



## FRASER RIVER ABORIGINAL FISHERIES SECRETARIAT

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### Executive Committee Meeting – Meeting Notes

Date	Time	Location
Dinner provided.		
Jan 22, 2018	17:00 – 21:00	Executive Airport Plaza Hotel 7311 Westminster Hwy, Richmond BC
Teleconference Details	GoTo	<a href="https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/541215749">https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/541215749</a>
	Dial in	Tel.: 1.866.512.0904 / Access code: 1773489 #

Attending: **Independent Chair:** Ken Malloway  
**Executive Committee Members:** Ernie Victor, Gord Sterritt, Pat Matthew, Howie Wright, Thomas Alexis, Adrian Wall, and Matthew Parslow  
**Biologists:** Aidan Neill and Mike Staley  
**FRAFS Staff:** Greg Witzky (Operations Manager) and Allison James (Communications Coordinator)  
**Other:** Neil Todd, FSMC Operations Manager, Robert Leech  
 No Regrets: Pete Nicklin, Ernie Crey

#### Actions Items:

1. AJ will clarify actions items and include a summary of the Action Items
2. GW to finalize letter to J. Nener regarding FRSSI Participation
3. Greg will finalize the letter to R. Reid regarding PST Sockeye Re-negotiations, that includes a request to meet with FN and develop a framework for consultation for these negotiations, and send ASAP (by Jan 26)
4. AJ to develop information package with Nanaimo hotels reservation codes and send out ASAP (end of week/early next week (Jan 30))
5. Allison to update calendar invites ASAP

Agenda Item	Topic(s), Lead
1. Open meeting	Chair: Roll call, review, adjust, and accept the agenda.
2. Old Business	-Notes from the previous EC meeting – AJ Actions Items: <b>AJ needs to get clarification and summarize for easier review.</b> -Action items from the EC previous meeting - GW Jennifer Nener Letter regarding FRSSI Participation – see Item 5 for discussion details and actions items. Proposal for PST Chapter 4 sockeye re-negotiations Discussion on budget request for participation: GS: anticipate issues in a new chapter (current Ch. expires Dec 31 2019). AW: Contacted Jennifer Nener and described the interests of FRAFS EC members to hold focused consultation on Chapter renewal with First Nations, beyond panel members (i.e. like 2009). In addition, funding to support these consultations will be a factor to consider. Adrian discussed this with Angela Stadel of DFO's Consultation Secretariat – provided notice of this consultation item and subsequent funding requirements. AW says letter FRAFS FN Caucus is planning to send DFO on this matter is the appropriate channel.

	<p>Discussion on need for:  a venue for FN to participate in re-negotiations. Priorities identified previously are still relevant.  a process that includes Fraser First Nations, not just Fraser Panel, to identify priorities for Chapter 4. DFO was provided a list of FN attendees recommended by FRAFS.  <b>Greg wants to finalize the drafted letter, makes some changes to the budget – established deadline is ASAP/ before February session.</b>  KM refers to UNDRIP “free, prior and informed consent” and other relevant policies. Gov’t signed it and need to be held to task.  Next FRSSI meeting is on Jan 30, 31  Pat suggests we get letter <b>out and request a meeting with JN</b> to develop a framework for consultation for these negotiations  - DFO-RDG December 18/17 response letter to the FRAFS Chair regarding September 19/17 meeting summary letter sent October 26/17- (Ken)</p>
3. Operations	<p>-Finance report – \$11,890.40 to reprofile for the Elinor McGrath Contract (contact Howie and Elinor). Adrian recommends contacting the department to work through finance issues.  -Operations update:</p>
4. Communications	<p>Communications Coordinator activities update, AJ  Discussion on Forum in Nanaimo – well attended 50-60 people. <b>AJ to develop information package with Nanaimo hotels reservation codes.</b></p>
5. FRSSI	<p>FRSSI letter to J. Nener- (Pat)  Discussion on reason for letter – where do the outcomes of the FRSSI go? Assume they inform management plans, FRSSI 101. <b>Greg will finalize the draft and submit it taking out reference to next week’s meeting</b></p>
6. FSMC	<p>FSMC negotiations update - (NT)  Note from Cindy Wong on work planning, in response to Neil’s request for additional funds to carry the FSMC/negotiations; to have a transition planning meeting.  A draft of the Management Agreement was provided to Member Delegates for them to take back to their communities. There are still some outstanding issues in the draft management agreement to address.  TA: FN Appointees to the Fraser Panel need to make up at least 50% of the Panel. At the FSMC Assembly on Jan 17, 2017 a motion to approve the draft management agreement, with space for communities to review, was made a resolution.</p>
7. New business	<p>FRAFS/FSMC transition process- (NT)  Requested a meeting, although has not been formalized (space is available) on January 23<sup>rd</sup> after day 1 of the Forum.  AW: the Department is interested in transition plan options from FN for FSMC/FRAFS. Supports FSMC and FRAFS meeting as a Tier 1 to discuss and determine transition options. Recommends a 1-year work-plan be developed that plans for any gaps in agreements/ includes a contingency for FRAFS to run. A 2018-19 AAROM agreement and workplan is required in March.  Neil suggests a transition plan timeline that considers the renewal of the</p>

