

FRAFS Executive Committee Meeting – August 21, 2012

Conference Call
9:00am – 10:30am

A. PARTICIPANTS

Meeting Chair: Ken Malloway

Ernie Crey, Terri Bonnet, Neil Todd, Thomas Alexis, Murray Ross, Adrian Wall, Ernie Victor, Jamie Scroggie (JTWG – DFO), Pete Nicklin (JTWG – FRAFS)

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B. AGENDA

Agenda items

1. Roll Call
2. Review and accept agenda
3. Report from the Joint Technical Working Group – work plan, update TORs, for remainder of fiscal year
4. FRAFS amendment update
5. Southern BC Chinook strategic planning update
6. FRAFS EC letter to FNFC

C. DISCUSSION

1. Roll Call

2. Review and accept agenda

- The agenda was accepted as presented.

3. Report from the Joint Technical Working Group – work plan, update TORs, for remainder of fiscal year

- JTWG Co-chairs presented draft changes made to the JTWG TOR.
- Clarified the process for reviewing data and decision making at the JTWG.
- Will aim to improve communications between the JTWG and the FRAFS EC.
- The JTWG Co-chairs wrote a memo to the FRAFS EC identifying 7 key issues: draft TOR changes; JTWG membership; JTWG to FRAFS EC communications; JTWG meeting notes; JTWG meeting schedule; JTWG topics of discussion and medium/long-term work; next steps.
- The JTWG improves efficiency by allowing technical staff from various organizations to share work and technical information, avoid duplication, etc.
- Need to improve/speed up the process for JTWG meeting notes.

4. FRAFS amendment update

- The amendment for Roadmap funding (PICFI) has been approved by DFO, just need to complete the signing process.
- The amendment for the southern BC Chinook strategic planning process has been approved, but has not yet been signed off. Will be completed soon.

5. Southern BC Chinook strategic planning update

- PICFI funding for the Southern BC Chinook process has been approved.

- The steering committee has been stalled a bit, but the technical working group has been meeting and doing work. A presentation was developed which provides a picture of the progress made behind the scenes thus far.
- Will be putting out a request for proposals for a lead coordinator for the process.

ACTION #1: Write a Watershed Talk article to update First Nations on the Southern BC Chinook strategic planning process.

ACTION #2: Send the Southern BC Chinook strategic planning process update presentation to the FRAFS EC.

6. FRAFS EC Letter to FNFC

- DFO has instituted a new policy where letters must be reviewed by senior staff before being signed on behalf of DFO members (applies to FRAFS EC and other committees that DFO staff participate in). Therefore, letters from the FRAFS EC will be signed off by First Nations EC members only unless vetted through DFO.
- DFO will be discussing their role on the FRAFS EC internally (possibly ex-officio?). Also discussed other ex-officio positions.

ACTION #3: Contact the LFFA and UFFCA and invite them to have ex-officio seats on the FRAFS EC.

D. NEXT EC MEETING

- September 18, 2012. Location TBD.

E. SUMMARY OF ACTION ITEMS

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