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Meeting Summary

**FRAFS Executive Committee
Teleconference
Tuesday, June 23, 2015
9:00 a.m. to 12 noon**

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. Fraser Allocation Transfer Committee update
4. Potential meeting with Ministerial Special Representative Bryn Gray
5. Budget Expenditures: Update and Report
6. JTWG update
7. Proposed Forum Schedule
8. Meeting dates should be agreed on by the EC, including conference call dates; Finance Committee recommendation.
9. PICFI update

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

- A lower river representative offered to Chair the meeting.

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

Action items 1 through 7 are **done**.

Previous Action item 8: Draft Letter to the RDG

There was discussion and the EC instructed the former Operations Manager to circulate revised draft to the FN/EC.

3. Fraser Allocation Transfer Committee updates

JTWG First Nations Chair updated the EC on his communications with DFO and sought direction on: the name of the group; the First Nations Co-chair and Alternate; and funding for the Co-chair and Alternate.

This is a “Working Group” and not a committee. It should be clear that this group is focused solely on commercial allocation between First Nations; not FSC.

The role of the Co-chair is to keep the process moving forward and that person should be “neutral.” The new FRAFS Operations Manager should be Co-Chair. A DFO Co-Chair has already been appointed. The EC suggested a First Nation Alternate Chair.

The FRAFS Operations Manager will lead on drafting the TOR.

4. Potential meeting with Ministerial Special Representative Bryn Gray (All)

Tuesday, June 30, AANDC offices, Vancouver

AANDC is working on a new consultation policy. This topic was on the Agenda at the recent EC meeting with the RDG and DFO followed up. Does the EC want to meet with AANDC next Tuesday? It was agreed that it would be beneficial to hear what they have in mind. After some discussion about travel costs, it was agreed that a delegation would go.

5. **Budget Expenditures: Update and Report** The FRAFS Operations Manager presented the update and report for May expenditures and it was accepted by the EC.

6. **JTWG update**

The JTWG First Nations Chair provided an update on JTWG’s recent three-hour webinar. He started with these items: Chinook; FRSSI; IFC “Boxcar” model; JTWG “Roundtable;” and the JTWG “Issue Tracker.”

- DFO presented a lot of information on the distribution of total mortality Chinook Spring 4/2.
- A consultant spoke on the Run Reconstruction model and efficiently presented the data. The next step is a final internal review at DFO. The JTWG Chair has requested that DFO send “the whole package” to the

JTWG. He also requested that the consultant provide an overall summary of DFO communications re: the model and put it in the Run Reconstruction workbook. This will help the JTWG understand how the model was updated and this will be useful in future updates.

- FRSSI model and process: Key question: “Is it doing what it’s supposed to do?” FRAFS Biologist is taking the lead on this. JTWG Chair suggested that an update be included at the next FRAFS EC meeting.
- IFC Boxcar Model: DFO is working on it and it has yet to be shared with First Nations. JTWG Chair reported that: it’s a “new way” of looking at Interior Fraser Coho; it will track impacts in-season; and JTWG Chair is assuming that it is inclusive of all fishery impacts on IFC .
- Roundtable: The JTWG finds that there are more issues than capacity and time. This happens during Forum season, when issues come off the floor and the JTWG is asked to look into it in time for the next Forum.

There are two points to consider moving forward: (1) dedicate more resources to the JTWG; and (2) re-focus what JTWG works on.

- “Issue Tracker”: The JTWG is developing a table of issues that will be categorized. The EC thought that this was a great idea.
- The JTWG Chair drew the Executive Committee’s attention to the question: What should be the priorities of the JTWG?” This a high priority for the FRAFS EC and the next EC meeting will include the Agenda item: “How will the JTWG Agenda be made/prioritized.”

Some last points:

- The JTWG has made substantial progress in terms of capacity over the past year.
- The increased time that he spends on the JTWG as a FRAFS biologist in order to have a “robust” working group.

The EC thanked the JTWG Chair for his detailed report.

Note: the Operations Manager is the liaison between the EC and JTWG, and that budget will become part of the JTWG/EC priority discussion.

7. Proposed Forum Schedule

There are proposed dates; aiming to confirm them this summer. The Forums will likely be preceded by a JTWG in-person meeting.

**8. Meeting dates should be agreed on by the EC, including conference call dates;
Finance Committee recommendation.**

The EC discussed possible means to reduce costs while maintaining allocations for travel and fees that are “fair and consistent” across the EC. More conference call scheduling was also mentioned. Special meetings (ex.: the EC and the RDG) could be incorporated into the existing EC monthly meeting schedule.

9. PICFI Update

DFO provided an update on PICFI.