



# WATERSHED TALK NEWSLETTER

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## Fraser Salmon Road Map Process: Update

Over the next seven months, work will be carried out to prepare First Nations to negotiate with DFO toward the goal of reaching an agreement on the joint management of Fraser River salmon.

### Governance Consultant

Members of the Road Map Main Table met recently to continue their work on selecting a Governance Consultant.

The role of the consultant is to work with First Nations Signatories to develop options for a Tier 1 governance structure. It's through this structure that First Nations would negotiate with DFO.

### Regional Visits

This fall, members of the Main Table will visit regional meetings to explain, and answer questions about, the Road Map ahead.

Our first stop is **September 25<sup>th</sup>** in Nanaimo for the Tier 1 meeting hosted by the Island Marine Aquatic Working Group. On **October 17<sup>th</sup>** we'll travel to Quesnel to meet with the Upper Fraser Fisheries Conservation Alliance.



*Reviewing Expressions of Interest from prospective Governance Consultants: Neil Todd (FRAFS); Pat Matthew (Secwepemc, Main Table Chair); Dan Claxton (Tsawout); Ken Malloway (Stó:lō); and Thomas Alexis (Tl'azt'en).*

### Background: Signatories to the LOU

In March of 2012, the Regional Director General signed, on behalf of DFO, a "Letter of Understanding for the Development of Fraser River Salmon Management Processes and Agreements." To date, the political leadership from over 60 First Nations communities, from the upper reaches of the Fraser to Vancouver Island, also signed the LOU.

The LOU commits DFO and the First Nations Signatories to work together on a government-to-government basis "... to develop processes and agreements for the management and conservation of Fraser River salmon."

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## Links

For your referenc:

Albion Test Fishery – Chinook Gill Net:

<http://www.pac.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/fm-gp/fraser/docs/commercial/albionchinook-quinnat-eng.htm>

Pacific Salmon Commission Website:

[www.psc.org](http://www.psc.org)

Fraser River Fisheries Information:

<http://www.pac.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/fm-gp/fraser/index-eng.htm>

Pacific Salmon Commission Test Fisheries:

[http://www.psc.org/info\\_testfishing.htm](http://www.psc.org/info_testfishing.htm)

Pacific Salmon Commission News and Regulatory announcements:

[http://www.psc.org/news\\_frpnews.htm](http://www.psc.org/news_frpnews.htm)

Fraser River Mission Escapement Reports:

[http://www.psc.org/info\\_inseasonfraserescapement.htm](http://www.psc.org/info_inseasonfraserescapement.htm)

Fraser River Environmental Watch Reports:

<http://www.pac.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/science/habitat/frw-rfo/index-eng.html>