

**SUMMARY**  
**FRAFS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**  
**October 21, 2014**

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**FRAFS Executive Committee**  
**DFO Kamloops**  
**October 21, 2014**  
**9:30 a.m. start**

**A. PARTICIPANTS**

- FRAFS EC and staff

**B. 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 (Finance Committee)
4. Summary of First Nations Caucus of the FRAFS EC meeting with the RDG (Sep. 29<sup>th</sup>)
5. Review of current FPC and Forum TORs and update as required.
6. JTWG: Chinook issues
7. December 15 - 18 meetings to be held at the Best Western Tower Inn, Quesnel
8. General discussion on CSAF: next steps.
9. Financial news

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**C. DISCUSSION**

**1. Roll call / Agenda**

- An Upper Fraser EC member agreed to be Chair of today's meeting.
- Attendance noted as listed under "Participants."
- After review and adjustments, the agenda was finalized and accepted

**2. Old Business**

**2.1) Notes** from the previous meeting were previously circulated to EC members. The Communications Coordinator entered the requested revisions and emailed the final draft to FRAFS EC members. The Meeting Summary was posted on the website.

**2.2) Action Items** from the previous meeting:

Action Item #1: Operations Manager to submit request to DFO re: allocation of carryover funds. **Done**

Action Item #2: Operations Manager to follow up re: amount of April EC expenditures (**Done via email Sep. 19<sup>th</sup>**):

Action Item #3: Comms Coord to email FPC members re: teleconference (**Done. Sep. 16**)

Action Item #4: DFO rep to ask JTWG Chair (DFO) to brief new AAD. for BCI re: Chinook/JTWG. (**Done: Fri., Oct. 10**)

Action Item #5: Operations Manager to draft a letter to the Premier, Ministers Rustad, Bennett, Polak, et al. re: Mount Polley conference hosted by Fraser Basin Council (FBC). **Not done. Instead the Operations Manager has initiated contact with FBC regarding working with them to form a conference organizing team, which would include a communications plan, etc. .**

The DFO rep also recommended that Neil contact Fair Mining BC rep. – who is currently working with Williams Lake and Soda Creek re: Mount Polley - prior to speaking with FBC.

DFO asked if FRAFS would be expected to contribute funding. The Communications Coordinator replied that based on the meeting notes of the previous EC meeting, FRAFS wouldn't be providing funds.

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**3. Finance Report**

The Operations Manager emailed a report of the Finance Committee meeting to EC members.

There was discussion about upcoming JTWG work, specifically Chinook priorities. DFO has committed to a more detailed response to information requests but they're currently determining how much of the work they'll do internally. He recommended that the EC wait to see what information DFO will provide, then work plan and budget decisions can be made.

Q: Is there a surplus in the JTWG budget? The JTWG Co-Chair responded that it's becoming a "concern."

**Action Item #1:** Include JTWG on November EC Agenda.

A second topic was raised: Does the EC have to discuss the re-profiling of budget items? Specifically, a shortfall that was a result of the budget forecast being lower than what eventually occurred.

**Motion #1:** To transfer funds from "Org Review and Planning" to "Operations Manager." Moved and Seconded. DFO has been notified of this change and it was approved.

**4. First Nations caucus of the EC meeting with the RDG**

The DFO rep reported that the RDG felt that "she took a lot away from the meeting;" that she respects the "complexity" that First Nations face; and that the RDG is someone who recognizes the benefit of "face-to-face" meetings.

Option 3 (referring to the 2014 Interior Fraser Coho management option chosen by DFO and outlined in the Final 2014-2015 South Coast Salmon IFMP) was the main point of discussion. Other topics included: In-season 2014; CSAF; Relationship building; JTWG and Chinook; Process for reviewing IFC management approach for 2014; Use of Fish Policy; unpublished Steelhead study; uncaught TAC transfer; Fraser Salmon Management Council; the process for reviewing the IFC management approach for 2014 (which Forum meeting would this be looked at – need to wait for escapement numbers and the CSAS process); and FRAFS involvement in the information sharing of the Mount Polley tailings spill.

**Action Item #2:** Operations Manager draft and distribute to the FN caucus, notes from the meeting with the RDG.

**Action Item #3:** Communications Coordinator draft an Agenda-development procedure and submit to the Operations Manager, then the EC.

**Action Item #4:** A letter go from the FRAFS EC to the RDG re: thank her for the meeting; meeting follow up; and recommend that the RDG meet with the FRAFS EC "a minimum of once a year."

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**5. Review of current FPC and Forum TORs and update as required.**

The DFO rep noted that TORs are normally updated in November, however, with the Forum dates moved ahead, the FRAFS Operations Manager had already submitted a revised draft. After reviewing the draft TORs, the EC decided that revisions should be sent to the Communications Coordinator so that the TORs can be revised during the November EC teleconference.

Action Item #5: EC members email TOR revisions to Comms Coordinator by **Wednesday, November 12<sup>th</sup>.**

**6. JTWG re: Chinook**

Within a couple of weeks DFO should have an answer as to how much of the four Chinook priority tasks they'll do internally. "With an answer, FRAFS can move forward. We want to tackle some of this work together. That's what a JTWG is for," the JTWG Co-Chair said. "Getting the data and working together is how we want to do things in the future," added an Upper Fraser rep.

For reference purposes, the four tasks are as follows:

- 1) *Spring/Summer chinook Run Reconstruction (2013)*
- 2) *Coded Wire Tag analysis: Nicola & Dome - recalculating historical mortality distribution values (multiple years)*
- 3) *Alternate analysis model of Spring/Summer chinook exploitation and impact distribution calculations*
- 4) *Coded Wire Tag analysis (total mortality distribution): Nicola - 2012 & 2013]*

**7. Dec. 15 – 18 at the Best Western in Quesnel**

- Mon., Dec. 15, 1 pm: FRAFS EC
- Mon., Dec. 15, 10 am – 4:30 pm: JTWG
- Tues. 16 – Thu. 18: Forum

**8. General discussion re: CSAF (next steps)**

Q: What's FRAFS EC's direction on how engaged it should be in ongoing CSAF discussions? Given that CSAF has been raised at the RDG level, should there be a next steps discussion amongst the EC members?

FRAFS biologists believe that CSAF doesn't go into the level of detail and complexity required for issues such as moving around licenses. There has to be a better of understanding of what's being done and a work plan to address this.

A mid-Fraser rep noted that it's important that the FRAFS Senior Biologist represents all Fraser First Nations. . It was suggested that we wait for the DFO response to the FNFC letter, then update the FRAFS EC.

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An Upper Fraser rep and the FRAFS Senior Biologist felt that for the technical work we're lacking in resources. It'd be good to have an equal person on the Fraser as to the level of resources being directed to working on North Coast issues (the example provided was LGL). The DF rep said that the CSAF Co-chair (DFO) would likely welcome FRAFS having more of a role in CSAF.

**9. Financial News**

- During the meeting the DFO rep received an email that funds had been issued to FRAFS from DFO. That's 95% of 2014-15 and the remainder is in last-year hold-back.
- The PICFI program had received approval to release funding. The Operations Manager is following up.