

Meeting to Discuss Fraser River Salmon Conservation and FSC Management Approaches for 2008

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As a follow-up to the letter from Paul Sprout, the Regional Director General for the Department of Fisheries and Oceans in the Pacific Region, on December 20, 2007, the location, agenda and time for the proposed meeting to discuss the conservation and management approaches for Fraser salmon in 2008 is as identified below.

Location: Ramada Hotel and Conference Center in Abbotsford, BC.

Date and time: January 10, 2008; meeting to start at 9:00am with coffee available at 8:30am

DRAFT AGENDA:

- 1) Introductions
- 2) Discussion of the issue/Objectives for the meeting
- 3) Review of salmon outlook for 2008 season and stock status information
- 4) Lunch
- 5) State of the Oceans Report
- 6) Discussion of proposed process
- 7) Meeting concludes at 4pm

The Department wishes to invite technical and political representatives from all South Coast and Fraser River First Nations organizations to attend this meeting and discuss this very important issue. This will be the first step in a series of meetings in an attempt to develop management approaches and principles for the FSC fisheries directed on Fraser salmon stocks.

The Watershed Talk is available for download at www.frafs.ca

Pacific Salmon Commission Southern Panel Appointment

DFO is pleased to announce that Chief Saul Terry of the Xwisten First Nation has been appointed on an interim basis to the Southern Panel of the Pacific Salmon Commission. As all appointments to the Panels have or are about to expire DFO has taken this opportunity to bring Chief Terry into the Panel for the remainder of this cycle of meetings and fill the vacancy left by Ko'waintco Michel's resignation. The goal is to review and make new appointments next fall to all positions. Thank you to all the First Nations groups who took the time to provide recommendations on potential candidates. For everyone's information the Southern Panel deals with salmon originating in rivers south of Cape Caution in southern BC and US waters, excluding Fraser sockeye and pink salmon.

If you have any questions please contact:

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UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Conservation and Management Approaches for Fraser salmon in 2008:

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Fraser Watershed Joint Technical Committee Meeting

TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED for February 20 & 21, 2008.
Location TBD (Lower Fraser River area)