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Meeting Summary

FRAFS Executive Committee

DFO Vancouver

Wednesday, September 2, 2015

9:30 a.m. start

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. July budget expenditure update
4. Chinook Strategic Planning Initiative update
5. FRAFS First Nations caucus letter to AANDC
6. Use of Fish FNFC template and letter
7. Allocation Transfer Workgroup update
8. FSMC update
9. Set next meeting FRAFS EC: teleconference or in-person; start time
10. DFO staffing update
11. Proposed Communications strategy one hour workshop
 - FN Caucus Option (1:00 - 1:45 Boardroom D)

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

2. Old business:

- Notes from the previous meeting.

Draft circulated, revised as required and final draft emailed to the FRAFS EC and Operations Manager.

- Action items from the previous meeting

- All Action items from the previous meeting are **done**.

3. Budget Expenditures Report

- The Operations Manager led the EC through a line item review of the report. Approved.
- There was discussion about AAROM and PICFI funding as well as organizational priorities.

4 Chinook Strategic Planning Initiative update

- Working on next step: draft TOC for the work plan (40 pages, annotated comments). Looking at how to integrate the marine component in this. The product at the end of the fiscal year is a second or third draft that will become the plan.
- Possible one-day Steering and Planning Committee/Technical workshop in late October, early November.
- There's potential revision of the TOR to allow for wider First Nations participation from the regions. CSPI Liaising with FNFC on this. FRAFS has a responsibility to see that the broader First Nations groups are aware of this work.

5 - FRAFS First Nations caucus letter to AANDC

- Discussion deferred to Tier 1 part of the Agenda.

6. Use of Fish FNFC template and letter

- Discussion deferred to the afternoon Tier 1 session: *this discussion did not occur due to time constraints.*

7. Allocation Transfer Workgroup update

- Draft TOR continues to go through extensive development process which has been approved by DFO and FRAFS- it's a living document that will continue to be updated and that the ATW is learning from.
- August 14th: Webex/teleconference was held. Most groups attended.
- Aug. 31st meeting: TOR and process (ex.: tracking recommendations to DFO) discussions.
- Salmon Shared Transfer Request Form, how to speed up process; relevancy of questions being reviewed.

Lower Fraser EC members noted:

- It's important that there's representation from four groups in the lower Fraser: APM; Harrison group; Tsawwassen; and Musqueam.
- People who know the fisheries are required on the committee in order to facilitate things smoothly.
- Question: Chum only go as far as Yale. If there's a Chum allocation, does everyone have to be involved?

8. FSMC update

- Lead Negotiator retained.
- Review of draft *Framework to Guide Negotiations* by the Main Table.

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- October 20th: In-person, SNTC Kamloops
- Monday, November 16th: Teleconference.

10. DFO staffing update

The EC was updated on two staffing changes.

11 - Proposed Communications strategy one hour workshop (Walter)

Deferred to next EC meeting.

Summary of Action Items

Action Item # 1: Operations Manager follow up with former Ops Man re: old EC meeting summaries.

Action Item # 2: Operations Manager email a copy of FRAFS Biologist CSPI proposal to EC members.

Action Item # 3: Operations Manager to refine budget spreadsheet.

Action Item # 4: Operations Manager contact FSMC to set the date required to answer the two questions re: FSMC.

Action Item # 5: Operations Manager to contact FSMC that the FRAFS EC thinks that a monthly reminder to DFO is a good idea.

Action Item # 6: Communications Manager send Formal submission to the Special Representative to the Minister (AANDC) by Friday, September 11th. **(Done)**