



# WATERSHED TALK NEWSLETTER

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## Rolling up our sleeves.

### *34 First Nations have sent their BCRs to the Fraser Salmon Management Council.*

This year's salmon fishing season has been a busy and productive one. Almost all other business goes into a holding pattern while this hugely important activity takes place throughout the summer and into the early fall.

But there is now some very important work to be done over the next two months in order to bring the **Fraser Salmon Management Council (FSMC)** into operation.

Last March the Constitution and Bylaws of the FSMC were approved by the representatives of the Signatory First Nations. The next step was for those representatives to return to their communities and obtain approval, through a Band Council Resolution (BCR), for moving ahead with the FSMC. To date, 34 First Nations have emailed us their BCR (full list on page 2).

Pat Matthew, Chair of the Main Table, recently sent letters to all those who have yet to complete the BCR process, asking them to put this before their Councils as soon as possible.

Main Table representatives will follow up with First Nations, offering to attend meetings and to answer questions about the FSMC. On October 6<sup>th</sup>, Pat will meet with the Council of Ha'wiih.

November 10, 2014 is the target date for receipt of BCRs. This will enable representatives (now referred to in the Bylaws as "Member Delegates") to hold an Assembly in late November.

At that Assembly delegates will "operationalize" the FSMC – i.e. appoint a Board of Directors, review draft policies, and appoint working committees to begin preparing for negotiating a Fraser salmon management agreement with DFO starting next spring.

Our thanks to those who've sent in their BCRs. We look forward to working with everyone this fall.

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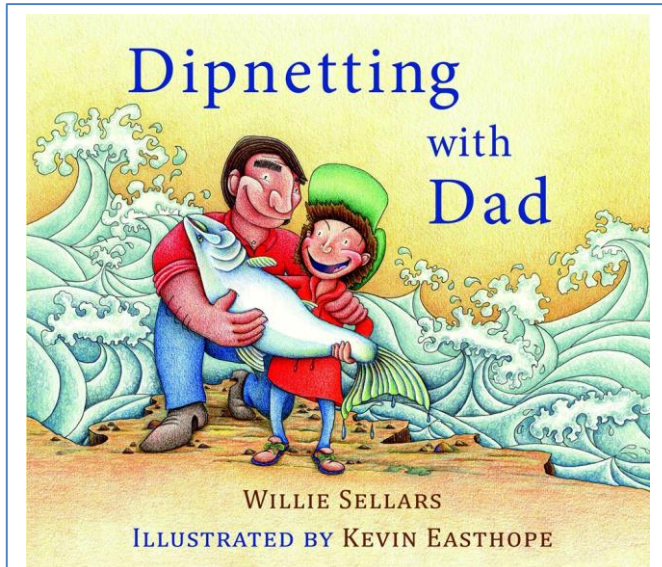


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*First Nations who've emailed their  
BCR approving the FSMC:*



Congratulations from FRAFS to Willie Sellars (Williams Lake IB) on the publication of his new children's book.

Order the book on-line at this link: [Dipnetting](#)

Listen to Willie's interview on [CBC Radio West](#)

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Quatsino  
Katzie  
Kwantlen  
Sumas  
Skawahlook  
Tsawwassen  
Tzeachten  
Canoe Creek  
Lheidli Tenneh  
Soda Creek  
Stellat'en  
Tz'atl'en  
Williams Lake IB  
Yekooche  
Adams Lake  
Bonaparte  
Coldwater  
Little Shuswap  
Neskonlith  
Nooaitch  
Shackan  
Shuswap IB  
Simpcw  
Siska  
Skeetchestn  
Splatsin  
Tk'emlups  
T'it'qet  
Upper Nicola  
Whispering Pines IB

**Dates:**  
**Forum on Conservation  
and Harvest Planning**  
**December 16 - 18 in Williams Lake**  
**January 27 - 29: Abbotsford / Chilliwack area**  
**March 10 - 12: Greater Vancouver area**

*More details to come.*