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Executive Committee Meeting – Mtg Notes

Date	Time	Location
November 21, 2017	900-1200	401 Burrard street, Vancouver BC
Teleconference Details	GoTo	https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/541215749
	Dial in	Tel.: 1.866.512.0904 / Access code: 1773489 #

Attendees: **In Person:** Greg Witzky, Allison James, Pat Matthew, Matthew Parslow, Mike Staley, Aidan Fisher, Ernie Victor, Thomas Alexis, Howie Wright at 10:00
Call in: Pete Nicklin, Gord Sterritt, Adrian Wall
Regrets: Ken Malloway

Action Items:

1. Set up meeting with RC (GW/AJ).
2. Ken to discuss follow up with RDG and inform EC table via email (GW)
3. Financial Action Item (reprofiling) from Oct 16 is still a work in progress - GW will email bio's for budget breakdown into specific categories.
4. FRAFS website - Bandwidth troubleshooting (AJ)
5. OM's evaluation will be sent to EC members after input is collected from Arlene at NTA (PM/MP)
6. AF Will follow up with Jamie S. on item 4d on day one JTWG meeting on Dec 4-5
7. GW will look at funding for Chinook 5-year review to inform reprofiling. Will also find funding for Elinor to review the Chinook Review
8. FN Caucus to send letter on steelhead to the DFO

Motions:

Motion to approve Finance Report moved by Thomas, Second by Pat Matthew

Agenda Item	Discussion
1. Roll call, review, adjust, and accept the agenda.	Call to order at 9:27 See Attendees. Greg Witzky will chair. EV wants to add consultation timeline to the agenda (see item 10). Adrian wants update on FRAFS website (added under item 3) Pete wants steelhead (see item 11)
2. Old Business	-Notes from the previous EC meeting: Allison is responsible for providing previous EC meeting notes -Action items from the EC previous meeting Letter to RC Teegee is drafted, meeting to be set up with RC (AJ & GW) Letter to RDG about September 19 meeting: Pat wants funding requests to be developed well before the next meeting (tentatively April 17 2018) with the RDG. Wants clarification about steps to follow up on the action items in the letter. Greg will connect with Ken to discuss follow up with RDG and inform EC table via email.

