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# Visions In Shared Management Workshop 2001 and the Interior Selective Fishing Workshop

*“Fisheries ~ Past, Present and Future”*

## WORKSHOP PROCEEDINGS



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## ***Executive Summary***

By Mike Staley,

Visions 2001 – *Fisheries ~ Past Present and Future* – was held in Williams Lake February 13-16, 2001. The Visions 2001 Workshop built on the Visions in Shared Management workshops, which - for the past seven years in the Fraser - provided a forum for dialogue on fisheries management between and among First Nations and Fisheries and Oceans Canada.

The event, hosted jointly by the Esketemc First Nation, the Tsilhqot'in National Government and the Cariboo Tribal Council, brought together more than 150 participants from First Nations, government and non-government organizations. In addition to the traditional First Nations and Fisheries and Oceans participants, Visions 2001 was run in conjunction with the BC Aboriginal Fisheries Commission's Selective Fisheries Workshop.

The first half of the workshop was devoted to selective fishing. There were presentations from individual First Nations' projects that have advanced the reestablishment of some traditional selective fishing techniques. The focus of this part of the workshop was on traditional methods of selective fishing and the use of selective fisheries for stock assessments. The second part of the workshop included the typical preseason presentations by DFO and a discussion of possible future watershed processes.

## ***Selective Fishing: An Interior Perspective***

By Craig Orr

There have been numerous workshops during the course of Fisheries and Oceans' three-year selective fishing program. Those workshops have mainly focused on the progress of fishermen in establishing selective fishing pilot projects. All have also been held on or near the coast, giving them a decidedly commercial flavor.

Yet there's more to selective fishing. More attention must be given to the cultural aspects of "traditional" fisheries, and the long history of such selective fishing methods as dipnets, weirs, and traps.

The BC Aboriginal Fisheries Commission therefore approached Fisheries and Oceans Canada and Fisheries Renewal BC for funds to host an "Interior" selective fishing workshop. The workshop was designed to explore the cultural aspects of selective

fishing, as well as how selective fisheries can be used to harvest fish and obtain critical stock information on salmon.

Joe Seymour was drafted to manage the project, and numerous venues were considered, before it was decided to combine the selective fishing workshop with the ongoing Visions in Shared Management gathering. A steering committee was formed, and the Esketemc's Lillie Johnson stepped forward to host the event.

All in all, it was an entertaining and educational event, with speakers and displays from the Skeena, Interior, Vancouver Island, Washington State, and elsewhere. The gathering included both familiar and new faces. And it proved once again that we have only scratched the surface on the subject of selective fishing, and that much of our current thinking and progress owes much to the traditional relationships of First Nations and salmon.

### ***Coordination of Workshop***

The Visions in Shared Management Workshop has been held annually for the past seven years. This workshop is hosted by First Nations along the Fraser River, this years Visions workshop was jointly hosted by the Tsilhqot'in National Government, the Cariboo Tribal Council and the Esketemc First Nation.

The Fraser River Aboriginal Fisheries Secretariat ("Secretariat") coordinates the annual workshop, along with a planning committee. The Planning Committee usually consists of a representative from the host(s), the Independent Facilitator, the Communications Secretary, a representative from the previous year's host and from the Department of Fisheries and Oceans. The Secretariat coordinates the Planning Committee meetings and conference calls, participates on the Planning Committee, liaison with the host(s) of the workshop in regards to local arrangements. The Secretariat also sends out all communications regarding the workshop, such as planning committee meeting notices, agendas, workshop notices, posters and other information on the workshop.

The Planning Committee organizes overall planning of the workshop, the coordination of presenters and the agenda, they ensure that there are adequate funds through fund raising and authorization of the budget details.

The host(s) of the annual workshop organizes the local planning of the workshop, such as securing of the venue, catering, volunteers and the banquet entertainment and dinner. The host also administers the funds for the workshop, working with the Planning Committee and the Secretariat on the budget details and fund raises locally to assist with the cost of the banquet entertainment and other expenses that occur.

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- Appendix I: ***“A Policy for Selective Fishing in Canada’s Pacific Fisheries 2001”***, Don Lawseth, *Fisheries and Oceans*.
- Appendix II: ***“Gitxsan Fisheries Skeena River Experience”***, Vince Jackson, *Gitxsan Watershed Authorities*.
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## *Program Schedule*

<b>Day One: Tuesday, February 13, 2001</b>	
9:00 am – 12:00 pm	Registration and display area setup
<b>12:00 pm – 1:00 pm: Lunch (on your own)</b>	
1:00 pm – 2:00 pm:	<b>Opening Keynote Speakers:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Opening prayer by Esketemc First Nation Elder and Drum Group</li> <li>• Welcome by Chief Nancy Sandy, Williams Lake Indian Band, Chief Andy Chelsea, Esketemc First Nation and Randy Billyboy, Tsilhqot'in National Government</li> <li>• Welcome by Fred Fortier, BCAFC Chair</li> <li>• Introduction to Visions Workshop by Mike Staley</li> <li>• Introduction to the Selective Fishing Workshop by Craig Orr</li> </ul>
2:00 pm – 3:00 pm:	<b>"Selective Fishing Policy"</b> , Don Lawseth, <i>Fisheries and Oceans Canada</i>
<b>3:00 pm – 3:30 pm: Refreshment break</b>	
3:30 pm – 4:00 pm:	<b>"Gitxsan Fisheries Skeena River Experience"</b> , Vince Jackson, <i>Gitxsan Watershed Authority</i>

