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MEETING SUMMARY

FRAFS Executive Committee

Monday, December 15, 2014

Quesnel, In-person

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
4. Operations Manager - Transition strategy update
5. March Forum location: discussion
6. Discuss meeting with FNFC executive per our Charter commitment
7. Review TORs for the EC and the EC Ex Officio re: placement of DFO participation and update Review TORs for the FPC and the Forum and update.
8. Update: proposed mining workshop with Fraser Basin Council.
9. Review draft letter to the RDG.
10. EC meeting Jan. 20 – request from FNFC to re-schedule.
11. Interior Fraser Coho
12. CSAF
13. Toxic Waste Recycling Plant near Chilliwack
14. Southern BC Chinook Initiative Update
15. Proposed FNFC organized trip to Skeena re: FSMC and FRAFS

C. DISCUSSION

1. Roll call / Agenda

- 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 Items were reviewed as completed with the exception of:

Communications Coordinator to draft an Agenda-development procedure (re: EC meetings with the RDG) and submit to Operations Manager, then the EC.

3 Finance Report The Operations Manager delivered his report.

4 Operations Manager - Transition strategy update.

Job postings will be delivered to the FRAFS Communications Coordinator. Advertising will be on social media, FRAFS distribution list, website etc.

5 March Forum location: discussion.

IMAWG requested that the March Forum be moved from North Vancouver to Campbell River. Due to previously confirmed travel schedules and budgets, the Forum could not be moved to the north island; however, in part as a result of this request, the intention is to hold a Forum on Vancouver Island next fiscal.

6 Discuss meeting with FNFC Executive per our Charter commitment.

FRAFS Charter with FNFC requires an annual meeting. How should we organize this? The Operations Manager will follow up with the FNFC Executive Director.

7 Review TORs for the EC and the EC Ex Officio re: placement of DFO participation and update.

One minor revision was made, the TOR now dated December 15, 2014.

Review TORs for the FPC and the Forum and update

Forum

The EC agreed that the word “consensus” should stay in the text as it’s a foundation of Fraser Salmon Management Council (FSMC) and how we want to work together.

Forum Planning Committee (FPC)

After some discussion about the structure and intent of the FPC, the DFO rep recommended that since the Agreement can be amended, the EC leave this for this fiscal and consider it for next year’s work plan.

FPC TOR: Composition

The EC discussed ensuring that there is an island representative and alternate on the FPC.

8 Update: proposed mining workshop with Fraser Basin Council

The EC were updated on two potential conferences: one for which the Fraser Basin Council has submitted a draft concept to the provincial MOE; a second that would be a one-day symposium hosted by Environment Canada. The EC was generally supportive of these initiatives.

The DFO rep asked what the linkage was between the mining policy recently announced by the northern Secwepemc and the workshop conference. He noted that the province is supportive of the Secwepemc policy and suggested that the EC review it. Fair Mining BC also worked on that policy.

9 Review draft letter to the RDG Operations Manager to revise draft as per EC instructions.

10 EC meeting Jan. 20 – request from FNFC to re-schedule Next EC meeting will be at 7 p.m. on Monday, January 26th.

11 Interior Fraser Coho

The JTWG First Nations Co-Chair offered a “heads up” re: CSAS mortality distribution work. These are “internal exercises” and he’s concerned that First Nations have heard nothing about their involvement. An EC member recommended that it should be put on record (ex: How were the benchmarks done? Why are they doing it?) A DFO rep to the EC agreed; the Operations Manager will draft a letter to the DFO lead.

12 CSAF

The FRAFS biologist raised the concern that the current process is limited to a small group that’s working with CSAB. He hasn’t seen any assessment of the impact of the proposals.

An EC member said that this is not in the mandate or the TOR of the SCC. This group should talk to the broader First Nations group (at least EO).

13 Toxic Waste Recycling Plant near Chilliwack

A Stó:lō Grand Chief will be sending a letter to First Nations leadership up river regarding concerns about the proposed toxic waste recycling facility to be built on the Fraser near Chilliwack.

14 Southern BC Chinook Initiative Update the EC discussed funding for this project (PICFI).

15 Proposed FNFC organized trip to Skeena re: FSMC and FRAFS

Skeena representatives would like to learn about the Forum and the FSMC. The FNFC will organize for the FRAFS Chair and other FRAFS/FSMC reps to make this trip. The DFO EC member suggested that an Upper Fraser rep accompany the Chair.

The Communications Coordinator noted that there are FSMC communications material available and an EC rep agreed that the delegation should use the material.