	<p>MP: reprofiling of funds may occur throughout year – a draft budget will be helpful if there is funding available. DFO/ FRAFS work planning session in Jan/Feb where this can be brought up.</p> <p>AW: There will have to be a new agreement because this is the last year of the 5-year agreement. Wait a couple weeks for RDG response then Ken can follow up. Will be work happening in the background.</p> <p>GW: will the next agreement be a 5 year?</p> <p>MP: Will have to be decided with consideration of the FSMC.</p> <p>EV: wants analysis of FSMC gaps – some issues were deliberately left out.</p> <p>Financial Action Item is still a work in progress.</p> <p>PICFI snapshot action item from Sept 19th meeting</p> <p>CSPI action item (funding request) has new timeline – January 2018</p> <p>Other actions items include FRSSI presentation at January FRAFS forum.</p> <p>Discussion on Tier 1 & 3 PSF Panel on November 22, 2017.</p>
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3. Communications	<p>Communications Coordinator activities update, AJ</p> <p>Website update – 20 GB per month</p> <p>AW: suggests test – AW will forward documents from past forums. The pdf's shouldn't take up that much space.</p> <p>AJ will look into why Bandwidth is being exceeded with the PDFS to ensure that Forum documents can be available.</p> <p>In regards to the CC getting into communities, EV mentions Protocol signing at Chief Ernie Crey's for LFFA (Friday November 24 in Cheam).</p> <p>GW wants these invites to be sent to himself and Allison, to plan a few community visits over the next few months.</p>
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4. Operations (GW)	<p>Finance report: no roll over into next year. EC and EC chair are under budget. Will requesting advancement of monies to keep NTA in the black.</p> <p>GW will email bio's for budget breakdown into specific categories</p> <p>Still need to adapt to NTA's Zyntax system</p> <p>MP: what are the projections for year end?</p> <p>GW: \$41,000 surplus is projected and Finance Committee will help spend it. Some can go to travel subsidies but GW will review the surplus and ask EC for potential projects to reprofile funds to.</p> <p>Motion to approve Finance Report moved by Thomas, Second by Pat Matthew</p> <p>Operations update included in finance update</p>
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5. Human Resources Committee Update	<p>Operations Manager probationary review (Pat/Matthew)</p> <p>MP: Feedback is that GW is doing well in the role. Not all of his work can be evaluated yet. Follow up with Arlene (NTA) is required. MP will provide a copy of the evaluation to the EC. EV says past evaluations have included comments from the Chair.</p>
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6. FSMC Negotiations	<p>Thomas:</p> <p>Most recent Negotiating meeting was just last week and the next one is December 6. Intention is to come to agreement on the draft management agreement by mid-December. Main Table meeting is</p>
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	<p>tomorrow Nov 22. New member delegate from Xa'xtsa (Douglas First Nation). David Leech from the Ottawa HQ has been appointed to participate in the negotiations.</p>
7. JTWG	<p>Update on JTWG Session (AF) December 4: full day on FRSSI PM: extended working group put forward what's being called additional terminal harvest at a past meeting but hasn't been invited to talk about 2018 priorities, Fraser Panel was however. Where do the analysis and outcomes go? AF: intent of this meeting is to provide technical support. Will follow up with Jamie on item 4d on day one MS: models and analysis versus a process, nothing substantive since 2012 but that has been used to inform FRSSI management. There is a lot of feedback but refreshing the model has only occurred within the last year. Workshop was extended to include FN input. Coordinated response and change on Fraser Panel required. Resources for FRSSI governance have dwindled. FRAFS should be actively promoting a better governance model for FRSSI that better reflects Aboriginal Rights and Title. EV: Intentional Capacity gap in Fraser River FN – information flows smoothly at the lower Fraser, marine approach but not in the upper. This needs to be addressed at the governance level. FRSSI is not to support the harvesting Fraser salmon, it's to support salmon stocks and to support tributary stocks. PN: FRSSI is a tool and a process – some technical improvements can be made with regard to dis-aggregate the harvest. FN presence on steering committee should be expanded. FRAFS EC should provide guidance to FRSSI on the expansion of FN involvement. FRAFS Bio's should keep informed on FRSSI. After JTWG session, bios should have details to bring back to the EC. PM wants to see lessons learned from the FRSSI pilot, articulated by the DFO, to FRAFS. Then EC will be informed to provide guidance moving forward. Policy is focused on managing by aggregates, will have to be changed to manage stocks better. EC should direct DFO or RDG on how to move forward in a letter or meeting specific to FRSSI pilot results December 5: 5-year Chinook Review, WSP, CSAS</p>
8. Fraser River Sockeye Spawning Initiative (FRSSI)	<p>-Update, PN & MS -JTWG FRSSI Session is on December 4th</p>
9. Chinook 5-year Review	<p>PN: small group led by Diana Dobson (DFO). Internal discussion on the need to have someone, outside FRAFS, to take a dedicated look at the data and develop recommendations. Elinor from ONA is recommended and she has said it will take 3 days of her time. Meeting last week with at least 1 process issue – when should review be opened up to others? Technical problems – no inclusion of natural mortalities MS: draft TOR for technical review – but regular review will be the</p>

	<p>same as previous year despite discomfort with that from FN Caucus. Will be challenging for technicians to report on how to handle the data</p> <p>HW: Some issues with how technical review of data is currently happening – too subjective with spreadsheets and assumptions. Discussion on using Mark Labelle. Modified CSAS process.</p> <p>EV: CSAS process is too narrow.</p> <p>PN: Elinor has experience with the process and knows the right questions to ask.</p> <p>HW: Elinor wants raw data, not data that's already been processed.</p> <p>MS: shouldn't be any push back from Dobson</p> <p>TA: what is the budget for this? GW will find out if budget is available and will provide to EC.</p> <p>PM: data is interpreted by the DFO and different interpretation can lead to different outcomes.</p>
10. Consultation time line	<p>EV: the timeline is a problem with Chum and Chinook in the lower fraser and doesn't meet meaningful consultation process. AW concurs and post season information and input will be addressed at the Feb or March forum.</p>
11. Steelhead	<p>PN: has been looking at Steelhead returns for Thompson and Chilcotin runs – 145 and 45 respectively, is very low and causes serious conservation concerns. PN has provided a letter and wants answers from the DFO and the Province. Letter can be tabled with FRAFS EC to think about. In December though, there should be a push on this issue. PN sent this letter to the Bio's for feedback and will send to the EC.</p> <p>Discussion on MOU's at legislative level.</p> <p>AW will send some wording about the management of Steelhead - Lays with the province although habitat is the DFO</p>
12. Confirm next meeting(s)	<p>FRAFS EC meetings are the third Tuesday of the month</p> <p>December 19th MP and AW are not available that day. Date will be confirmed via email. December 20th in Kamloops</p>

Adjourned at 12:22