

Forum on Conservation & Harvest Planning for Fraser Salmon

January 26-28, 2016

Executive Airport Hotel,
7311 Westminster Highway, Richmond, BC.

Facilitator: Marcel Shepert

Updated January 22

Forum Purpose (s):

Overarching Purpose: The FORUM is intended to provide an annual process for information sharing and discussion on Fraser salmon fisheries issues between DFO and First Nations (Tier 2) and First Nations with other First Nations (Tier 1). First Nation attendees have the opportunity to provide their advice and recommendations on management plans.

January FORUM Purpose: The intent of this meeting is to provide post-season information from 2015, provide updates on a broad suite of fisheries processes and to initiate thinking about fishery planning for 2016.

Day 1 (Tuesday, Jan. 26th): First Nations and DFO together

9:00 am Welcome/Opening Prayer

9:15 am to 9:30 am (15 mins)

- **Setting the stage** – Ken Malloway (Forum Planning Committee Chair) & Adrian Wall (DFO)

9:30 am to 9:40 am (10 mins)

- **Review of the FORUM Terms of Reference** – Marcel Shepert.

9:40 – 10:40 (60 mins)

- **Post-season Presentation - Fraser River Sockeye and pink salmon** – Jennifer Nener

This presentation will provide the final known in-season information for sockeye salmon as well as updated information such as preliminary escapement data for early Stuart, early summer and summer run sockeye (late run escapement data will not yet be available). This presentation will also let you know when, where and how to expect further information with regards to these two species.

10:40 am - Refreshment break (20 mins)

11:00 am to 12 noon (60 mins)

- **Post-season Presentation Fraser Chinook, coho and chum salmon** – Mike Hawkshaw

This presentation will provide chinook information such as the final Albion update, preliminary escapement and catch information. The run reconstruction will not be finalized under (DATE). Coho information available at this time will be limited to preliminary catch information and the final in-season estimate of exploitation. Escapement information, the 2016 survivability forecast and the estimated exploitation will not be available until March 2016. Chum information will include the final estimated run-size from the Albion test fishery and preliminary catch data. Chum escapement information should be available by April 2016.

12:00 noon - Lunch (provided)

1:00 pm to 1:45 pm (45 mins)

- **Joint Technical Working Group Update** – Pete Nicklin/Jamie Scroggie

A presentation on what was discussed at December 16th and the January 25th JTWG meeting.

1:45 pm to 2:30 pm (45 mins)

- **2016 Fisheries Planning** – Jeff Grout

This presentation will outline some of the potential fishery planning issues and key items that may require further discussion.

2:30 pm - Refreshment break (20 mins)

2:50 pm to 3:50 pm (60 mins)

- **Pacific Salmon Commission/Treaty Presentations**

1. FN Caucus to the PSC (10 mins)– Gord Sterritt

This presentation will provide an explanation of how the First Nations Caucus to the Pacific Salmon Commission functions and who are the participants.

2. Updates from the Pacific Salmon Commission Meeting. – see below

Brief updates from several First Nations and DFO participants to the January Commission meeting will be provided.

- Southern Panel Update – Gord Sterritt/Mike Baird/Brigid Payne
- Technical Committee Update –Coho - Pete Nicklin
- Fraser Panel and Tech Committee Update – Ken Malloway/Marcel Shepert/Tony Roberts Jr. /Mike Staley/Jennifer Nener

3. Pacific Salmon Treaty (PST) Renegotiation – Angela Stadel & Brigid Payne

This presentation will provide a brief explanation of the Pacific Salmon Treaty, as well as an overview of the renegotiation approach and proposed consultation plan.

3:50 to 4:00 pm (10 minutes)

- Wrap up of Day One Discussion.

Day 2 (Wednesday, Jan. 27th): First Nations and DFO together

9:00 am Welcome/Opening Prayer

9:15 to 9:45 am (30 minutes):

- **Salmon Coordinating Committee (SCC) Update** – Wanli Ou

A brief update on upcoming meetings and work plan for the short term as well as an update to work proposed for 2016 under the Commercial Salmon Allocation Framework.

9:45 to 10:15 am (30 minutes):

- **Fraser Salmon Management Council Update** – Darren Haskell/Chad Rudiak

A brief update on recent FSMC meetings and the work plan for upcoming meetings.

10:15 Refreshment break (15 mins).

10:30 to 11:00 am (30 minutes)

- **Fraser River Sockeye Spawning Initiative (FRSSI)**– Ann Marie Huang

This presentation will provide a summary of the FRSSI process (completed work and next steps) based on recommendations provided by the extended steering committee.

11:00 to 11:10 am (10 minutes)

- **Southern BC Chinook Initiative** – Mike Staley

A brief update on recently completed work and the work plan to March 31, 2016.

11:10 to 11:40 am (30 minutes)

- **FSC Allocation and Access Process Update**– Brigid Payne

An update on FSC access issues discussed in the 2015 Forum process and focus areas for 2016.

11:40 to 12:00 am (20 minutes)

- **Ghost Net Project**– Janice Billy & Kevin Duncan

A brief presentation on an annual project that takes place in the St'at'imc and Nlaka'pamux Territory.

