
FRAFS Executive Committee Meeting – July 17, 2012

Meeting Location: Shuswap Nation Tribal Council, Kamloops BC
9:00am – 3:00pm

A. PARTICIPANTS

Meeting Chair: Ken Malloway

Thomas Alexis (phone), Mike Staley (phone), Neil Todd, Ernie Victor, Gord Sterritt, Pat Matthew, Murray Ross, Adrian Wall, Terri Bonnet, Chad Rudiak (phone – am)

Record Keeper: Aimee Arsenault

B. AGENDA

Agenda items

1. Roll Call
2. Review and accept agenda
3. Development of a joint management agreement – Roadmap update
4. Development of a joint management agreement – FRAFS agreement amendment update
5. Addition to the EC membership
6. FNFC and FN ISH information note
7. South Coast Chinook PICFI proposal – who is doing what?
8. Process and timing of negotiating the 2014 FRAFS multi-year agreement
9. Delaney & Associates Roadmap wrap up report – review, comments
10. Forum on Conservation and Harvest Planning, and the Forum Planning Committee – concerns re the First Nations-only June 12 sockeye meeting – is it time to re-define or dissolve that body?
11. FRAFS EC Ex-Officio group – is it time to re-define or dissolve that body?
12. Media announcements for DFO Habitat Program
13. FNFC correspondence re: NAFF II

C. DISCUSSION

1. Roll Call

2. Review and accept agenda

3. Development of a joint management agreement – Roadmap update

- Provided an update on the Roadmap workshop in Kamloops (June 13-14, 2012).
- The following documents were distributed by the FSRPG to First Nations via the FRAFS email distribution list: Roadmap Workshop overview and timeline for this year, the Roadmap LOU, a Roadmap briefing note, the Terms of Reference for the Main Table, and a suggested framework for appointing representatives to the Main Table.
- DFO has not yet officially assigned anyone to lead this initiative within the department.
- The current focus of the Roadmap process is to establish a First Nations Main Table (governance structure) to prepare for and to guide negotiations over the next year and into the future.

- It will be up to the signatory communities to determine their own process for appointing Main Table representatives (possibly facilitated by regional AAROM groups).
- The deadline for appointing Main Table representatives will be October 15, 2012. The next Roadmap workshop is scheduled for November 6-7, 2012.
- The current FSRPG will stay in place until the Main Table is established, at which time they can determine their own working/planning group needs.
- Roadmap funding remains an issue (still refining budget).

4. Development of a joint management agreement – FRAFS agreement amendment update

- Had a meeting to discuss DFO funding for the Roadmap process. DFO committed PICFI funding, and FRAFS has AAROM funding included in the budget that is earmarked for Roadmap (might also be able to funds available that originally allocated for Visions). Still need to identify additional funds from in-kind contributions, etc.
- Hope to complete the amendment for Roadmap funding in the next couple of weeks.

ACTION #1: *Follow up with FNFC re: participation on the FSRPG.*

ACTION #2: *Re-circulate the budget proposal to the FRAFS EC for review, and get input from FSRPG and DFO. Once approved, run it through the system at DFO.*

5. Addition to the EC membership

- The FRAFS EC received a letter from the Okanagan Nation Alliance requesting that Howie Wright be considered for the vacant seat on the FRAFS EC (mid-Fraser seat).
- The FRAFS EC accepted Howie's nomination.

ACTION #3: *Send a letter to the ONA accepting Howie Wright's appointment; also send the FRAFS EC TOR.*

6. FNFC and FN ISH information note

- Reviewed FN ISH information note, which discusses alignment between processes such as the Forum, Roadmap, and FN ISH. The information note was drafted by the FNFC (direction from the last EC meeting), and identifies the need for a facilitated session to discuss coordination and alignment.
- EC members agreed that both the FN ISH and Forum/Roadmap processes are needed, and that these processes can function together.
- The FNFC and FRAFS will need to discuss their respective roles and responsibilities, but FRAFS needs to continue to move forward on matters related to fisheries management on the Fraser River.

ACTION #4: *Draft a letter to the FNFC in response to their FN ISH information note (send to the FRAFS EC for review).*

7. South Coast Chinook PICFI proposal – who is doing what?

- Need to clarify the roles and responsibilities of FRAFS and the FNFC with respect to the South Coast Chinook process.
- There has been very little communication among the members of the South Coast Chinook ISC to date.

- Concern was expressed about delays in completing funding applications for this process.

ACTION #5: *Follow up with DFO and try to get clarification about the South Coast Chinook Strategic Planning Process – coordination, in-kind contributions from FRAFS, update on the process, update on PICFI 2012, whether or not there will be an amendment request, and roles and responsibilities of FRAFS, FNFC, etc. If further clarification is needed, can follow up with a letter.*

8. Process and timing of negotiating the 2014 FRAFS multi-year agreement

- Currently working on the 2014 FRAFS multi-year agreement. The EC confirmed their commitment to moving forward with the multi-year agreement (minimum 2 years), and confirmed that the agreement should continue to be administered by the Nicola Tribal Association.

9. Delaney & Associates Roadmap wrap up report – review, comments

- A draft Roadmap wrap-up report has been received from Delaney and Associates. They have requested feedback from FRAFS and the FSRPG on the report.

ACTION #6: *Distribute the Delaney Roadmap wrap-up report to the FSRPG.*

ACTION #7: *Provide a summary of the Delaney Roadmap wrap-up report in the Watershed Talk once it is finalized.*

10. Forum on Conservation and Harvest Planning, and the Forum Planning Committee – concerns re: the First Nations-only June 12th sockeye meeting – is it time to re-define the Forum?

- First Nations did not come away from the June 12th Tier 1 Forum session with consensus on any major decisions.
- It was suggested that an evaluation of the Forum process might be needed; however, resources are limited and might not allow for an independent professional review at this time.
- First Nations and DFO might not be on the same page about the purpose of the Forum; need to reconcile these different views about its purpose. Need to also clarify the purpose of the Forum among First Nations in order to smooth over any misconceptions and provide clarity on expectations about what the process can do.
- It was noted that the act of bringing First Nations together from various regions of the province to work collaboratively through the Forum process is a success in itself.

11. FRAFS EC Ex-Officio group – is It time to re-define or dissolve that body?

- The FRAFS EC agreed to maintain Ex Officio EC member positions, but noted that the positions would have to be updated to better reflect the current linkages.
- It was suggested that the sub-regional AAROM groups (UFFCA, LFFA) could also appoint Ex Officio EC members.

12. Media announcements for DFO Habitat Program

- Discussed the recent Bill C-38 budget bill will affect habitat management, environmental legislation, the Fisheries Act, etc.
- Media reports have indicated that 91 of 93 DFO habitat management program jobs in the Pacific region will be affected.
- First Nations are concerned with provisions that specify “protection for stocks of commercial interest” and “culturally important stocks”. It is not known who decides what stocks fit these

categories. First Nations need to determine what stocks they consider culturally important, and ensure that they are protected.

13. FNFC correspondence re: NAFF II

- The FRAFS EC has been invited by the FNFC to participate on the planning committee for the National Aboriginal Fisheries Forum. The EC agreed that it would be a positive opportunity.

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D. NEXT EC MEETING

- August 21, 2012

E. SUMMARY OF ACTION ITEMS

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