were no updates or changes to the dates and locations proposed at an earlier meeting.

**10. Agenda development for *proposed* September meeting with the RDG**

THE EC discussed potential agenda items and scheduled a teleconference to finalize the Agenda to be sent to DFO two weeks in advance of the meeting.

**11. Next meeting FRAFS EC: teleconference or in-person; start time**

- September 2<sup>nd</sup> at DFO, Vancouver. Agenda to follow.

**Summary of Action Items**

**Action Item #1:** FRAFS Biologist to take 1 to 2 days to prepare the concept/proposal for FRSSI model funding from the Southern Endowment Fund.

**Action Item #2:** Communications Manager to forward the link to AANDC consultation guidelines website to EC members (Done).

**Action Item #3:** Operations Manager to send the notes from the June 30<sup>th</sup> meeting and notes on this discussion to FNFC ED re: the possibility of coordinating a joint submission.

**Action Item #4:** Operations and Communications Managers to draft and circulate an agenda to the FRAFS EC (First Nation caucus) for the Sept 2 meeting with the RDG. (Done)