



WATERSHED TALK NEWSLETTER

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Fraser Salmon Management Council: New BCR Timeline

Over the past three weeks, the Main Table has received a steady flow of Band Council Resolutions (BCR) from the watershed and marine approach areas: 26 in total.

We're requesting BCRs in order to ensure that Rights Holders clearly agree to be active participants in the **Fraser Salmon Management Council (FSMC)**. This is a necessary step before calling an Assembly where First Nations Signatories will operationalize the FSMC (ex.: elect a Board of Directors; appoint Officers).

In the course of speaking with Band Council representatives, we've learned that some First Nations require more time.

The Main Table has always considered it a priority that First Nations are fully apprised at each stage of the FSMC governance work. Accordingly, we've decided to: (i) extend the BCR work throughout the summer; and (ii) postpone the next Assembly until the fall.

Count on us to keep in contact with First Nations Signatories. We ask for their continuing good work too. A great deal has been accomplished by working together and, by fall, we'll be taking the next step towards building the **Fraser Salmon Management Council**.

If you have any questions, contact Pat Matthew (Chair, Main Table) at 778.471.8224, or, by email: pmatthew@shuswapnation.org. For a project overview, visit: <http://frafts.ca/node/52>



Tsawout Seafood Festival
Sat. June 14th
11 am to 4 pm

Website: Tsawout Seafood Festival
Phone: 250.652.9101
Email: fisheries@tsawout.ca



Chinook “Visions” Workshop

On **Wednesday, July 9th**, there will be a “Visions in Shared Management” Workshop.

“The purpose of this workshop is to inform First Nations on the work of the **Chinook Strategic Planning Initiative (CSPI)** to date, what the outcomes were from that work and where it might lead to,” said Gord Sterritt (Steering and Planning Committee).

The Chinook Strategic Planning Initiative (CSPI) is a joint First Nations-DFO initiative, engaged with non-governmental organizations, as well as the recreational and commercial fisheries sectors. It has been underway for two years now.

The Project Lead, ESSA Technologies, will be presenting along with key technical staff from DFO and First Nations. It promises to be a very informative day on the state of knowledge on Chinook stocks from the Fraser and the southern BC coast and Vancouver Island. Agenda to follow.

The workshop will be held in the lower Fraser (venue to be confirmed).

Fraser Basin Council in Kamloops



Walter Quinlan (FRAFS)

Meeting participants included
(counter-clockwise from bottom left):

David Marshall (FBC Executive Director);
Blaine Grinder (Stewardship Councillor,
Tsilhqot'in National Govt.); Colin Hansen
(FBC Chair); Erin Vieira (FBC Thompson);
Ernie Crey (Sto:lo Fisheries Advisor);
John Haugen (Nlaka'pamux Nation TC);
Terry Robert (FNFC Fisheries Council);
Donnella Sellars (FBC Cariboo-Chilcotin);
and Jim Vanderwal (FBC Climate Change
and Air Quality).

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