

MANAGEMENT OF FRASER SALMON IN 2008: FRAFS Sub-regional Information Workshops

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The Fraser River Aboriginal Fisheries Secretariat (FRAFS) has organized a series of 4 information workshops, with one workshop in each of the upper, middle and lower Fraser river areas, as well as a marine approach area meeting. The purpose of the workshops is to provide an opportunity for First Nations to hear information on the upcoming 2008 salmon season and discuss that information.

The FRAFS team that will be presenting information and participating in the discussions is as follows:

- Mike Staley, Senior Fisheries Biologist
- Pete Nicklin, Watershed Stock Management Biologist
- Teresa Ryan, First Nations Marine Society Fisheries Biologist
- Neil Todd, Operations Manager

The first FRAFS subregional information workshop will take place at the Prince George Native Friendship Centre on January 22nd. The next three will take place in Kamloops (January 29), somewhere in the Lower Mainland (Feb 6, 2008), and somewhere on Vancouver Island early in February.

If participants feel it is necessary, follow-up workshops can be held in those same areas in late February or early March.

Background Information

The workshops are information sessions tailored for First Nation to First Nation discussions for technical people as well as First Nations leadership. The workshops' purpose is to provide an opportunity for First Nations to discuss information and concerns with regard to the upcoming season. DFO staff will be available to participate in the discussions and provide information, but it will be left up to First Nations participating in the workshops to decide how much time or involvement DFO will have in each meeting.

The FRAFS workshops are not intended to replace bi-lateral discussions, but the information from the workshops can be used by participants to inform bi-lateral discussions when their community leadership meets with DFO to discuss their 2008 fisheries management issues.

In general, the information workshops will focus on, but not be limited to the following discussion items:

- 2008 Salmon Management
- Forecasts and Outlooks
- "Big Picture" Management overviews (who harvests, catches and escapements)
- A focus on local issues for the respective workshops
- Management Scenarios

It is hoped that the workshops will be able to provide the latest up-to-date information to First Nations, and that participants will benefit by having a better understanding of the 2008 management issues, both local and along the migration route.

Sub-Regional Information Workshop Dates:

- TUESDAY, JANUARY 22: PRINCE GEORGE**
Prince George Native Friendship Centre
(1600 3rd Avenue), 9:00am, lunch provided
 - TUESDAY, JANUARY 29: KAMLOOPS**
Location TBA, 9:00am, lunch provided
 - TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 5: VANC. ISLAND**
Location TBA, 9:00am, lunch provided
 - WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 6: LOWER RIVER**
Location TBA, 9:00am, lunch provided
- PLEASE RSVP TO AIMEE ARSENAULT,
FRAFS Communications Coordinator**

Inter-Tribal Fishing Treaty

A Treaty of Mutual Respect and Understanding Conference Announcement

Hosted by Kamloops Indian Band and Shuswap Nation Tribal Council

**Mount Paul Centre, Kamloops BC,
January 30 and 31, 2008**

Purpose: Treaty implementation discussion and dialogue

Participants: Senior political and technical leadership from sovereign Tribal Nations (within the Fraser and/or Columbia River Watersheds)

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**NEXT FWJTC Meeting:
February 20 & 21, Lower River Area
Specific Location TBA**