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81 First Nations have signed on to the Fraser Salmon Process.



Chief Tom Nelson (Quatsino) from the north Island, Chief Susan Miller (Katzie) from the lower Fraser, and Neil Heron (Stellat'en) from the upper Fraser region, signed the Letter of Understanding with DFO last Wednesday.

Three First Nations joined the Fraser Salmon Road Map process at last week's Assembly. Quatsino, Katzie and Stellat'en were formally welcomed by Main Table member Greg Wadhams (Namgis). There are now 81 First Nations participating in the Fraser Salmon Road Map process.

Over 80% of Signatories participated in both days of the Assembly. They reviewed and discussed a draft governance constitution and by-laws for a Tier 1 organization to be named the Fraser Salmon Management Council.

Our consultants Guerin Tetreault and Associates guided people through the review of the draft document. Assembly participants asked questions and provided guidance and feedback. It was a very productive meeting with clear direction for some changes and follow-up.

On Friday, the draft governance documents were sent to Signatories. They now have three weeks for further comment and input. Following this, the Main Table will work on final edits with the goal of sending the Final Draft to Signatories by the beginning of March.

We are aiming to have the next Assembly near the end of March, or, early April. The purpose of that Assembly will be to have the Fraser Salmon Management Council's Constitution and By-laws approved and ratified by the Signatories.

The goal of the Road Map Process is to negotiate an agreement with DFO that will provide First Nations with an effective role in the management of Fraser River salmon. The formation of the Council is a necessary and major step forward in the process.

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