

SUMMARY NOTES: FSMC /DFO December 16, 2012 negotiating meeting

The second negotiating meeting between the FSMC and DFO took place at the Morris J Wosk Centre for Dialogue on December 16, 2016. Present were:

FSMC: Brenda Gaertner (Lead Negotiator), Carl Edgar Jr. (alternate for Victor Isaac), Dominic Hope, Tina Donald, and Thomas Alexis; and Neil Todd (FSMC support).

DFO: Angela Bate (Lead Negotiator), Matthew Parslow, Ashley Dobko, and Chad Rudiak

MEETING OBJECTIVES:

1. Finalize the Negotiation/Communication Protocol.
2. Address priority issues from the November 24, 2016 meeting.
3. Share strategic goals.

Angela updated from conversations she has had internally within DFO since the first meeting. She noted that Rebecca Reid, RDG, and Andy Thompson, Regional Director of Fisheries Management, continue to be supportive of the process. She also spoke with their Director of Communications regarding the Communications aspects of the Negotiation and Communication protocol and opportunities to do joint public announcements about this process as it evolves. A DFO Communications contact will be identified.

A Negotiation and Communication Protocol (drafted by the FSMC) was reviewed and accepted by both Lead Negotiators. This document enhances the provisions in the Framework to Guide Negotiations.

The representatives then turned to discussions of draft Concept Paper #1 regarding governance and management models.

In support of Concept Paper #1, DFO provided a preliminary list of existing First Nation groups, organizations, and processes that they are involved with related to Fraser River Salmon. Much overlap with members of the FSMC. Also in support of the development of the Concept Paper, FSMC provided a short list of existing "co-management" structures/processes, grouped as follows: Statutory (created by law with decision-making powers); Non-Treaty Agreements (created by Memorandum of Understanding); and Treaty (tri-lateral constitutionally protected agreements). DFO provided some initial feedback, and both shared strategic level observations related to these examples of collaborative or joint governance and management structure (Meeting Objective #3).

A Table of Contents for Concept Paper #1 was discussed, with possible chapter headings as follows: 1. *Context and Objectives*; 2. *Lessons Learned*; 3. *Best Practices*; 4. *Common Issues/ scales*; 5. *Proposed Governance Structure(s) w/roles and responsibilities*. DFO and FSMC reps did some brainstorming on what the proposed governance and decision making structures could look like, and will continue to work collaboratively to complete this concept paper by March 1, 2017.

In regard to Concept Paper #2, which is related to FSC priorities, there was initial discussion and sharing of thoughts regarding the differing interpretations and the Parties' differing understandings of the word "priority".

A number of decisions and action items (in addition to those mentioned above) were identified, all of which will help to make further progress toward producing deliverables (the Concept Papers) by March 1, 2017 as identified at the November 24 meeting.