

Forum on Conservation & Harvest Planning for Fraser Salmon

March 12 – 14, 2019

Sandman Signature

225 Lorne Street, Kamloops 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 further detail on some of the contents of the draft 2019/2020 IFMP for southern BC salmon and to continue discussions on fishery planning for 2019. This is the final FORUM in-person meeting for this season.

Day 1 (Tuesday, March 12th): 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) & Linda Stevens (DFO)

9:30 am to 10:30 am (60 mins)

- **Joint Technical Working Group Update** – Aiden Fisher/Marla Maxwell
A presentation on what was discussed at the February 26th and March 11th JTWG meetings.

10:30 - Refreshment break (20 mins)

10:50 am to noon (70 mins)

- **2019 Fraser Sockeye and Pink Forecast with some supplemental information**– Mike Hawkshaw

This presentation will provide the 2019 sockeye forecast. This presentation may provide some contextual information related to environmental conditions and biological information related to the 2019 adult returns (i.e. 2015 adult escapements, 2015 lake rearing, 2016 smolt outmigration and ocean entry, up to the 2018 returns). The information is provided to improve our understanding of Fraser Sockeye population dynamics.

12:00 noon - Lunch will be provided

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

- **Key Management Considerations for Sockeye and Pink in 2019** – Les Jantz.

The presentation will also include 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, etc.

- **Proposed Sockeye 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.

2:30 pm - Refreshment Break (20 mins)

2:50 pm to 4:00 pm (70 mins)

- **Draft IFMP – Key Priorities** – Marla Maxwell/Jeff Grout

A presentation that highlights some of the key changes in the draft salmon management plans. This portion of the presentation will include:

Steelhead – This presentation will describe the two scenarios that were included in the draft 2019/2020 IFMP for Interior Fraser River Steelhead management in 2019. The two proposed options account for both possible outcomes of a SARA Listing Decision for Thompson and Chilcotin Steelhead.

Chinook:

- *Summary of feedback on Feb. 5 letter.*
- *Any new scenarios proposed (besides A and B outlined in the Feb. 5 letter)*

Day 2 (Wednesday, March 13th): First Nations and DFO together

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

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

- **Draft IFMP – Key Priorities** – Jeff Grout

A continuation of the presentation that highlights some of the key changes in the draft salmon management plans. This portion of the presentation will include more on chinook (below and the coho management objective:

- *Analysis of outcomes (e.g. conservation, etc.) of proposed scenarios*
- *Final recommendations from Forum for decision making – discussion*

10:30 Refreshment Break (15 mins)

10:45 to 11:00 am (15 minutes)

- A continuation of the discussion above.

11:00 to 12:00 noon (60 mins)

- **Fraser Salmon Management Council (FSMC) Update** – Brenda Gaertner and Angela Bate
Recent developments in the negotiation process

12:00 Lunch will be provided

Day 2 (Wednesday afternoon, March 13th): Tier 2 until 1:30 and then Tier 1 Only – Draft

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

- **NNTC Early Chinook Fisheries** – Don Sam
NNTC will provide a presentation on their early chinook fisheries and some of their challenges.
- ***At this point DFO will be asked to leave the meeting.***

1:30 pm to 3:00 pm – the following is a list of topics not yet assigned to time frames.

- **JTWG Update** – FN will discuss what was heard during the Tier 2 sessions.
- **IFMP Updates** – discussion on species and information presented during Tier 2 session.
 - *Chinook*
 - *Chum/Steelhead*
 - *Coho*
 - *Sockeye*
 - *Pink*
- **FSMC**

3:00 to 3:15 (15 minutes) - Health Break

3:30 to 4:30 (40 minutes)

- *Discussion Continued.*

Day 3 (Thursday morning, March 14th): First Nations Only - Draft

9:00 to 10:30 (90 minutes)

- *Discussion Continued.*

10:30 Refreshment Break

10:45 to 12 noon (75 minutes)

- *Wrap-up*

Safe Journey Home!

Informational Items/Hand-outs/Copies of Presentations.

- Provided on the FRAFS website (www.frafs.ca).

FN Speakers:

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.

Brenda Gaertner is a lawyer who advises first nation governments on aboriginal title and rights, modern (self) government, natural resource management and economic development. She is the FSMC's Lead Negotiator in a process to negotiate a Fraser Salmon Management Agreement with DFO.

Don Sam is the Fisheries Program Manager for the Nlaka'pamux Nation Tribal Council.

DFO Speakers:

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.

Marla Maxwell is the Salmon Team Program Manager for DFO Pacific Region.

Mike Hawkshaw is the Program Head for the Fraser Sockeye and Pink Analytic Program, based out of the Annacis Island Office.

Angela Bate is the Director of Aboriginal Programs and the DFO lead on process to negotiate a Fraser Salmon Management Agreement.

Upcoming Teleconference – Proposed Date and Time for Webinar

Purpose of call – to review feedback on Southern BC Salmon IFMP

Date and Time: Friday April 26, 2019 – 10 am to noon

Telephone Number: 1-877-413-4781

Conf Id: 6819428

To join this meeting

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