

Forum on Conservation & Harvest Planning for Fraser Salmon

January 24-26, 2017

Executive Airport Hotel,

7311 Westminster Highway, Richmond, BC.

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.

January FORUM Purpose: The intent of this meeting is to provide post-season information from 2016, provide updates on a broad suite of fisheries processes and to initiate thinking about fishery planning for 2017.

Day 1 (Tuesday, Jan. 24th): First Nations and DFO together

9:00 am Welcome/Opening Prayer

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

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

9:45 am to 10:00 am (15 mins)

- **Review of the Forum and Forum Planning Committee Terms of Reference** – Marcel Shepert.

10:00 – 10:30 (30 mins)

- **Fraser Salmon Management Council Update** – Darren Haskell/Angela Bate

10:30 am - Refreshment break (20 mins)

10:50 am – 12: 00 am (70 mins)

- **State of the Ocean Presentation** – Kim Hyatt

This presentation will provide background information on how freshwater and marine conditions may be affecting the productivity of salmon in the Eastern Pacific Ocean.

12:00 noon - Lunch provided (60 mins)

• 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm (60 mins)

- **Post-season Presentation - Fraser River Sockeye**– Jennifer Nener

This presentation will provide the final known in-season information for sockeye salmon as well as updated information such as preliminary escapement data for early Stuart, early summer and summer run sockeye (late run escapement data will not yet be available). This presentation will also let you know when, where and how to expect further information with regards to these two species.

2:00 pm to 2:30 pm (30 mins)

- **Post-season Presentation from C&P – Stu Cartwright**

This presentation will provide information on some of the challenges and successes realized during the 2016 Conservation and Protection Program on fisheries directed on southern BC salmon.

2:30 pm - Refreshment break (20 mins)

2:50 pm to 3:50 pm (60 mins)

- **Post-season Presentation Fraser Chinook, coho and chum salmon – Marla Maxwell**

This presentation will provide chinook information such as the final Albion update, preliminary escapement and catch information. The 2015/2016 Fraser River run reconstruction will not be available until the end of February. Coho information available at this time will be limited to preliminary catch information and the final in-season estimate of exploitation. Escapement information, the 2017 survivability forecast and the estimated exploitation will not be available until March 2017. Chum information will include the final estimated run-size from the Albion test fishery and preliminary catch data. Chum escapement information should be available by April 2017.

3:50 to 4:00 pm (10 minutes)

- Wrap up of Day One Discussion.

Day 2 (Wednesday, Jan. 25th): First Nations and DFO together

9:00 am Welcome/Opening Prayer

9:15 am to 10:15 am (60 mins)

- **Joint Technical Working Group Update – Pete Nicklin/Jamie Scroggie**

A presentation on information discussed at Dec. 15th, 2016 and the Jan. 23th, 2017 meetings.

- **Southern BC Chinook Initiative – Mike Staley (15 mins)**

A brief update on recently completed work and the work plan to March 31, 2017.

- **Five Year Fraser Chinook Review – Jeff Grout (15 mins)**

A brief update on the TOR and work anticipated to be completed in the next six months.

10:15 Refreshment break (20 mins).

10:35 pm to 11:30 pm (55 mins)

- **2017 Fisheries Planning – Jeff Grout**

This presentation will outline some of the potential fishery planning issues and key items that may require further discussion.

11:30 to 12:00 am (30 minutes):

- **Steelhead Update** – Brigid Payne

This presentation will provide an update on the on-going dialogue.

12:00 Lunch will be provided

Day 2 (Wednesday afternoon, Jan. 25th): First Nations Only – Draft

1:00 to 2:30 (90 mins)

- *Develop agenda for Tier1 portion of agenda based on DFO information and discussion provided Tier 2.*
- *Tier 1 Discussions related to the FORUM Process and information presented during the Tier 2 portion of the Agenda.*
 - *Issue tracking mechanism*

2:30 Refreshment break

2:45 to 4:00 (75 mins)

- *Discussion Continued.*

Day 3 (Thursday morning, Jan. 26th): 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 7 to 9, 2017 in the Fraser Valley.*
- *Wrap-up*

Safe Journey Home!

Informational Items/Hand-outs

- **Salmon Area Maps**
- **Outlook 2017**
- **All presentations will be available on the FRAFS website**

FN Speakers:

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

Pete Nicklin is a biologist who works with both FRAFS and the Upper Fraser Fisheries Conservation Alliance. He is a co-chair (with Jamie Scroggie) of the Joint Technical Working Group and a member of the Pacific Salmon Commission (PST) Joint Coho Technical Committee.

Mike Staley is biologist who works for FRAFS and the LFFA. He has been on the Fraser Panel Technical Committee for a very long time.

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.

Darren Haskell is the chair of the Fraser Salmon Management Council.

DFO Speakers:

Adrian Wall is the Aboriginal Affairs Advisor for the Fraser Interior Area, based in Kamloops, and a member of the Forum Planning Committee.

Jennifer Nener is the Salmon Director for DFO Pacific Region and the Canadian Chair of the Fraser Panel.

Jeff Grout is the Salmon Co-ordinator for DFO Pacific Region.

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

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

Brigid Payne is working on various salmon related projects for DFO at Pacific Region Headquarters.

Kim Hyatt is a research scientist and leads the Salmon in Regional Ecosystems Program within DFO Pacific's Science Branch in addition to serving on DFO's Wild Salmon Policy implementation team.

Stu Cartwright is the Chief of Conservation & Protection for the BC Interior and Yukon Trans boundary.

Our Favorite Acronyms and maybe even some definitions:

Please let me know if this is helpful and feel free to suggest additions to linda.stevens@dfo-mpo.gc.ca

AABM	Aggregate Abundance-Based Management
AAROM	Aboriginal Aquatic Resource and Oceans Management
AFS	Aboriginal Fisheries Strategy
ATP	Allocation Transfer Program
CCTAC	Canadian Commercial Total Allowable Catch
COHO ABM	Coho Abundance-Based Management
COSEWIC	Committee for the Status of Endangered Wildlife in Canada
CPUE	Catch Per Unit Effort
CSAS	The Canadian Science Advisory Secretariat
CSAB	Commercial Salmon Advisory Board
CWT	Coded Wire Tag
ER	Exploitation Rate
ESSR	Excess Salmon to Spawning Requirements
FNFC	First Nations Fishery Council
FRP	Fraser River Panel
FSC	Food, Social and Ceremonial
ITQ	Individual Transfer Quota
IHPC	Integrated Harvest Planning Committee
ISBM	Individual Stock-Based Management
LAER	Low Abundance Exploitation Rates
LRP	Lower Reference Points
MSY	Maximum Sustainable Yield
PICFI	Pacific Integrated Commercial Fisheries Initiative
PSC	Pacific Salmon Commission (www.psc.org)
PST	Pacific Salmon Treaty
SARA	Species at Risk Act
SFAB	Sport Fishing Advisory Board
SHMF	Selective Hatchery Mark Fishery
TAC	Total Allowable Catch
TAM	Total Allowable Mortality
WSP	Wild Salmon Policy (Canada's Policy for Conservation of Wild Pacific Salmon)

Upcoming Forums

March 7 to 9, 2016

Conference Location: Fraser Valley (TBC)

Where to Stay:

To book:

April 4 to 6, 2016

Conference Location: Prince George, TBC

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