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# Fraser Salmon Collaborative Management Agreement

## Transition Update and Next Steps

Forum on Conservation & Harvest Planning  
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# Overview

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# FSMB Update

- Meetings of the FSMB held on January 31 and February 28, 2020
- Next meeting scheduled for March 18, 2020
- Key discussion points included:
  - Independent Chair Selection Process
  - Terms of Reference Review
  - Priorities and Workplanning
  - Process Considerations

# Independent Chair – Hiring Process

## Background:

- Under the Agreement, the Fraser Salmon Management Board (FSMB) is to be supported in its work by an Independent Chair.
- The Independent Chair will be a key resource for the FSMB in exploring the issues and helping them work toward consensus.

## Process:

- Expression of Interest was posted – applications due 28-Feb
- The FSMC & DFO, with the support of a professional recruiter, are currently assessing the applicants for short-listing and subsequent interviewing.
- FSMB members will then review the interview results to determine the best candidate for the role.
- Intent is to have an Independent Chair selected by the end of March or first week of April.

# Joint Technical Committee

- Each party can populate up to five (5) seats on the Joint Technical Committee(JTC). Each Party will designate one of its members as that Party's co-chair.
- During the transition from FRAFS to the FSMC, support was given to maintain the JTWG process for the purposes of engagement on technical issues.
- The Fraser Salmon Management Council (FSMC) has populated four of their five positions, including their Co-chair.
- DFO is seeking support internally for proposed representatives and is targeting late March or early April for appointments.

# Work Planning Priorities

- The FSCMA includes a commitment to jointly develop annual work plans to guide the FSMB's work (s 2.1 (c))
- Working on the FSMB Workplan for 2020-21
  - Will likely be a 3-6 month plan to start
  - Goal is to have this in place by late March or April
- Potential priorities / areas of interest identified include
  - Formalizing governance processes and building capacity under the agreement, including developing the FSMB & JTC; understanding how we work together.
  - Fraser Chinook Management
  - South Coast Salmon IFMP Process

# Transition Process

- Further to discussions at the last Forum meeting, the Forums on Conservation & Harvest Planning:
  - Will continue for the 2020 IFMP process
  - Open to all participants
  - Joint Technical Working Group meetings to continue
- FSMB Workplan within the next two months
- Joint Technical Committee will begin meeting in April or May
- Funding agreement is being transitioned to the FSMC from FRAFS

# Consultation and Engagement

- As part of this transition process DFO and the FSMC, outside of the FSMB process, have committed to consult and engage with non-signatory First Nations on the FSCMA.
- The Parties (DFO & FSMC) will be writing to First Nations shortly to provide an update on implementation and invite further discussion
- Aim of this consultation process would be to share information about the agreement; highlight potential benefits to signatory Nations; and discuss key considerations/implications of the Agreement for First Nations and management of Fraser salmon



# Seeking Feedback

- The FSMC and DFO are seeking feedback on the Forum process & will report out as input is received
- Input may be submitted to the Forum Planning Committee via the FPC Feedback Form