

Forum on Conservation & Harvest Planning for Fraser Salmon

February 27-March 1, 2018

Vancouver Island, Convention Centre,
101 Gordon St, Nanaimo, BC V9R 5J8

Facilitator: Marcel Shepert

Forum Purpose (s):

Overarching Purpose: The FORUM is intended to provide an annual process for information sharing and discussion on Fraser salmon fisheries issues between DFO and First Nations (Tier 2) and First Nations with other First Nations (Tier 1). First Nation attendees have the opportunity to provide their advice and recommendations on management plans.

February FORUM Purpose: The intent of this meeting is provide an overview of the contents of the draft 2018/2019 IFMP for southern BC salmon and to initiate thinking about fishery planning for 2018.

Day 1 (Tuesday, February 27th): First Nations and DFO together

9:00 am Welcome/Opening Prayer

9:15 am to 9:30 am (15 mins)

- **Setting the stage** – Ken Malloway (Forum Planning Committee Chair) & Linda Stevens (DFO)

9:30 am to 10:15 am (45 mins)

- **Joint Technical Working Group Update** – Aiden Fisher/Marla Maxwell
A presentation on what was discussed at the February 26th JTWG meeting.

10:15 - Refreshment break (20 mins)

10:35 am to noon (85 mins)

- **2018 Fraser Sockeye Forecast with some supplemental information**– Mike Hawkshaw

This presentation will provide the 2018 sockeye forecast. This presentation may provide some contextual information related to environmental conditions and biological information related to the 2018 adult returns (i.e. 2013 adult escapements, 2014 lake rearing, 2015 smolt outmigration and ocean entry, up to the 2017 returns). The information is provided to improve our understanding of Fraser Sockeye population dynamics.

12:00 noon - Lunch (provided)

1:00 pm to 1:45 pm (45 mins)

- **Fraser River Sockeye Spawning Initiative (FRSSI)** – Ann Marie Huang
This presentation will focus on the “why” and the “how” regarding the future of the Fraser Sockeye Spawning Initiative (FRSSI) discussed at the January 30-31, 2018 workshop. With a little bit of “what” thrown in to keep us grounded. Feedback is requested on the “how” (i.e., future FRSSI process) as well as the “who should participate”.

1:45 pm to 2:40 pm (55 mins)

- **Proposed Sockeye Escapement Plans** – Jamie Scroggie

This presentation will include the draft escapement options outlined in the IFMP (fisheries reference points & LAERs) and the projected spawners to the grounds for each forecasted stock under each draft escapement option. The presentation will also include management adjustments used in conjunction with the escapement options which, at the time of the meeting, will be based on historical data and an overview of when year-specific estimates of management adjustments, timing estimates and diversion estimates will be available (i.e., typically for June FRP meeting).

2:40 pm - Refreshment break (20 mins)

3:00 pm to 4:00 pm (60 mins)

- **Sockeye Key Management issues for 2018** – Les Jantz or Jennifer Nener.

A presentation on some points to consider in advance of the upcoming season such as Early Stuart sockeye - length of the proposed window closure, an update on proposed test fisheries, considerations on how the LAER's might be managed, how sockeye by-catch might be managed in fisheries targeting chinook salmon, etc.

Day 2 (Wednesday, February 28th): First Nations and DFO together

9:00 am Welcome/Opening Prayer

9:15 to 10:40 am (85 minutes)

- **Draft IFMP – Key Changes** – Jeff Grout

A presentation that highlights some of the key changes in the draft salmon management plans. This presentation will include information in the Southern Resident Killer Whale Discussion Document and an update on on-going SARA processes.

10:40 Refreshment break (20 mins).

11:00 to 12:00 am (60 minutes)

- **PST Update** – Sue Farlinger and Laura Brown

A presentation that provides information on the status of the negotiations for the Pacific Salmon Treaty. Included will the changes proposed in Chapters 5 (Southern Coho) and 6 (Chum) of the Pacific Salmon Treaty. A progress update on the overall process and the Chinook negotiations will also be provided.

12:00 Lunch will be provided

Day 2 (Wednesday afternoon, February 28th): First Nations Only – Draft

1:00 pm to 3:00 pm (120 minutes)

- *Develop agenda for Tier1 portion of agenda based on DFO information and discussion provided during Tier 2 session— Marcel Shepert*

3:00 to 3:15 (15 minutes)

- **Health Break**

3:30 to 4:30 (40 minutes)

- *Initiate discussion on how the areas share fish in times and years of low abundances.*

Day 3 (Thursday morning, March 1st): First Nations Only - Draft

9:00 to 10:30 (90 minutes)

- *Discussion Continued.*

10:30 Refreshment Break

10:45 to 12 noon (75 minutes)

- *Preparation for upcoming FORUM in March 27 to 29, 2018 in Kamloops, BC.*
- *Wrap-up*

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Informational Items/Hand-outs/Copies of Presentations.

- Provided on the FRAFS website (www.frafs.ca).

FN Speakers:

Ken Malloway is chair of the Fraser River Aboriginal Fisheries Secretariat and the chair of the FORUM planning Committee.

Aidan Fisher is a biologist who works with both FRAFS and the Lower Fraser Fisheries Alliance. He is also co-chair (along with Marla Maxwell) of the FRAFS Joint Technical Working Group (JTWG).

Marcel Shepert is your friendly facilitator, a Fraser Panel member and the chair of the Salmon Co-ordinating Committee. He also works as the facilitation co-ordinator for the Upper Fraser Fisheries Conservation Alliance.

DFO Speakers:

Linda Stevens is the Acting/Aboriginal Affairs Advisor (AAAA) for the Fraser Interior Area, based in Williams Lake and a member of the Forum Planning Committee.

Les Jantz assists the Canadian Chair of the Fraser Panel.

Jennifer Nener is the Canadian Chair of the Fraser Panel.

Jamie Scroggie is a resource management biologist for the Fraser Interior Area, based in Kamloops, and the co-chair of the Joint Technical Working Group.

Jeff Grout is the Salmon Coordinator for DFO Pacific Region.

Marla Maxwell is a resource management biologist for the Fraser Interior Area, based in Annacis.

Mike Hawkshaw is a resource management biologist for the Fraser Interior Area, based in Kamloops, and a member of the Fraser Panel technical committee.

Laura Brown is the Area Director for the South Coast Area and the Chair of the Southern Panel.

Sue Farlinger is a Pacific Salmon Commissioner and the lead Canadian negotiator for the chinook chapter of the Pacific Salmon Treaty.

Upcoming Forums

March 27th to 29th, 2018

Conference Location: Sandman Signature
225, Lorne Street, Kamloops, BC

Teleconference

April 27, 2018 – details to be provided via email

Where to Stay: Sandman Signature

To book: 250) 377-7263