

MEETING SUMMARY
FRAFS Executive Committee Meeting
July 16, 2013

TELECONFERENCE
1:00 to 3:20 p.m.

A. PARTICIPANTS

Meeting Chair: Ken Malloway

By phone:

Murray Ross; Gord Sterritt; Ernie Crey; Dave Reedman; Howie Wright; Thomas Alexis; Ernie Victor; Mike Staley; Pete Nicklin; Neil Todd and Walter Quinlan.

Walter took the meeting notes.

B. AGENDA ITEMS

After review and adjustments, the agenda was finalized and accepted:

1. Roll call, review, adjust, and accept the agenda
2. Old business – review draft minutes and Action Items from May 28th meeting
3. Southern BC Chinook Strategic Planning Initiative
4. Chilco sockeye PowerPoint
5. Hell's Gate Rockslide anniversary
6. Ecotrust
7. Communications
8. In-camera

C. DISCUSSIONS

1. Roll call: Attendance noted as listed under “Participants.”

2. Old Business – Action Items

The May Executive Committee (EC) meeting draft minutes were discussed. A motion was passed to accept the minutes with the corrections.

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Action Items from the May meeting were reviewed:

Action Item	Status
EC meeting schedule / locations for the rest of the year	In-progress (see note below)
Send a note to the Forum Planning Committee to consider Marcel's recommendations, and to come up with a plan for a new meeting format and make recommendation to the EC.	In-progress: teleconference by early August.
Alert the CSPI small group to begin work asap on a work plan and budget.	CSPI is in the works; setting date for the small group to discuss PICFI funding, Workplan, etc ... (06.18)

EC meeting schedule:

It was decided that the next meeting would be a teleconference. Given that the Fraser panel call is scheduled for Tuesday mornings, the EC teleconference start time was set for 1:00 p.m. There was discussion about the September meeting – the Fraser Panel might be finished its meetings by then; if so the EC could revert to its normal start time.

Looking ahead to October, all agreed that it was a good idea to schedule the EC meeting to coincide with the UFFCA meeting. The location, yet to be confirmed, will be Williams Lake, Prince George or Quesnel.

Locations discussed for the November-March period were the lower mainland, Kamloops and Merritt. Efforts will be made to schedule the EC meetings to coincide with Forum and Road Map meetings.

3. Southern BC Chinook Strategic Planning Initiative

The small group met via teleconference with DFO.

A draft RFP to obtain the services of a consultant who will act as the Project Lead has been circulated. DFO has made their comments. The FRAFS Operations Manager noted that he has some comments on it, and will send it to the staff/EC members for their review/comments. Draft amendment wording for the Agreement will be distributed this week.

With regard to the RFP, the goal is to select someone by mid-August and start in September

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4. Chilco Sockeye PowerPoint

The Committee listened to a technical presentation that UFFCA will make to the panel reviewing the newest Prosperity Mine proposal. The chief concern is the impact of the mine on groundwater systems important for cooling water in Chinook and Sockeye spawning grounds.

There is a Gathering on July 22nd in support of the Tsilhqot'in opposition to Prosperity Mine.

5. Hell's Gate Rockslide Anniversary

On August 22nd there will be a ceremony and plaque installment commemorating the centenary of the Hell's Gate landslide. The event is being organized by the Pacific Salmon Commission (PSC).

The Committee discussed the importance of the ongoing role played by First Nations on the Fraser River and their presence at the event, as well as, the importance of recognizing the different language speaking groups in the area.

The Committee also discussed making a financial contribution to the event.

The initial concern is that there isn't a specific budget for funding First Nations involvement in special events. It was suggested that for future events a "discretionary" or "special events" budget is created in order to attach funding to an activity with a First Nations focus.

For the Hell's Gate event, the Committee decided to use funds from the Forum allocation as the first Forum (in May) came in well under budget. Furthermore, that the contribution would be: attached to a "specific" activity; acknowledged; and in the amount of \$1000.00.

The Operations Manager concluded the discussion by saying that he'd follow up with the PSC re: the funding and First Nations participation in the event.

6. Ecotrust

The Committee discussed the possibility of Ecotrust being an Ex-Officio member of the Executive Committee. Ecotrust seems to be involved in catch monitoring certification, which was a topic at the May Forum meeting and attendees raised some concerns about it. A possible benefit might be the EC and Ecotrust learning more about each other, and in particular what is going on with monitoring and monitoring certification.

The Committee members would like more information on Ecotrust and they'd like to learn how Ecotrust fits the broad policy direction of DFO.

The Committee decided to invite an Ecotrust representative to make a presentation at the next in-person EC meeting; all agreed.

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7. Communications

The Communications Coordinator gave an overview of his work to-date.

Since arriving at FRAFS, he's researched the organization's history, values and goals with staff and Committee members. This has included discussion of key elements of a communications strategy: content; audience; and activities (ex.: Watershed Talk; new Facebook page). The communications timeline was explained in "seasons."

There was also discussion as to how the dates in the FRAFS Conference Calendar were chosen. The Committee heard that other BC-based First Nations organizations were filling the calendar for September, 2013 – March, 2014 with their dates. FRAFS meetings were scheduled in open dates to avoid double-booking.

The Road Map dates were confirmed. The Forum dates will be run by the Forum planning committee, as well as the DFO Salmon Coordinator, to ensure that they fit with the 2013-14 salmon consultation schedule.

The EC commented favorably on Communications Coordinator's work to date, and in particular the appropriateness of the "seasons" communications strategy.

8. In-camera

There was a short (approx.15 minutes) in-camera meeting.

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Action Items from this meeting

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Present a first draft concept of an appendix to the Charter to the EC at their next meeting.	Target date: August 20, 2013
The JTWG Terms of Reference to be reviewed with the results provided to the September meeting of the EC.	Target date: September 17, 2013
Follow up with UFFCA re: location for October EC in-person meeting.	
Confirm Forum dates with the Planning Committee.	
Follow up with PSC re: Hell's Gate contribution.	
Invite Ecotrust rep to the October EC meeting.	