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IFMP, this December.

Next Steps: FRAFS and FSMC to agree on the timing and transition procedures. Neil will take this back to Brenda. GW is on a term employment for the FRAFS Operations Manager (September 2018) with Lita Gomez potentially re-assuming the role as she is on Mat. Leave.

GS: there needs to be discussion on the current structure and how EC/MT can promote the transition.

NT: More needs to be done to communicate the transition process – this could potentially be done at area meetings. There is room in the Draft Management Agreement for the JTWG.

GS: Thomas and Darren have been diligent in reporting out on the FSMC. Gord asks how to incorporate regional and support groups. Neil responds that FSMC needs to have operational agreements with the AAROM bodies.

EV: FN need to incorporate their vision to how DFO manages Fraser Salmon, outside of the ATH and formal management plans. He wants organizational memory of FRAFS to be preserved. He suggests 1 year to preserve (lobbied by FN Caucus) the FRAFS organization. Emphasis on the communication networks developed through FRAFS.

NT: we have concurrency because funding flows through the FRAFS agreement.

Ken: Not all of the Fraser First Nations have signed on, getting BCR's is challenging with the FN signed on, and it's unclear how the FN not signed on will be represented. Concerns about the FSMC being exclusive, has been discussed at the LFFA.

AW: Core funding for FRAFS AAROM in 2018-19 will stay status quo for next year. A FRAFS funding agreement and work plan needs to begin drafting in February. FRAFS immediate plan is still to develop a work plan (that includes FSMC) for the next fiscal year.

PM: recommends FRAFS EC and FSMC (Tier 1) get together. FSMC to give a presentation on what they are proposing, and get feedback from FN Caucus in a structured way. Lay out the key issues with the transition and then discuss and plan for it. Pat prefers to discuss the transition without DFO in the room.

GS: concurs with Pat's recommendation. Lessons learned from Intertribal treaty.

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8. Confirm next meeting(s)	2018 Meetings (Usually the third Tuesdays of every month) February 26 <sup>th</sup> To align with Forum in Nanaimo – evening meeting similar to Jan 22 March 26 <sup>th</sup> To align with Forum in Kamloops – Full day session for work planning 13:00 - 20:00 – Dinner provided April 17 <sup>th</sup> – Fraser Panel meetings that day/week. Meeting with RDG is on April 17 <sup>th</sup> so meeting will be in Vancouver. May 15 <sup>th</sup> – via conference call (9 – 3)
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Adrian asks that Linda be included in the distribution of these meeting notes and all other FRAFS distribution.

Ken asks Allison to update calendar invites ASAP