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FRAFS EC, February 21, 2017 **In-Person, Kamloops, DFO** **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. Mid-Fraser FRAFS EC Membership Outcome
5. Fraser Biologist Transition Committee Update (Committee)
6. FRAFS 2017/2018 Workplan
7. Fisheries Video
8. Forum Update
9. FRAFS Drums Update
10. Wild Salmon Policy Update and discussion
11. Confirm next FRAFS EC meeting

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

- Quorum present.

2. Old business:

- **Notes from the previous meeting**
- Final draft completed and distributed.
- **Action items from the previous meeting**

Raising profile of Steelhead issue / Scoping out next steps:

- Scoping out SEAs: EC members updated the EC on their conversations about Strategic Engagement Agreements with, respectively, TNG and Musqueam.

EC member: How would FRAFS engage First Nations on this?

Ops Manager suggests doing a TOR and bringing in a consultant to do it.

EC member: Draft Recovery Plan at the Thompson Steelhead Working Group. Seeking feedback. Fraser Basin Council is facilitating. No funding for next fiscal.

Question re: issue of DFO/BC relationship: How can the FRAFS EC facilitate a process for First Nations engagement?

EC member: There're no DFO/BC agreements re: jurisdiction. Two examples: Thompson steelhead and Okanagan Lake reintroduction.

DFO rep: This would be a good subject to discuss at the RDG meeting, with Directors present. Scope it a little more broadly before selecting an approach to take.

EC member: It would be worthwhile for the FRAFS EC to look at the TSWG Plan.

DFO rep: A summary from TSWG to FRAFS EC re: scoping it out.

Ops manager: It's a complex issue and a strategic plan is required. Where to start?

DFO rep: It needs a long-term strategy and that falls within the mandate of FRAFS.

EC member: The Lower Fraser wants to work with upper river folks on Steelhead like we do with Early-Timed Chinook and Interior Fraser Coho.

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

Motion: The FRAFS Executive Committee accept the Operations Manager's budget summary and proposed expenditures using projected surplus funds as per options outlined in the summary. Moved, seconded and approved.

4. Mid-Fraser FRAFS EC Membership Outcome

The EC welcomed the new mid-river rep.

5. Fraser Biologist Transition Committee Update (Committee)

5. A) The decision of the committee was to offer the position to most qualified applicant. There will be a 40% reduction in workload for Bio and those tasks will be transferred to the new Bio.

5.B) Update from FRAFS Bio

Will help new Bio with transition and will co-chair the April JTWG. Revisions to the JTWG TOR are required for the Bio 2 and Bio 3 positions.

Bio noted the planned investment in science by Pacific region. He recommended that:

- a liaison between the new branch and the JTWG, or, have someone from the new branch sit on the JTWG; and
- DFO Co-Chair have a standing agenda item/action item to get updates from the new branch.

DFO rep noted that due to internal changes, DFO may have a new JTWG Co-chair. DFO would see that there's a good transition for the next DFO JTWG Co-chair.

6. FRAFS 2017/2018 Workplan (Lita)

Motion 2: The Executive Committee accept the 2017/18 Work Plan presented by the Operations Manager, as per today's discussion. Moved, seconded and approved.

7. Fisheries video

During lunch, the EC viewed a video of traditional fisheries of Fraser First Nations.

8. Forum Update

DraftAgenda to be discussed at the FPC meeting later today.

9. FRAFS Drums Update

FRAFS has commissioned drums that will be brought to future Forums.

10. Wild Salmon Policy Update and discussion

- 2011-12: SCC formed to help DFO engage FN to develop salmon IFMP. Also, updating CSAF.
- Sub-committee: Tier 2 TOR focused on BC-wide approach to providing advice to DFO and FN.
- Nov. Dec. 2016: Consultation sessions. Fear of watering down Wild Salmon Policy was voiced. Not a draft Implementation Plan; didn't allow for engagement.
- SCC recommendation for Tier 1/Tier 2 workshop focused on how to co-develop an implementation plan. This was held Feb 7-8, 2017. It was: "collaborative;" identified gaps to address; Tier 2 TOR developed; this is how DFO can collaborate with First Nations.
- Letter sent.
- DFO has planned a Tier 3 workshop.