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### Meeting Summary

#### **FRAFS Executive Committee SNTC Boardroom – Kamloops Tuesday, April 21, 2015**

1. Roll call, review, adjust, and accept the agenda
2. Old business:
  - Notes from the previous meeting
  - Action items from the previous meeting
3. 2014/15 Budget Expenditures: Update and Report
4. 2015/16 Work Plan and Budget Review
5. Update: Operations Manager recruitment process
6. Forum schedule for the 2016 fishing season.
7. Agenda for the April 28<sup>th</sup> meeting with the RDG. EC review draft document.
8. Update for the Area 29 FSC access planning committee/budget

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

**2. Old business:**

- Notes from the previous meeting.

Draft circulated, revised as required and approved.

- Action items from the previous meeting.

All Action Items from the previous meeting were completed.

**3. 2014/15 Budget Expenditures: Update and Report**

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

**4. 2015/16 Work Plan and Budget Review**

A mid-river EC member asked: Would it be helpful to look at last year's budget and compare it to the 2015/16 Work Plan? Have we looked at what we learned from last year's budget and how that's built into next year's workplan. Both answers were in the affirmative.

There was a request for more communications products from the consultants working on the Chinook Strategic Planning Initiative. An Upper Fraser EC member said that he'd follow up.

**5. Update: Operations Manager recruitment process**

The Communications Manager reported on the recruitment strategy (ex.: 'short' job posting; social media).

The EC and Selection Committee discussed the interviews and reference checks processes. The Operations Manager will contact the selected candidate and report back to the EC.

**6. Forum schedule for the 2016 fishing season.**

The goal is to line the Forum schedule up with better technical data delivery to the JTWG and to confirm the dates by mid-August. The Chair asked that the DFO rep touch base with the JTWG Co-Chairs so that they have input.

**7. Agenda for the April 28<sup>th</sup> meeting with the RDG. EC review draft document.**

The EC discussed topics on the draft list of Agenda items that the Communications Manager tracked. They decided that the following items, with a specific amount of time allotted to each, will be on the Agenda for the meeting with the RDG:

- Continued funding for the FSMC
- Consultation: IFMP / Forum
- Federal Consultation Policy
- Fraser Steelhead
- FSC Allocation Framework Process
- New/Emerging Fisheries Policy

**8. Update for the Area 29 FSC access planning committee/budget.**

A DFO EC member reported that a Working Group at DFO wanted to hold two facilitated multi-First Nations meeting. The purpose of these meetings is to: build an understanding of each group's interests; establish general principles; and develop fisheries management scenarios if access is granted, then consultation on those scenarios.

The Working Group had three specific requests to the EC:

- 1) Will FRAFS do the logistics?
- 2) Budget: funds?
- 3) Will FRAFS coordinate hiring the Facilitator?

There was discussion and decision that: (1) the response to all three requests was "no" and (2) a detailed explanation from the Chair would follow the next day.

**Summary of Action Items**

- 1) RDG meeting: Communications Manager to format and circulate Agenda for approval. (Done)
- 2) Request from DFO re: Access/Allocation meetings: Operations Manager to draft and send letter to DFO. (Done)
- 3) Upper Fraser Rep will raise the issue of communications re: the CSPI progress at the SPC.
- 4) Operations Manager: check the Letter of Understanding (LOA) between NTA and the FRAFS EC to see if it requires any updating; and send copies to the EC members.