



# Community Report

*Building a robust fishery for all, forever.*

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## Moving forward with Minister LeBlanc.



*The Honourable Dominic LeBlanc (centre) with (L-R): Tina Donald; Thomas Alexis; Ken Malloway; Robert Leech; Victor Isaac; and Darren Haskell.*

“Hello, I’m Dominic,” was the greeting for FSMC Main Table members as they arrived for their meeting with the **Honourable Dominic LeBlanc**, Minister of Fisheries, Oceans and the Canadian Coast Guard.

The Main Table had sent a formal Agenda to the Minister and he was briefed and ready to go. “Let’s get straight to business,” he said.

**Darren Haskell, President, FSMC** asked the Minister the question of greatest importance to FSMC:

“Will you commit the department to signing the *Framework to Guide Negotiations* by August 26<sup>th</sup>?”

“FSMC has done so much good work and you don’t want to lose that momentum,” responded Minister LeBlanc. “The answer is ‘Yes.’ You can report to your partners that I authorize **Rebecca Reid**, Regional Director-General, to sign the Framework by the end of August.”

Along with moving us closer to negotiations, the Framework signing “is a milestone by which we’ll gain new members,” said **Tina Donald**. “More and more people are saying that they need to join FSMC,” added **Ken Malloway**.

Darren thanked the Minister for his time, saying that he wanted FSMC to get off to a good start with him. “You certainly have,” Dominic replied.

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### *FSMC Member Nations*

Burns Lake, Canim Lake, Canoe Creek, Esketemc, Lhtako Dene, Lheidli T’enneh, Nak’azdli Whut’en, Nazko, Soda Creek, Stelat’en, Tl’azt’en, Wet’suwet’en, Williams Lake, Yekooche, Adams Lake, Bonaparte, Coldwater, Cook’s Ferry, High Bar, Little Shuswap, Lower Similkameen, Neskolith, Nicomen, Nooaitch, Okanagan IB, Osoyoos, Penticton, Saik’uz, Seton Lake, Shackan, Shuswap IB, Simpcw, Siska, Skeetchestn, Splatsin, Tk’emlups, T’it’qet, Upper Nicola, Westbank, Whispering Pines/Clinton, Chawathil, Cheam, Katzie, Kwantlen, Kwaw Kwaw Apilt, Seabird Island, Shxw’owhamel, Shxwa:y Village, Sumas, Skawahlook, Skowkale, Soowahlie, Tsawwassen, Tzeachten, Yale, Campbell River, Cape Mudge, Cowichan Tribes, Ditidaht, Ehattesaht Chinehkint, Lyackson, ‘Namgis, Halalt, Nuchatluht, Penelakut, and Quatsino.