

FRAFS Executive Committee
Tuesday, February 24, 2015

Meeting Summary
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Richmond

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. Budget Expenditures: Update and Report
4. 2015/16 Work Plan and Budget
5. Update on the DFO/FN Engagement work presented by Colin Masson, Jan. 2015
6. Progress report from the FSMC
7. FRAFS partner with a university and other organization (ex.: FNFC) to sponsor a post-Chilcotin legal workshop, next fiscal.
8. FRAFS FN caucus meet with the RDG prior to IFMP deadline.
Discussion re: Agenda development per note from the RDG's office.
9. Southern BC Chinook: Update from FRAFS Biologist
10. Operations Manager posting / Selection Committee

1. Roll call, review, adjust, and accept the agenda

2. Old business:

- Notes from the previous meeting: Draft January meeting notes were circulated to EC members and revisions entered.
- Action items from the January and February FRAFS EC meetings were reviewed and updated.
 - i. Operations Manager contact RDG's office re: meeting between the FRAFS EC First Nations caucus and the RDG.

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- ii. FRAFS EC Chair asked the Operations Manager to contact FRAFS EC for their input on Agenda items for the meeting with the RDG.
- iii. As per RDG's letter, DFO rep to work with FRAFS EC on Agenda development and ensuring that DFO is prepared for the meeting.
- iv. FRAFS EC Chair recommends that a list of potential First Nations participants for the Southern BC Chinook Steering and Planning Committee be prepared.
- v. Communications Coordinator secure boardroom for March 17th EC meeting.
- vi. Communications Coordinator send out DFO presentation to the FNFC AGA via the FRAFS distribution list.

3. Budget Expenditures: Update and Report

The Operations Manager led the EC through a line item review of current expenditures.

4. 2015/16 Work Plan and Budget

The EC approved the Work Plan and Budget.

5. Update on the DFO/FN Engagement work presented by DFO, Jan. 2015

Operations Manager provided an update. There was disappointment that DFO carried out this exercise for a year without First Nations involvement. DFO has agreed to move forward in a collaborative manner with First Nations.

Looking ahead: Given the disappearance of PICFI co-management funding at the end of fiscal, how will DFO consultation and co-management activities be rationalized so that there's enough funding to support them?

6. Progress report from the FSMC

The Communications Coordinator outlined the "Preparing to Negotiate" flowchart and the Main Table membership.

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Operations Manager: The March, 2012 Letter of Understanding (LOU) between DFO and First Nations Signatories expires in March, 2015. Through an exchange of letters, confirm that both parties will continue to observe the LOU as if it didn't have an expiry date.

The DFO representative asked for clarification on how a First Nation became a FSMC member. There is a template resolution that all First Nations use.

7. FRAFS partner with a university and other organization (ex.: FNFC to sponsor a post-Chilcotin legal workshop, next fiscal.

It was discussed that if this were to occur, this meeting would need to be funded next fiscal.

8. FRAFS FN caucus meet with the RDG prior to IFMP deadline. / Discussion re: Agenda development as per note from the RDG's office.

As per the Chair's instructions, the Operations Manager will send EC members an email asking for their input. The RDG has asked that the DFO rep help both parties have a productive meeting. Agenda items should be prioritized and time allotted to each. It was decided to go for the full two hours. The FRAFS Communications Manager is to attend the meeting and take notes.

The EC agreed that these meetings (twice/year) should be regularized calendar appointments.

9. Southern BC Chinook: Update from FRAFS Biologist

- Goal: draft planning document for the next fiscal year
- Aim: to gain a common understanding of the options and support effective communication with the Steering Committee
- March 25-26 workshop for the CSPI Steering Committee
- Long-term goal: By the end of 2015/16 fiscal, to have a Work Plan for the following fiscal.
- Question for the EC: How do we populate it for broader First Nation participation?

FRAFS EC Chair recommends that a list of potential First Nations participants for the Southern BC Chinook Steering and Planning Committee be prepared.

10. Operations Manager posting / Selection Committee

The EC discussed the posting, resume review and interview scheduling. The Selection Committee will carry out the work.