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Meeting Notes

FRAFS Executive Committee SNTC Conference Room – Kamloops Tuesday, May 26, 2015

AGENDA

1. Roll call, review, adjust, and accept the agenda
2. Old business:
 - Notes from the previous meeting
 - Action items from the previous meeting
3. New Operations Manager
4. Budget Expenditures: Update and Report
5. Budget update and proposed amendments to the Agreement
6. Island / Marine Forum Planning Committee membership
7. Forum schedule
8. Update from the IFMP webinar hosted by DFO (an outcome of the Forums).
9. Fishing site/community visits story schedule; EC suggest ideas for their regions.
10. Update for the Area 29 FSC access planning committee/budget
11. Meeting with RDG: debrief
12. Next FRAFS EC meeting: time and location

1. Roll call, review, adjust, and accept the agenda

2. Old business:

- Notes from the previous meeting.

Draft circulated, revised as required and final draft emailed to the FRAFS EC and Operations Manager.

- Action items from the previous meeting: all were completed or in-progress.

3. New Operations Manager

FRAFS has hired a new Operations Manager to begin work in June. There will be a transition period in order to help her transition to the new job. There is also a Transition Committee to help. A letter was sent to the FRAFS email list and a short bio will appear in *Watershed Talk*.

4. 2014/15 Budget Expenditures: Update and Report

The current Operations Manager led the EC through a line item review of current expenditures.

5. Budget update and proposed amendments to the Agreements

The Operations Manager showed the EC the current revisions to the draft Work Plan. This document is to be reviewed by the Finance Committee.

6. Island / Marine Forum Planning Committee (FPC) membership

The DFO EC member recommended that FRAFS approach the island to solidify their participation in the FPC. Two representatives are required.

FRAFS will follow up with a letter to IMAWG and DFO south coast. In addition, the FPC Chair will remind the island representatives that there is a TOR.

7. Forum schedule (Adrian)

The DFO representative would like to confirm dates by the July EC meeting. There was also a suggestion from DFO of a post-season Webex (December, 2015).

8. Update from the IFMP webinar hosted by DFO (an outcome from the Forums)

The JTWG First Nations Co-Chair gave an overview of the May 6, 2015 IFMP webinar. Documents are on the FRAFS website at this link: <http://frafs.ca/node/43>

- The webinar included an “extensive amount of information” based on a 39-slide PowerPoint which focused mainly on feedback to the draft IFMP. Key “high-level” issues included: Chinook; test fisheries; Commercial Allocation Framework; and demonstration fishery.
- There seemed to be good participation and that there was some opportunity to ask for clarification. However, the department wasn’t prepared to say what direction they were going to go on the advice to the Minister.
- The JTWG First Nations Co-Chair concluded that DFO did a substantial amount of work, provided detail and there were a lot of people on the call. We should consider this call as part of the consultation process.

9. Site Visits for Watershed Talk

The Communications Manager explained that site visits create content that is used in Watershed Talk, FRAFS social media and corporate materials (ex.: PowerPoint presentations at the Forum). He asked EC for input and contact info in order to start building a schedule to draft for the new Operations Manager’s perusal.

10. Update for the Area 29 FSC access planning committee/budget

DFO has hired a facilitator for the June meeting. They’re looking for two representatives from FRAFS to attend.

11. Meeting with the RDG: Debrief

The EC discussed how meeting notes would be processed and that there should be a follow up letter to the RDG.

12. Next FRAFS EC meeting: Teleconference on Tuesday, June 23

Summary of Action Items

- 1 - Send final draft letter introducing new Operations Manager to watershed and marine FN by Wed. Done.
- 2 – Communications Manager work with new Operations Manager re: short bio in next Watershed Talk (WST)
- 3 - Finance Committee schedule meeting with new Operations Manager as part of transition. Done

4.1) - new Operations Manager email IMAWG (Island Marine Aquatic Working Group) Coordinator and DFO south coast re: need to solidify island participation on the Forum Planning Committee (FPC); specifically 2 reps.

4.2) FPC Chair to send a note to IMAWG reminding them of the FPC TOR;

5 – FRAFS Biologist 2 confirm availability for March Forum (re: March Break).

6 – Communications Manager to add third document from DFO webinar onto website.

7 – DFO rep to follow up with DFO Area 29 contact as to how travel is funded (Area 29 FSC access planning meeting).

8 – Operations Manager to draft Letter to RDG re: meeting with the FN caucus of the EC.