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Executive Committee Meeting – Minutes		
Date	Time	Location
September 20, 2017	900-1200	Office of the DFO, 401 Burrard, Street, Vancouver BC
Teleconference Details	GoTo	https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/541215749
	Dial in	Tel.: 1.866.512.0904 / Access code: 1773489 #
Motions/ Action Items	<p>M1. Adrian Wall moves to accept the financial report produced by GW. Victor seconds. No opposition.</p> <p>M2. Moved by Tommy seconded by Pat – To reprofile funds from the communication budget to hold a third forum this fiscal period. No opposition.</p> <p>A1. AW will share the report (see item 5g) with Allison for distribution to the Main Table.</p> <p>A2. GW to provide snapshot of PICFI</p> <p>A3. GW will circulate the updated work plan in the amended PICFI agreement</p> <p>M3. Motion to approve FRAFS to facilitate Area 29 Post-Season Workshop on reviewing existing process for FSC, area change request, and recommendation for next steps. Moved by Pat Matthew. Second by Thomas Alexis. No opposition.</p> <p>A4. DFO to provide summary letter on Area 29 meetings in the past.</p>	
Attendees	Kenneth Malloway (Independent Chair); Mike Staley (Bio); Matthew Parslow (DFO AAA); Adrian Wall (DFO AAA); Aidan Fisher (Bio); Pat Matthew (SFC Community Engagement), Ernie Victor, Greg Witzky (FRAFS Operation Manager); Allison James (FRAFS Communications Coordinator); and Thomas Alexis. Howie Wright and Pete Nicklin (Bio) via teleconference.	
Agenda Item	Discussion	
1. Review, adjust, and accept the agenda.	-Changed item 9 from pre-meeting for RDG to Area 29. -Introduction to Communication Coordinator (Allison James)	
2. Old business (GW):	Notes and Action items from the previous meeting	
3. Finance report and update (GW)	Adrian Wall moves to accept the financial report produced by GW. Ernie seconds. No opposition.	



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4. Finance Committee update (GW/AW/EV)
- a. Actuals are to the end of August
 - b. AW, EV, GW and AJ met in August to discuss forum planning for end of this fiscal. Budget estimates show that a forum could be added to the end of this fiscal - this will require a motion if approved by the EC.
 - c. AW says 2017 is the end of the multiyear (5 year) funding so any surplus must be paid back. Stressed importance of ensuring budget is utilized to the full extent as possible and re-profiling funds within the budget is an effective means of doing so.
 - d. PM asks what the purpose of holding the third Forum in March (this fiscal). AW says there is a consultation objective and there isn't enough time between the preceding forum and submitting their final recommendations to the IFMP and the final forum. First Nations recommend more time than last year between final Forum and IFMP comment deadline (this change allows a further week of First Nations review for the 2018 IFMP)
 - e. GW provides the Forum Dates – Jan 23-25 in Richmond, Feb 27-Mar 1 in Nanaimo, and March 27-29 in Kamloops.
 - f. Moved by Tommy seconded by Pat – To reprofile funds from the communication budget to hold a third forum this fiscal period. No opposition.
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5. FSMC negotiations (TA)
- a. See FSMC Briefing Note for details.
 - b. A draft agreement has been developed and tabled with the DFO on c. September 14th, 2017. Intention is to ratify the agreement by March 1, 2018.
 - c. PICFI slippage has been identified (still not enough so funding is still an issue).
 - d. Two key themes – not enough fish for FN purposes and Joint Management. AW question to Thomas about FRAFS integration with FSMC and dealing with INAC. Response – INAC funding not currently planned/expected.
 - e. KM has highlights of a report from Lawyer out of Ottawa on Fisheries operations in BC and FSMC was perceived favourably in the report. AW will share the report with Allison for distribution to the Main Table. complete
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| 6. PICFI budget and workplan update (GW) | a. Funding came in last week \$257,000
b. KM provides a general overview of the PICFI funding. A lot of the funding is going to Coastal Regions. It was originally intended to help interior groups take on commercial fisheries management. AW suggests connecting with Tyler Collie who manages the PICFI for Interior.
c. KM -Site visit in Chilliwack: Sumas First Nation purchasing a tilapia fish farm today.
d. Action Item: GW to provide snapshot of PICFI
e. Action Item: GW will circulate the updated work plan in the amended PICFI agreement. |
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| 7. CSPI update (GW) | a. \$83,000 in funding |
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| 8. Pacific Salmon Treaty renegotiation of the PST Chapter 4 on Sockeye (PM) | a. PM Terminal harvesting is managed in Large Aggregates. Harvest Plans in tributaries is an approach above and beyond DFO's Large Aggregates management. There is a deadline in 2018 for proposals to manage based individual stocks or conservation units. PM wants to know how to put this forward. Framework for Additional Terminal Harvesting by Ann Marie (FRISI) does exist.
b. MS says there is a planning meeting/workshop on December 4th to explore outside aggregate management policies. FRISI model can be used to model harvest plans on individual stocks to see pros & cons, risks and benefits.
c. PM attended a FRISI Workshop and it was very technical. He put forward the need to manage stocks for the Interior but once the modelling was completed for this, the outcomes were very different (ie technical and complicated). He wants get this going in advance of the negotiations on FRISI.
d. PN recommends a Joint Technical Working Group (JTWG) meeting for the purpose of discussing this topic prior to these workshops.
e. EV wants to utilize Tier 1 and Tier 2, escapement and holistic harvesting strategies to guide the JTWG for engaging in the FRISI workshops. He wants to use work accomplished by previous leaders that have also tried to advocate for terminal communities.
f. AW – the PST Chapter 4 expires December 31, 2019
g. GW comments that there are 19 Salmon Stocks that deserve their own forum as the sessions are often crowded dealing with other |
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	Salmon species as well.
	h. AW – suggests reiterating these points with the RDG this afternoon.
9. Area 29 Forum (Adrian Wall)	<p>a. In the past FRAFS has coordinated an Area 29 meeting for TIER 1 & 2 for First Nations. Cynthia Johnston is the DFO lead on this. She would like to see this take place this calendar year. There is PICFI money under co-management for this event, if FRAFS is interested.</p> <p>b. KM says the EC discussed this before and whether there were any ramifications of FRAFS being involved. Brenda Gaertner advised previously that there wouldn't be. Previous discussions also alluded to requiring more lead time. He says that there is issue with the Sockeye by-catch, while fishing for Pinks in the Lower Fraser. PM says up river communities are not aware of this. AW has said that interior nations should be included in the management of Area 29 stocks and communicating the post season results can be updated in the Area 29 work plan.</p> <p>c. PM has no problem with FRAFS facilitating the meeting but wants an update on outcomes from previous meetings.</p> <p>d. TA has no problem with FRAFS facilitating the meeting but wants to know how this relates to Large Aggregate management and the needs of terminal communities.</p> <p>e. EV says FRAFS has a responsibility to the Nations in the Fraser River Watershed and to not interfere with their access to salmon or their Aboriginal Title and Rights and the Sparrow Decision.</p> <p>f. Motion to approve FRAFS to facilitate Area 29 Post-Season Workshop on reviewing existing process for FSC, area change request, and recommendation for next steps. Moved by Pat Matthew. Second by Thomas Alexis. No opposition.</p> <p>g. Action Item: DFO to provide summary letter on Area 29 meetings in the past</p>
10. Confirm next FRAFS EC meeting: October 16, 2017	Allison will update the Calendar Invite as the EC meeting has been moved from Oct 17 to the 16 th to accommodate the Wild Salmon Policy Meeting in Kamloops.
