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FRAFS Executive Committee

Tuesday, March 15, 2016

NTA Boardroom, Merritt BC

Start time: 9:30 a.m.

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: February budget update and projections
4. Work planning for 2016/2017
 - Lunch with NTA E.D. and Board members
5. Meetings with Minister Tootoo and Rob Lamirande, de-brief
6. Upcoming in person meeting with the RDG (April 14th, 1:30-3:30)
7. Next FRAFS EC meeting - set date, time, location
8. Massey letter
9. IHPC request to meet with the Forum
10. Letter from the Forum to the RDG
11. \$40 million ocean science funding
12. DFO staffing

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

2. Old business:

- Notes from the previous meeting: Final draft approved and distributed.
- Action items from the previous meeting:

In-progress:

- All items completed, or, on today's agenda.
- New item: Thank you letter to AFN VC Roger Augustine (re: February meeting in Vancouver. Brief summary of FRAFS).

3. Finance Report: February budget update and projections

The Operations manager led the EC through a detailed analysis. Discussion followed re: projections.

4. Work planning for 2016/2017

The EC discussed funding for the FSMC and agreed on the importance of keeping momentum up for this governance initiative.

5. De-brief: Meetings with Minister Tootoo and Rob Lamirande

EC member thanks the Operations Manager for her hard work in Ottawa , and the Communications Manager for suggestion that she attend the meetings too.

Re: Implementing Cohen recommendations

The EC agreed that FRAFS could be the lead on this and that we need to know who on the Minister's staff to speak with in order to begin this work this spring. FNFC could perhaps play a facilitation role.

Meeting with Rob Lamirande

First Nations representative: "Collaboration" made a good impression. Explained the relationship between FRAFS and FSMC. The Operations Manager and the Communications Manager will draft a FRAFS organizational "schematic."

6. Upcoming in person meeting with the RDG (April 14th, 1:30-3:30)

The EC scheduled an agenda development teleconference so that they have a draft to send to DFO two weeks in advance of the RDG meeting.

7. Next FRAFS EC meeting - set date, time, location

To be held the morning of the RDG meeting (April 14th). DFO staff secured a meeting room at RHQ.

8. Massey letter

The Operations manager will draft a letter to the Regional Director, Ecosystems Management Branch, DFO (cc: LFFA) to ask what the regulators are doing re: George Massey bridge proposal. Then FRAFS can make an informed decision about the potential impact of bridge building on the estuary (Chinook development).

9. IHPC request to meet with the Forum

The EC decided that Forum is not a Tier 3 process and it isn't the venue for an IHPC meeting/presentation. In addition the EC wanted to know what the context of the meeting would be. Then, a smaller group meeting for a technical discussion might be helpful. The DFO rep sent an email asking for clarification re: context.

10. Letter from the Forum to the RDG

There was a comment from a senior Forum participant that the January Forum letter was "really good."

11. \$40 million ocean science funding

The Operations Manager will write a letter to the Minister re: \$40 million for ocean science research.

12. DFO staffing

The Lower Fraser AAA is temporarily re-assigned and her replacement will be working with the EC until further notice.