

## FORUM on CONSERVATION & HARVEST PLANNING for FRASER SALMON

February 4 to 6, 2020

Vancouver Airport Marriott Hotel  
7571 Westminster Highway, Richmond, 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.

**February FORUM Purpose:** The intent of this meeting is to provide post-season information from 2019, provide updates on a broad suite of fisheries processes and to initiate thinking about fishery planning for 2020. Furthermore, First Nations in attendance are expecting good-faith collaborative decision making processes stemming from the signing of the Fraser Salmon Collaborative Management Agreement (FS CMA) on July 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

### **Day 1 (Tuesday, February 4th): First Nations and DFO together**

**9:00 to 9:30 am (30 min) – Marcel Shepert**

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

**9:30 to 10:45 am (75 min)**

- **Collaborative Management Agreement Update – FSMC and DFO Reps TBD**

**10:45 am - Refreshment break (15 mins)**

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

- **Big Bar Landslide Update and Next Steps – Joint Executive Steering Committee (JESC) members**  
*This presentation will provide a brief overview of the incident response phase, economic impacts & preliminary monitoring results, forward planning phases and contingency planning processes.*

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

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

#### **Chinook Afternoon**

- **Post Season Information** - Brittany Jenewein and Fraser StAD

*Management actions undertaken in 2019, catch summary, and preliminary escapement information.*

- **5-year Review** - Diana Dobson

*Science Advisory Report 2019/056 was published in 2019. The report is entitled "Technical Review of Stream-type Fraser River Chinook Management Approach" more familiarly referred to as the 5-Year Review. This presentation will provide the outcomes of this review. Here is a link to the report [http://www.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/csas-sccs/Publications/SAR-AS/2019/2019\\_056-eng.html](http://www.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/csas-sccs/Publications/SAR-AS/2019/2019_056-eng.html)*

- **Southern BC Chinook Committee** - Jeff Grout

*An update on the southern BC chinook committee, the process and expectations for 2020 and beyond and linkages to the Chinook Strategic Planning Initiative (CSPI) and the five year review.*

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

**2:45 to 4:00 pm (75 mins)**

**Chinook Afternoon (Continued)**

- *Continued discussion of pre-break agenda items if required.*
- **Chinook 2020 Fisheries Planning** - Jeff Grout

*A discussion on some of the thoughts and considerations to be discussed prior to commencing fisheries planning for 2020.*

### **Day 2 (Wednesday, Feb. 5th): First Nations and DFO together**

**9:00 am Welcome/Opening Prayer/Introductions**

**9:15 to 10:15 am (60 mins)**

- **Post-season Presentation on Fraser River Sockeye** - Jamie Scroggie

*Review of the 2019 sockeye and pink returns, escapements where known, preliminary post season harvest rates, and expectations for 2020.*

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

**10:30 am – 12:00 pm (90 mins)**

- **2020 Fisheries Planning** - Jeff Grout

*Feedback received from IFMP letter that went out Dec 11, including topics such as 2020 Fraser Sockeye fisheries planning and 2020 steelhead management actions*

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

## **Day 2 (Wednesday afternoon, Feb. 5th): First Nations Only – Draft**

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

Develop/Adopt Tier 1 Agenda

JTWG as a Tier 1 Presentation by Aidan Fisher with input from other FN Bios (??) 60 min (TBD)

### **2:30 pm - Refreshment break (15 mins)**

### **2:45 to 4:00 pm (75 mins)**

Chinook Afternoon

Sockeye

2020 planning

Other items related to Forum process and information presented.

## **Day 3 (Thursday morning, Feb. 6th): First Nations Only - Draft**

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

- *Discussion Continued.*

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

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

- *Preparation for upcoming FORUM in March 10-12<sup>th</sup>, 2020 in Nanaimo.*
- *Wrap-up*

***Safe Journey Home!***

## Informational Items/Hand-outs

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- **Outlook 2020**
- **2019 Fishery Summary**
- **2019 Chinook Summary**
- **2019 Creel Summary**
- ◆ **The Species at Risk Act Listing Process and anticipated timelines and opportunities for engagement throughout the process**
- ◆ **Fraser Salmon Collaborative Management Agreement**

All presentations will be available at [www.frafs.ca/node/74](http://www.frafs.ca/node/74) prior to the meeting.

### FN Speakers (TBD):

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**Marcel Shepert** is your friendly facilitator, a Fraser Panel member and the chair of the Salmon Co-coordinating Committee. He also works as the facilitation coordinator for the Upper Fraser Fisheries Conservation Alliance.

**Aidan Fisher** is biologist working for the Lower Fraser Fishery Alliance, and a Co-Chair of the Joint Technical Working Group.

### DFO Speakers (TBD):

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**Jennifer Nener** is the Salmon Director for DFO Pacific Region and the Canadian Chair of the Fraser Panel.

**Jeff Grout** is the Salmon Co-coordinator for DFO Pacific Region.

**Corey Jackson** is the A/Director, Aboriginal Programs Division and a DFO delegate to the Fraser Salmon Management Board.

**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.

**Brittany Jenewein** is a resource management biologist for DFO Pacific Region Fraser Interior Area.

**Diana Dobson** is a stock assessment biologist with DFO Science and was the lead DFO author for the Chinook 5-Year Review.

## Our Favorite Acronyms and maybe even some definitions:

Please suggest additions to frafs15@gmail.com.

AABM	Aggregate Abundance-Based Management
AAROM	Aboriginal Aquatic Resource and Oceans Management
AFS	Aboriginal Fisheries Strategy
ATP	Allocation Transfer Program
BBL	Big Bar Landslide
CCTAC	Canadian Commercial Total Allowable Catch
COHO ABM	Coho Abundance-Based Management
COSEWIC	Committee for the Status of Endangered Wildlife in Canada
CPUE	Catch Per Unit Effort
CSAS	The Canadian Science Advisory Secretariat
CSAB	Commercial Salmon Advisory Board
CWT	Coded Wire Tag
ER	Exploitation Rate
ESSR	Excess Salmon to Spawning Requirements
FNFC	First Nations Fishery Council
FRP	Fraser River Panel
FSC	Food, Social and Ceremonial
IC	Incident Command
ITQ	Individual Transfer Quota
IHPC	Integrated Harvest Planning Committee
ISBM	Individual Stock-Based Management
LAER	Low Abundance Exploitation Rates
LRP	Lower Reference Points
MSY	Maximum Sustainable Yield
PICFI	Pacific Integrated Commercial Fisheries Initiative
PSC	Pacific Salmon Commission ( <a href="http://www.psc.org">www.psc.org</a> )
PST	Pacific Salmon Treaty
SARA	Species at Risk Act
SFAB	Sport Fishing Advisory Board
SHMF	Selective Hatchery Mark Fishery
TAC	Total Allowable Catch
TAM	Total Allowable Mortality
WSP	Wild Salmon Policy (Canada's Policy for Conservation of Wild Pacific Salmon)

## Upcoming Forums

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### March 10-12, 2020

**Conference Location:** Coast Bastian Hotel  
11 Bastian Street, Nanaimo, BC

**Where to Stay:** Coast Bastion Hotel  
250) 753-6601 Quote FRAFS

### April 7-9, 2020

**Conference Location:** Uda Dune Baiyoh  
House of Ancestors Conference Center  
355 Vancouver Street, Prince George, BC

**Where to Stay:** Coast Prince George  
**To book:** (250) 563-0121 Ask for First Nations or Gov't rate