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### FRAFS EC, December 20th, 2016

### **SUMMARY**

### **AGENDA**

1. Roll call, review, adjust, and accept the agenda
2. Old business:
  - Notes from the previous meeting
  - Action items from the previous meeting
3. Finance Report and update: Confirm whether the EC “accepts the budget summary”
4. JTWG Update
5. CSPI First Nation Workshop (Jan 18) Update
6. Forum Planning Committee Update
7. Request from the ‘firelight group’ to attend a Forum
8. ToR review: FRAFS EC Ex officio, Forum on Conservation and Harvest Planning, FRAFS EC,FPC
9. Next FRAFS EC meeting – January 17<sup>th</sup>, Richmond, in-person, FNFC Charter?

1. Roll call, review, adjust, and accept the agenda

Quorum present.

**2. Old business:**

- **Notes from the previous meeting:**

Final draft sent to EC.

- **Action items from the previous meeting:** One item, Forum minute-taker, remains in-progress.

**3. Finance Report and update (Lita): Confirm whether the EC “accepts the budget summary”**

Motion to accept the Operations Manager's Budget Summary: Moved, seconded and approved.

**JTWG Update**

Overview:

- Recent JTWG meeting covered: 2015-16 re-cap; 2016-17 planning; and 2016 post-season update.
- Action Item tab added to the Management Tracker
- JTWG members reviewed draft Forum Agenda and will prepare accordingly.
- The Run Reconstruction contract work is in progress

2014 J-D-F rec Chinook data

- Last year, JTWG received verbal and draft spreadsheet data. Will follow up with DFO South Coast for final version.
- Do not have documented methods on how the DNA was collected
- JTWG FN Co-Chair will also follow up with South Coast re: sampling methods (ex.: “kept catch; “encounters”).
- This will be part of the 5-year CH review.

Bio: JTWG asked for 2015-16 sampling Jamie understood that the results were archived due to funding.

EC member: I'd like to get to the bottom of this, the sooner the better. I'd like to send a letter to the Minister; that's what it took last time.

EC member: I agree.

JTWG FN Co-Chair: We want a straight answer for 2015-16. In the January JTWG, I'll make this a priority item for Forum discussion.

HEC member: It's a question of the “openness” of some people at DFO. We need to track what projects they're doing at South Endowment Fund (SEF).

JTWG FN Co-Chair: JTWG is requesting a list from SEF.

- Bio: The JTWG is having trouble getting information about Fraser fish from DFO South Coast. This is a structural issue. EC recommends that we include this on the Agenda of the April, 2017 meeting with the RDG.

DFO South Coast participation at Forum.

DFO rep: I made the case that someone from South Coast should be there. I'd like to leave it with Jamie to address this structural issue. If he's having difficulty he can get back to me.

EC member: This has been ongoing since the mid-2000s.

DFO rep: Yes, and it's a good Agenda item for the RDG.

EC member: If it's a funding issue, and FRAFS has any slippage, we should consider funding it.

Bio: Noted as a priority.

Coho CSAS

Bio: The Marine spreadsheet model didn't pass CSAS as an evaluation tool but it can be used for planning.

Other Bio: I'm a reviewer. There currently isn't in a delivery date from the authors in place.

Steelhead

Bio: There's "traction" in the bilaterals, Forum etc .. At the tech level we've done all we can. There needs to be a higher level of pressure on BC to be more engaged.

Ops Manager: At the December 2<sup>nd</sup> TSWG meeting I raised the points re: trilateral G2G2G and the need for increased BC engagement with the JTWG, What's the next step?

EC member: There's the Thompson Steelhead WG, IHPC sub-committee. Lower Fraser wants to be more involved. BC needs to be more accountable.

EC member: Should we organize based on First Nations that have Strategic Engagement Agreements with BC in order to:

- raise the profile of the Steelhead issue; and
- look at how SEA groups could pressure BC?

EC member further to the above point:

- 16 bands in the Sto:lo Nation that have a SEA; and
- Musqueam is trying to organize an SEA groups meeting. Could this be a place where we could bring it up?

Action Item FRAFS to research, "step-by-step" (Gord), how Strategic Engagement Agreements (SEA) could be the mechanism to raise the profile of the Steelhead issue.

**4. CSPI First Nation Workshop (Jan 18) Update (Mike)**

Bio outlined objectives for the upcoming workshop. EC members had questions about the rate of progress.

**5. Forum Planning Committee Update:**

Agenda is nearly finalized; awaiting confirmation from three presenters.

**6. Request from the 'firelight group' to attend a Forum**

There was discussion whether or not independent consultants not hired, or specifically invited by participants could attend Forum. DFO rep will respond to Firelight Group's request to attend the Forum by referencing "Composition" in the Forum TOR.

**7. ToR review: FRAFS EC Ex officio, Forum on Conservation and Harvest Planning, FRAFS EC, FPC**

Ops Manager led the EC through a review of recent edits and updates - there were a few minor edits – she'll send final drafts to EC..

**8. Next FRAFS EC meeting – January 17<sup>th</sup>, Richmond, in-person, FNFC Charter?**

Action Item 8: Ops Manager to contact FNFC re: Charter meeting as part of the Jan. 17<sup>th</sup> EC meeting in Richmond.