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Executive Committee Meeting – Minutes

Date	Time	Location
Feb 26, 2018	17:00 – 21:00	Duke Point Room, Vancouver Island Conference Centre 101 Gordon Street, Nanaimo BC
Teleconference Details	GoTo Dial in	https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/541215749 Tel.: 1.866.512.0904 / Access code: 1773489 #

Attending: **Independent Chair:** Ken Malloway
Executive Committee Members: Ernie Crey, Pat Matthew, Thomas Alexis, Linda Stevens, and Matthew Parslow; Gord Sterritt and Ernie Crey calling in.
Biologists: Aidan Fisher, Pete Nicklin and Mike Staley
FRAFS Staff: Greg Witzky and Allison James
Regrets: Howie Wright and Ernie Victor

Actions Items:

1. Allison to set up meeting in Kamloops on March 8, 9-12PM for Finance Planning Committee + Neil Todd
2. Greg draft a letter to Jeff Grout (RDG and Minister LeBlanc) from FN Caucus to ask for more money for CSPI
3. 3 Bio's will provide updated work plans
4. Letter to Karen Leslie asserting our participation in the SARA emergency listing for steelhead (GW, PM) ASAP
5. Linda/ Matthew will find out more about Southern Coho consultation and report back at next meeting.

Agenda Item	Topic(s), Lead
1. Roll call, review, adjust, and accept the agenda.	
2. Old Business	-Notes from the previous EC meeting – no further comments -Action items from the EC previous meeting - GW Letters sent out during the last forum: no response yet, GW talked to Ann (DFO) to ask if we needed a PST update (preferably sooner). Pat wants a response on our feedback for Chapter 4. There are 3 letters from last month: one to JN (FRSSI), one to RR (PST) and another letter to RR regarding the Forum.
3. Operations	-Finance report: Linda Stevens has replaced Adrian on the Finance Planning Committee, and she asks for a ToR; they will meet (9-12 March 8, in Kamloops) - Allison to set up. Neil Todd will be invited Neil Todd (FSMC) has requested additional funding to carry the FSMC operations to the end of fiscal. KM comments on the CSPI funding available (PICFI) is less than previous year and wants a letter drafted to Jeff Grout from FN Caucus to ask for more money

	<p>Greg requests a motion to approve the finance report. Pat moves. Tommy Seconds. Unanimous.</p> <p>-Operations update: Greg sent his activity report to the EC via email.</p>
4. Annual Work Plan	<p>2018/19 AAROM annual work plan (LS, GW)</p> <p>Discussion on single year versus multi-year workplan. There is a planning meeting on March 26 for the purpose of work-planning. Greg suggests any feedback on the work plan be provided via email. Discussion on FSMC implications on the work plan. Ken wants to go ahead with the planning meeting on March 26. Thomas provides input on FSMC negotiations and that the initial timeline for transition is no longer achievable. The work plan is standard however the Bio's work plans need to be updated. Discussion on Canadian Scientific Advice Secretariat (CSAS) process.</p> <p>Greg proposes moving the March 26 meeting up to March 8 for half day for the purpose of reviewing and commenting on the workplan. On March 8, the finance committee (Ernie Victor, Linda, Greg) will meet 9-12, and the EC will meet 1-4 to discuss the work plan.</p>
5. Communications	<p>Communications Coordinator activities update, AJ</p>
6. SARA Listing for Steelhead	<p>SARA emergency listing for Interior Fraser Steelhead – FN engagement opportunities for consultation and the role of FRAFS (PM)</p> <p>Pat refers to Karen Leslie's SARA Listing presentation for the Jan 23, 2018 Forum (Page 12) on the process of Listing Advice component parts and argues that it does not allow for localized impacts to be considered. Should FRAFS EC participate in any of the steps outlined in the Listing Process for steelhead? Aidan and Mike provide context for the resources required for the process (Recover Potential Assessment) to do a full CSAS peer review. Mike expects FRAFS will be invited to participate. Pat wants to assert that FRAFS will be engaged – send a letter to Karen Leslie. Matt says DFO is working on establishing timelines and is aware of our interest. Pat asks about the peer review process – Mike says the biology and productivity of the animal is considered. Ken wants FRAFS involved in the Tier II process.</p>
7. Southern Coho	<p>DFO request to engage First Nations on reference points and allowable exploitation rates on Southern Coho and the role of FRAFS in the CSAS process (Gord).</p> <p>DFO has announced a consultation plan for southern Coho and a discussion document. Proposed 2-day workshop in the first week of April to determine bench marks and exploitation rates – what is FRAFS's role? Should FRAFS be a communication vehicle? Pat thinks establishing benchmarks sounds pretty technical and FRAFS may have to support bands, if they have time. Gord wants more explanation on the requirements to participate before the workshop. Cynthia Johnson is the lead on this. Linda wants to defer to the next meeting so that she and Matthew can get a better understanding of what is required from FRAFS. Pat asks about Chapter timelines (expires at the end of this calendar year). This is separate from the PST negotiations.</p>
8. Chinook Strategic	<p>CSPI Update (Mike) – Jeff Grout calls in at 7:30</p> <p>Long term for CSPI: we were hoping to focus on technical analysis to</p>

Planning Initiative	development a management strategy. A large amount of work has been done on modelling, however the outcomes are troublesome (not as productive as one would hope). At the workshop (Feb 19) challenges were highlighted and solutions suggested – more generalized model with increasing complexity afterwards. It seems the strategy for modelling will be simplified. Jeff says there was discussion on if First Nations would approve a change to the modelling and what actions should be put in place for implementation. Letter to RDG and Minister on CSPI funds being scaled back. Gord asks who will participate in the planning.
9. Southern Resident Killer Whale	Southern Resident Killer Whale sub-committee representation: DFO is looking for two reps (4 volunteered). Pat wants to know if it's up to FRAFS to put volunteers forward, what are the Terms of Reference, and how does this fit into consultation? Jeff says ToR is not fully flushed out yet. 2 primary seats (Howie and Ernie Victor), technical staff as alternates. Linda asks what funding is available for participation? Not clear yet.
10. Upcoming meeting(s)	March 26 th : 5:00- 20:00 – Dinner provided – Cancelled and rescheduled for March 8 April 17 th – Fraser Panel meetings that day/week. Meeting with RDG is on April 17 th so meeting will be in Vancouver. May 15 th – via conference call (9 – 3)

Adjourned: 8:40