

Forum on Conservation & Harvest Planning for Fraser Salmon

March 7-9, 2017

Tzeachten Community Hall,
Promontory Rd, Sardis, BC.

Facilitator: Marcel Shepert

Forum Purpose (s):

Overarching Purpose: The FORUM is intended to provide an annual process for information sharing and discussion on Fraser salmon fisheries issues between DFO and First Nations (Tier 2) and First Nations with other First Nations (Tier 1). First Nation attendees have the opportunity to provide their advice and recommendations on management plans.

March FORUM Purpose: The intent of this meeting is provide an overview of the contents of the draft 2017/2018 IFMP for southern BC salmon and to initiate thinking about fishery planning for 2017.

Day 1 (Tuesday, March 7th): First Nations and DFO together

9:00 am Welcome/Opening Prayer

9:15 am to 9:30 am (15 mins)

- **Setting the stage** – Ken Malloway (Forum Planning Committee Chair) & Adrian Wall (DFO)

9:30 am to 10:40 am (70 mins)

- **2017 Fraser Sockeye and Pink Forecast** – Sue Grant
This presentation will provide the 2017 sockeye forecast. Sue Grant develops the forecast and she will also provide advice on how to interpret the forecast and some items to consider when using the forecast for pre-season planning purposes.
- **Fraser Sockeye and Pink Forecast Supplemental Information** – Sue Grant
This presentation will provide some contextual information related to environmental conditions and biological information related to the 2017 adult returns (i.e. 2013 adult escapements, 2014 lake rearing, 2015 smolt outmigration and ocean entry, up to the 2017 returns). The information is provided to improve our understanding of Fraser Sockeye population dynamics.

10:40 - Refreshment break (20 mins)

11:00 am to 12 noon (60 mins)

- **Proposed Sockeye and Pink Escapement Plans** – Jamie Scroggie
This presentation will include the draft escapement options outlined in the IFMP (fisheries reference points & LAERs) and the projected spawners to the grounds for each forecasted stock under each draft escapement option. The presentation will also include management adjustments used in conjunction with the escapement options which, at the time of the meeting, will be based

on historical data and an overview of when year-specific estimates of management adjustments, timing estimates and diversion estimates will be available (i.e., typically for June FRP meeting).

12:00 noon - Lunch (provided)

1:00 pm to 1:45 pm (45 mins)

- **Sockeye and Pink Key Management issues for 2017** – Les Jantz or Jennifer Nener.
A presentation on some points to consider in advance of the upcoming season such as Early Stuart sockeye - length of the proposed window closure, an update on proposed test fisheries, considerations on how the LAER's might be managed,, how sockeye by-catch might be managed in fisheries targeting chinook salmon, etc.

1:45 pm to 2:30 pm (45 mins)

- **Fraser River Chum In-season Update Model and Expectations for 2017** – Marla Maxwell
A presentation on the model used to generate the in-season run size for Fraser River Chum using the Albion Test Fishery, as well as expectations for 2017 returns and post-season information from 2016 if available.

2:30 pm - Refreshment break (20 mins)

2:50 pm to 3:10 pm (20 mins)

- **Joint Technical Working Group Update** – Pete Nicklin/Jamie Scroggie
A presentation on what was discussed at the March 6th JTWG meeting.

3:10 pm to 4:00 pm (50 mins)

- **Panel Discussion** – Pete Nicklin, Jamie Scroggie, Marla Maxwell, Les Jantz/Jennifer Nener
This time slot is set aside to allow time for discussion and questions to the afternoon's presenters.

Day 2 (Wednesday, March 8th): First Nations and DFO together

9:00 am Welcome/Opening Prayer

9:15 to 10:15 am (60 minutes):

- **Chinook Key Management issues for 2017** –Jeff Grout.
A presentation to provide key information for planning considerations in advance of the upcoming season including any proposed changes to management actions and an update on the five year review.

10:15 Refreshment break (20 mins).

10:35 pm to 11:30 pm (55 mins)

- **Draft IFMP – Key Changes** – Jeff Grout
A presentation that highlights some of the key changes in the draft salmon management plan.

11:30 to 12:00 am (30 minutes)

- Open, this time slot may be used for further Tier 2 discussion if required.

