

A weekly Aboriginal fisheries newsletter for
fisheries representatives and their organizations

Fraser Watershed Joint Technical Committee - Special Chinook Meeting

At the December FWJTC meeting in Richmond, it became clear that a special chinook meeting would be needed in January following the release of DFO's chinook post-season review. This meeting will be held on **Wednesday, January 28** at the **Best Western Richmond Inn and Convention Centre**. A draft agenda and meeting materials will be distributed soon via email.

This will be a one day meeting devoted specifically to chinook. The Department of Fisheries and Oceans will be presenting its detailed post-season review of chinook management in 2008. This meeting will be an opportunity for the FWJTC attendees to examine and discuss the management decisions and strategies adopted by DFO in 2008, and the results (both positive and negative) of those decisions and strategies. A positive outcome from the meeting is expected to be a list of "lessons learned" and recommendations for management of chinook in 2009.

Conservation and Harvest Planning Forum on Fraser Salmon

(Formerly the Watershed-wide/Marine meetings initiated last year)

The watershed-wide/marine fisheries process initiated by DFO last year has been renamed "Conservation and Harvest Planning Forum on Fraser Salmon". The next series of meetings will take place at the **Best Western Richmond Inn and Convention Centre** on **Thursday, January 29** (First Nations only) & **Friday, January 30** (First Nations & DFO). The facilitator will be Paul Kariya. A background document, start times and a draft agenda will be sent out soon by DFO.

Wednesday, January 28, 2009: Fraser Watershed Joint Technical Committee - Special Chinook Meeting

Thursday, January 29, 2009: Conservation and Harvest Planning Forum on Fraser Salmon - First Nations only

Friday, January 30, 2009: Conservation and Harvest Planning Forum on Fraser Salmon - First Nations + DFO

These meetings will be held at the **Best Western Richmond Inn and Convention Centre - Elmbridge Room**
7551 Westminster Highway, Richmond, British Columbia V6X 1A3

ACCOMODATIONS: A block of rooms has been reserved at the Best Western Richmond Inn. These rooms are guaranteed at a special price of \$20.00 below the federal government rate for meeting participants (prices vary depending on occupancy and the type of room), but only until Thursday, January 15. Please book your accomodations by Thursday to ensure that you get this special rate. After Thursday, guests will be eligible to receive the federal government rate; however, we recommend booking as early as possible, as space is limited. **Reservations: 604-273-7878.**

Please RSVP to Aimee Arsenault, FRAFS Communications Coordinator, if you plan to attend any of these meetings

COMMUNICATIONS COORDINATOR - NEW CONTACT INFORMATION

Please be advised that Aimee Arsenault, the Communications Coordinator for FRAFS, will now be working from a home office in Cloverdale (Surrey, BC), and has new contact information.

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