

FORUM ON CONSERVATION AND HARVEST PLANNING FOR FRASER SALMON

March 27-29, 2018

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225 Lorne Street, Kamloops 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.

March FORUM Purpose: The intent of this meeting is provide further detail on some of the contents of the draft 2018/2019 IFMP for southern BC salmon and to continue discussions on fishery planning for 2018. This is the final FORUM in-person meeting for this season.

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

9:00 am to 9:20 am

- **Welcome/Opening Prayer/Introductions**

9:20 am to 9:40 am (20 mins)

- **Setting the stage** – Ken Malloway (Forum Planning Committee Chair) and Linda Stevens (DFO)
Overview of what has been discussed to date at previous Forums and how we will be tracking the discussions.

9:40 am to 10:30 am (50 mins)

- **Joint Technical Working Group Update and Q&A** – Aidan Fisher/Marla Maxwell (40 to 60 mins)
A presentation on what was discussed at the March 26th JTWG in-person meeting.

10:40 am - Refreshment break (20 mins)

11:00 am – 12:00 pm (60 mins)

- **Discussion and Response on Letters Rec'd from previous two FORUMS** – Jeff Grout
Items to include, but not limited to: potential impacts to programs due to PICFI program change, a brief update on the Southern Resident Killer Whale Discussion Paper (responses received and next steps), and how coho impacts will be assessed against fishery proposals.

12:00 noon - Lunch (provided)

1:00 pm – 1:30 pm (90 mins)

- **Discussion on Proposed Chinook Management Measures** – Jeff Grout

A review of information available to inform discussion on proposed chinook management measures.

1:30 pm – 2:20 pm

- **Break out groups to discuss information provided on Chinook salmon, and look at some proposed management measures with DFO present.**

DFO to provide two or three key questions to help initiate and focus discussion. Participants will be asked to break out into four groups (determined in the room by the participants), flip charts will be provided to take down notes, one person will be asked to report out at 2:40 on two or three main points of discussion, other important points can be provided in writing to Allison James to be included in the meeting summary.

2:20 pm - Refreshment break (20 mins)

2:40 pm to 3:40 pm (~10 mins each)

- **Reporting out on discussions that took place from each of the groups.**

3:40 to 4:00 pm (20 minutes)

- **Chinook Strategic Planning Update** – Jeff Grout. (TBD – this may be covered off via a written update)

A brief update on the process that will be implemented to seek endorsement of the Integrated Strategic Plan.

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

9:00 am: Welcome/Opening Prayer

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

- **Presentation and discussion on Questions being posed from DFO Sockeye Management** – Les Jantz/Jennifer Nener

Includes details of proposed Early Stuart window closure, proposed test fishing plans including locations, escapement plan options, LAER options.

9:45 am to 10:20 am (45 mins)

- **A chance to discuss sockeye questions by geographic area with DFO present using a format similar to that on day one.**

10:20 am to 10:40 am Refreshment break (20 mins).

10:40 am to 11:10 am (30 mins)

- **Reporting out on discussions that took place from each of the groups.**

11:10 am – 12:00

- **Proposed steelhead window closure dates and locations – Jeff Grout/Marla Maxwell**
A review of the proposal and supporting documentation.

12:00 Lunch will be provided (Report Cards Completed by DFO or Others)

Day 2 (Wednesday afternoon, March 28th): First Nations Only

1:00 to 2:30 Chinook Management Roundtable Discussions (90 minutes)

- *Overview of the proposed management measures from DFO.*
- *Overview of the recommendations, comments and feedback from Tier Two discussions.*
- *Roundtable discussions on messaging/next steps to DFO on Chinook Management Measures.*

2:30 to 2:50 (20 minutes)

- **Health Break**

2:50 to 4:00 Sockeye, Coho and Steelhead Management Roundtable Discussions (70 minutes)

- *Overview of the proposed management measures from DFO.*
- *Overview of the recommendations, comments and feedback from Tier Two discussions.*
- *Roundtable discussions on messaging/next steps to DFO on Management Measures.*

Day 3 (Thursday morning, March 29th): First Nations Only

9:00 to 10:30 Requirement of Technical and Management Information for Forum (90 minutes)

- *Discussion around the needs to have the requirement of DFO to fully engage, have true collaboration, and adequate consultation by providing both management and technical information to First Nations for the Forum Process to fully function:*
 1. *Southern BC Salmon IFMP Ready at time of engagement.*
 2. *Technical supporting data/documents ready BEFORE JTWG and Forum.*
 3. *Providing seasonal documentation from DFO of recreational and commercial seasonal plans/motions/recommendations.*
- *Messaging/next steps to DFO on how to better engage and support First Nations in the Forum process.*

10:30 Refreshment Break

10:45 to 12 Format of Forum (75 Minutes)

- *Overview of the feedback via the Report Cards (document provided by FRAFS).*
- *Forum Process: Suggestions for Change, Next Steps and/or Action*

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 a co-chair (with Marla Maxwell) of the Joint Technical Working Group and a member of the Tzeachten First Nation community.

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 Aboriginal Affairs Advisor for the Fraser Interior Area, based in Williams Lake, and a member of the Forum Planning Committee.

Les Jantz is the Canadian co-chair of the Fraser River Panel.

Marla Maxwell is a resource management biologist based in Vancouver and the co-chair of the Joint Technical Working Group.

Jeff Grout is the Salmon Coordinator for DFO Pacific Region.

Jennifer Nener is the Canadian Chair of the Fraser Panel.

Forum Planning Committee

First Nations:

Ken Malloway – Chair, FRAFS EC

Aiden Fisher – JTWG Co-Chair

Andrew Meshue – Upper Fraser

Ernie Victor – Lower Fraser

Victor Isaac – Marine

Tony Roberts Jr – Marine

Sonora Thompson – Marine alternate

DFO

Linda Stevens – A/AAA, Williams Lake

Marla Maxwell – Co-Chair, JTWG

Robin McCullough – A/Resource Manager

Upcoming Teleconferences

April 27, 2018

9:00 am to 12:00 pm.

Summary of IFMP feedback and responses via WebEx (dial-in details to be distributed through FRAFS)

- Jeff Grout from DFO will provide a summary of what they have heard as feedback from First Nations on the draft southern BC salmon IFMP.