12:00 Lunch will be provided

Day 2 (Wednesday afternoon, March 8th): First Nations Only – Draft

1:00 pm to 3:00 pm (120 minutes)

- *Develop agenda for Tier1 portion of agenda based on DFO information and discussion provided during Tier 2 session– Marcel Shepert*

3:00 to 3:15 (15 minutes)

- **Health Break**

3:30 to 4:30 (40 minutes)

- *Initiate discussion on how the areas share fish in times and years of low abundances.*

Day 3 (Thursday morning, March 9th): First Nations Only - Draft

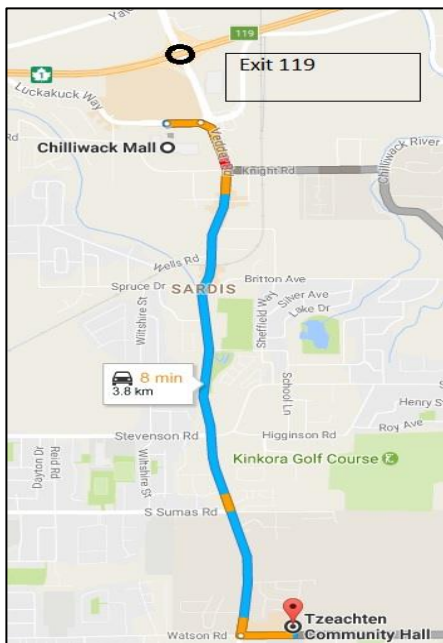
9:00 to 10:30 (90 minutes)

- *Discussion Continued.*

10:30 Refreshment Break

10:45 to 12 noon (75 minutes)

- *Preparation for upcoming FORUM in April 4 to 6th, 2017 in Prince George.*
- *Wrap-up*



Directions to Hall: South on Vedder Road about 5 km from Trans Canada Highway (Exit 119) in Chilliwack, then left onto Promontory Road, Hall is on your left.)

Safe Journey Home!

Informational Items/Hand-outs

- Maps showing breakdown between Georgia Strait, Johnstone Strait and the WCVI. (TBC)

FN Speakers:

Ken Malloway is chair of the Fraser River Aboriginal Fisheries Secretariat and the chair of the FORUM planning Committee.

Pete Nicklin is a biologist who works with both FRAFS and the Upper Fraser Fisheries Conservation Alliance. He is a co-chair (with Jamie Scroggie) of the Joint Technical Working Group and a member of the Pacific Salmon Commission (PST) Joint Coho Technical Committee.

Marcel Shepert is your friendly facilitator, a Fraser Panel member and the chair of the Salmon Co-ordinating Committee. He also works as the facilitation co-ordinator for the Upper Fraser Fisheries Conservation Alliance.

DFO Speakers:

Adrian Wall is an Aboriginal Affairs Advisor for the Fraser Interior Area, based in Kamloops, and a member of the Forum Planning Committee.

Sue Grant is a resource management biologist, based in Annacis for the Fraser Interior Area.

Les Jantz assists the Canadian Chair of the Fraser Panel.

Jennifer Nener is the Canadian Chair of the Fraser Panel.

Jamie Scroggie is a resource management biologist for the Fraser Interior Area, based in Kamloops, and the co-chair of the Joint Technical Working Group.

Jeff Grout is the Salmon Coordinator for DFO Pacific Region.

Marla Maxwell is a resource management biologist for the Fraser Interior Area, based in Annacis.

Our Favorite Acronyms and maybe even some definitions:

Please let me know if this is helpful and feel free to suggest additions to linda.stevens@dfo-mpo.gc.ca

AABM	Aggregate Abundance-Based Management
AAROM	Aboriginal Aquatic Resource and Oceans Management
AFS	Aboriginal Fisheries Strategy
ATP	Allocation Transfer Program
CCTAC	Canadian Commercial Total Allowable Catch
COHO ABM	Coho Abundance-Based Management
COSEWIC	Committee for the Status of Endangered Wildlife in Canada
CPUE	Catch Per Unit Effort
CSAS	Canadian Science Advisory Secretariat
CSAB	Commercial Salmon Advisory Board
CSPI	Chinook Strategic Planning Initiative (Also SBCCSPI – Southern BC Chinook Strategic ...)
CWT	Coded Wire Tag
ER	Exploitation Rate
ESSR	Excess Salmon to Spawning Requirements
FNFC	First Nations Fishery Council
FRP	Fraser River Panel
FSC	Food, Social and Ceremonial
FSMC	Fraser Salmon Management Council
ITQ	Individual Transfer Quota
IHPC	Integrated Harvest Planning Committee
ISBM	Individual Stock-Based Management
LAER	Low Abundance Exploitation Rates
LRP	Lower Reference Points
MSY	Maximum Sustainable Yield
PICFI	Pacific Integrated Commercial Fisheries Initiative
PSC	Pacific Salmon Commission (www.psc.org)
PST	Pacific Salmon Treaty
SARA	Species at Risk Act
SFAB	Sport Fishing Advisory Board
SHMF	Selective Hatchery Mark Fishery
TAC	Total Allowable Catch
TAM	Total Allowable Mortality
WSP	Wild Salmon Policy (Canada's Policy for Conservation of Wild Pacific Salmon)

Upcoming Forums

April 4 to 6th, 2017
Coast Inn of the North
770 Brunswick Street
Prince George
(250) 563-0121

Teleconference
Early May – details to be provided via email