<b>Day Two: Wednesday, February 14, 2001</b>	
8:30 am – 9:00 am	Registration
9:00 am – 9:30 am	<b>"Contributions to Sturgeon Stewardship"</b> , Troy Nelson, <i>Fraser River Sturgeon Conservation Society</i>
9:30 am – 10:00 am:	<b>"First Nations Dipnetting"</b> , Lillie Johnson and Irvine Johnson, <i>Esketemc First Nation</i>
<b>10:00 am – 10:30 am: Refreshment break</b>	
10:30 am – 11:00 pm	<b>"History of Chinook Harvest at the Bonaparte River Fishway"</b> Mike Galesloot, <i>Shuswap Nation Fisheries Commission</i>

11:00 am – 11:30 pm	“ <b>Vedder/Chilliwack River Steelhead Telemetry Program</b> ”, Troy Nelson, <i>Fraser River Sturgeon Conservation Society</i>
11:30 pm– 12:00 pm	“ <b>Selective Fishing Report</b> ”, Craig Orr and Susan Anderson-Behn, <i>BCAFC Selective Fishing</i>
<b>12:00 pm – 1:00 pm: Lunch provided</b>	
1:00 pm – 1:30 pm	“ <b>Traditional Fishing Methods</b> ” Thomas Alexis, <i>Tl’azt’en Nation Fisheries</i>
1:30 pm – 1:55 pm:	“ <b>Selective Fishing Survey</b> ”, Susan Anderson-Behn, <i>BCAFC Selective Fishing</i>
1:55 pm – 3:05 pm:	“ <b>Evaluating Live Capture Gears for Selective Harvest in Washington</b> ”, Geraldine Vander Haegen, <i>Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife</i>
<b>3:05 pm – 3:25 pm: Refreshment break</b>	
3:25 pm – 3:50 pm	“ <b>North Thompson Indian Band Selective Fishing 2000</b> ”, Tina Donald, <i>North Thompson Indian Band</i>
3:50 pm – 4:30 pm:	“ <b>The role of fishwheels in the assessment and management of Interior Fraser River coho salmon, 1998 to 2000</b> ”, Chuck Parken, <i>Fisheries and Oceans Canada</i>

<b>Day Three: February 15, 2001</b>	
8:30 am – 9:00 am	Registration
9:00 am – 9:15 am	“ <b>Wild Salmon Policy Update</b> ”, <i>Fisheries and Oceans Canada</i>
9:15 am – 9:30 am	Outlook for 2001 Fishing Season
9:30 am – 10:15 am:	Chinook Escapement, Status and Management Issues
<b>10:15 am – 10:45 am: Refreshment break</b>	
10:45 am – 11:15 am	Chinook Table Discussions
11:15 am – 12:00 pm	Chinook Table Reports and Plenary Session

<b>12:00 pm – 1:00 pm: Lunch provided</b>	
1:00 pm – 2:00 pm	Sockeye Escapement, Status and Management Issues
2:00 pm – 2:30 pm	Sockeye Table Discussions
2:30 pm – 3:00 pm	Sockeye Table Reports
<b>3:00 pm – 3:30 pm: Refreshment break</b>	
3:30 pm – 4:30 pm	Sockeye Plenary Session

<b>Day Four: February 16, 2001</b>	
8:30 am – 9:00 am	<b>Improved Decision-Making Discussion Paper:</b> Paul Ryall, <i>Fisheries and Oceans Canada</i>
9:00 am – 9:30 am	Visions of the Future: Identifying issues in decision-making and relationships in the Fraser Watershed. Panel Presentation members:  Mike Baird, <i>Tsawwassen First Nation</i> Ernie Crey, <i>Sto:lo Nation Fisheries</i> Fred Fortier, <i>Shuswap Nation Fisheries Commission</i> Laureen Kinney, <i>Fisheries and Oceans Canada</i> Marcel Shepert, <i>Carrier Sekani Tribal Council</i> Pablo Sobrino, <i>Fisheries and Oceans Canada</i>
9:30 am – 10:15 am	Visions of the Future: Table Discussions
<b>10:15 am – 10:45 am: Refreshment break</b>	
10:45 am – 11:15 am	Visions of the Future: Table Presentations
11: 15 am – 12:00 pm	Visions of the Future – Where do we go from here? General Discussion
12:00 pm– 12:30 pm	Workshop closing remarks and closing prayer

## *Appendices*