12:00 Lunch will be provided

Day 2 (Wednesday afternoon, Jan. 27th): First Nations Only – Draft

1:00 to 2:30 (90 mins)

- *Develop agenda for Tier1 portion of agenda based on DFO information and discussion provided Tier 2.*
- *Tier 1 Discussions related to the FORUM Process and information presented during the Tier 2 portion of the Agenda.*
 - *Issue tracking mechanism*

2:30 Refreshment break

2:45 to 4:00 (75 mins)

- *Discussion Continued.*

Day 3 (Thursday morning, Jan. 28th): First Nations Only - Draft

9:00 to 10:30 (90 minutes)

- *Discussion Continued.*

10:30 Refreshment Break

10:45 to 12 noon (75 minutes)

- *Preparation for upcoming FORUM in March 8 to 10, 2016 in Nanaimo.*
- *Wrap-up*

Safe Journey Home!

Informational Items/Hand-outs

- **Feedback on 2014/2015 FORUM recommendations received and how responded to**
- **Salmon Area Maps**
- **Outlook 2016**

FN Speakers:

Ken Malloway is chair of the Fraser River Aboriginal Fisheries Secretariat and the chair of the FORUM planning Committee.

Pete Nicklin is a biologist who works with both FRAFS and the Upper Fraser Fisheries Conservation Alliance. He is a co-chair (with Jamie Scroggie) of the Joint Technical Working Group and a member of the Pacific Salmon Commission (PST) Joint Coho Technical Committee.

Mike Staley is biologist who works for FRAFS and the LFFA. He has been on the Fraser Panel Technical Committee for a very long time.

Marcel Shepert is your friendly facilitator, a Fraser Panel member and the chair of the Salmon Co-ordinating Committee. He also works as the facilitation co-ordinator for the Upper Fraser Fisheries Conservation Alliance.

Gord Sterritt is the Executive Director of the UFFCA, on the FRAFS executive, a member of the Southern Panel and the chair of the FN Caucus to the Pacific Salmon Commission.

Tony Robert Jr is a member of the Fraser Panel.

Mike Baird is a member of the Southern Panel.

Eleanor McGrath is a biologist for the ONA and a member of the Chinook Technical Committee.

Wanli Ou is working for the FN Fisheries Council and holds the SCC portfolio.

Darren Haskell is the chair of the Fraser Salmon Management Council.

Janice Billy is the Fisheries Manager for St'at'imc.

Kevin Duncan is the Resource Officer for Nlaka'pamux.

DFO Speakers:

Adrian Wall is the Aboriginal Affairs Advisor for the BC Interior and a member of the Forum Planning Committee.

Jennifer Nener is the Area Director for the Lower Fraser Area and the Canadian Chair of the Fraser Panel.

Jeff Grout is the Salmon Co-ordinator for DFO Pacific Region.

Jamie Scroggie is the resource management biologist for the BC Interior and the co-chair of the Joint Technical Working Group.

Ann Marie Huang is a resource management biologist for the Lower Fraser Area and is the Canadian Chair of the Fraser Panel technical committee.

Brigid Payne is working on various salmon related projects for DFO at Pacific Region Headquarters.

Mike Hawkshaw is a resource management biologist for the Lower Fraser Area.

Chad Rudiak co-ordinates the AAROM program from DFO Pacific Region Headquarters.

Angela Stadel is the manager of the DFO consultation secretariat.

Our Favorite Acronyms and maybe even some definitions:

Please let me know if this is helpful and feel free to suggest additions to linda.stevens@dfo-mpo.gc.ca

AABM	Aggregate Abundance-Based Management
AAROM	Aboriginal Aquatic Resource and Oceans Management
AFS	Aboriginal Fisheries Strategy
ATP	Allocation Transfer Program
CCTAC	Canadian Commercial Total Allowable Catch
COHO ABM	Coho Abundance-Based Management
COSEWIC	Committee for the Status of Endangered Wildlife in Canada
CPUE	Catch Per Unit Effort
CSAS	The Canadian Science Advisory Secretariat
CSAB	Commercial Salmon Advisory Board
CWT	Coded Wire Tag
ER	Exploitation Rate

ESSR	Excess Salmon to Spawning Requirements
FNFC	First Nations Fishery Council
FRP	Fraser River Panel
FSC	Food, Social and Ceremonial
ITQ	Individual Transfer Quota
IHPC	Integrated Harvest Planning Committee
ISBM	Individual Stock-Based Management
LAER	Low Abundance Exploitation Rates
LRP	Lower Reference Points
MSY	Maximum Sustainable Yield
PICFI	Pacific Integrated Commercial Fisheries Initiative
PSC	Pacific Salmon Commission (www.psc.org)
PST	Pacific Salmon Treaty
SARA	Species at Risk Act
SFAB	Sport Fishing Advisory Board
SHMF	Selective Hatchery Mark Fishery
TAC	Total Allowable Catch
TAM	Total Allowable Mortality
WSP	Wild Salmon Policy (Canada's Policy for Conservation of Wild Pacific Salmon)

Upcoming Forums

March 8 to 10th, 2016 in Nanaimo

Conference Location: Vancouver Island Conference Centre, 101 Gordon St, Nanaimo, BC V9R 5J8

Where to Stay: Coast Bastion Hotel, 11 Bastion Street.

To book: Please call 1-800-663-1144 and quote "CBI-GFC14866" no later than Feb. 12, 2016.

The Conference Centre is an easy 5 minute walk from the hotel. Walk out of the hotel door, turn left by Flying Fish, walk to the intersection turn left and walk down the street. The conference centre has entrance ways on either side of Serious Coffee.

April 5 to 7th, 2016 in Kamloops

Conference Location: Sandman Signature, 225 Lorne St, Kamloops, BC

To book: Please call 1-250-377-7263 and quote "47519" no later than March 21, 2016.