

## Forum on Conservation & Harvest Planning for Fraser Salmon

March 10 – 12, 2020

Coast Bastion, 11 Bastian Street

Nanaimo, 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 to provide further detail on some of the contents of the draft 2020/2021 IFMP for southern BC salmon and to continue discussions on fishery planning for 2020.

This is the second of three FORUM in-person meeting for this season.

### **Day 1 (Tuesday, March 10th): First Nations and DFO together**

**9:00 to 9:20 am (20 min) – Marcel Shepert**

- **Welcome/Opening Prayer/Meeting Protocols/Introductions**

**9:20 to 9:45 (25 mins) – Setting the Stage – Ken Malloway and Linda Stevens**

**9:45 to 10:30 am (45 min)**

- **Collaborative Management Agreement Update – TBD**

*An update from the Fraser Salmon Management Board.*

**10:30 am - Refreshment break (15 mins)**

**10:45 am to 11:00 am (15 mins)**

- **Big Bar Landslide Update – Joint Executive Steering Committee (JESC) members**

*This presentation will provide a brief update on the work done to date.*

**11:00 am to 12:00 pm (60 mins)**

- **2020 Fraser Sockeye Forecast with some supplemental information– Les Jantz**

*This presentation will provide the 2020 sockeye forecast. The intent of this presentation is to provide pre-season information and the range of sockeye run size scenarios most likely to be seen in the upcoming fishing season.*

**12:00 pm - Lunch provided (60 mins)**

**1:00 pm to 2:30 (90 mins)**

- **Proposed Sockeye Escapement Plans** – Jamie Scroggie

*This presentation will include the draft escapement options outlined in the IFMP (fisheries reference points & LAERs). The projected spawners to the grounds for each forecasted stock under each draft escapement option is provided as a separate hand-out. The hand-out will allow you to consider the impacts of the proposed options on stocks of concern to your community.*

- **Key Management Considerations for Sockeye in 2020** – Jamie Scroggie

*The presentation will also include some points to consider in advance of the upcoming season..*

**2:30 pm - Refreshment Break (15 mins)**

**2:45 pm to 4:30 pm (75 mins)**

- **Draft IFMP – Key Priorities** – DFO Regional Salmon Team

*A presentation that highlights some of the key changes and management objectives in the draft salmon management plan for all species other than sockeye and chinook.*

## **Day 2 (Wednesday, March 11th): First Nations and DFO together**

**9:00 to 9:15 (15 minutes) - Action Points Update**

**9:15 to 10:30 am (75 minutes)**

- **Fraser Chinook** – Jeff Grout

*An update on consultation process and timelines for the Chinook management measures will be shared including an update on the Southern BC Chinook Committee.*

**10:30 Refreshment Break (15 mins)**

**10:45 to 12:00 pm (75 minutes)**

- **Further discussion on either Draft IFMP key priorities or on Fraser Chinook** – Jeff Grout

**12:00 Lunch will be provided**

## Day 2 (Wednesday afternoon, March 11<sup>th</sup>): Tier 1 Only Proposed Agenda – Draft

### 1:00 pm to 1:30 pm (30 minutes)

- **FSMC Tier 1 Update on progress of work to date** TBD

### 1:30 pm to 2:30 pm (60 mins)

- **JTWG Update** – Discussion with biologists and FN technical reps on what was heard during the Tier 2 sessions.
- **Lower Fraser** – Coho escapement index. A collaborative project with the LFFA. Aidan Fisher (TBC)

### 2:30 pm – Refreshment Break (15 mins)

### 2:45 pm – 4:15 pm (90 mins)

- **DRAFT IFMP** – discussion on species and information presented during Tier 2 session. The purpose of this session is to determine if further information or discussion is required on the following topics.
  - **Chinook** – the draft IFMP contains proposed management measures for 2020. Is there any further information you require on this topic or would like to discuss?
  - **Sockeye** – A number of questions for consideration have been provided. Do you require any further information or discussion on these topics or any other topics related to Fraser sockeye?
  - **Chum** – The draft IFMP contains the same decision rules for Fraser Chum as last year. Is there any further information you require on this topic or would like to discuss?
  - **Steelhead** – DFO has proposed a window closure like in 2019. Is there any further information you require on this topic or would like to discuss?
  - **Interior Fraser Coho** – management objective. The draft IFMP contains a management objective that is the same as that proposed in 2015 to 2019. Is there any further information you require on this topic or would like to discuss?

### 4:15 to 4:30 (15 minutes)

- *Finalizing Action items and requests for further information to be provided to DFO.*

## Day 3 (Thursday morning, March 12<sup>th</sup>): First Nations Only - Draft

### 9:00 to 10:30 (90 minutes)

- *Discussion Continued on Draft IFMP topics not completed on Day 1.*

### 10:30 Refreshment Break

### 10:45 to 12 noon (75 minutes)

- **Discussion on Forum process –**
  - *How can process continue to be inclusive?*
  - *How will Terms of Reference for the Forum under the FSMC be created?*
- *Wrap-up*

### **Informational Items/Hand-outs/Copies of Presentations.**

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- Available on the FRAFS website ([www.frafs.ca](http://www.frafs.ca)).

### **FN Speakers:**

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

**Aidan Fisher** is a biologist who works with both FRAFS and the Lower Fraser Fisheries Alliance. He is also co-chair (along with Marla Maxwell) of the FRAFS Joint Technical Working Group (JTWG).

**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:**

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**Linda Stevens** is the Acting/Aboriginal Affairs Advisor (AAAA) for the Fraser Interior Area, based in Williams Lake and a member of the Forum Planning Committee.

**Les Jantz** assists 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.

### **Upcoming Forum**

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#### **April 7 to 9, 2020**

#### **Conference Location:**

Uda Dune Baiyoh (House of Ancestors)  
355 Vancouver Street  
Prince George, BC

#### **Where to Stay:**

Prince George has several nice hotels in the downtown area. Be sure to request either the First Nations or Government rate.