
FRAFS Executive Committee Meeting – March 20, 2012

Meeting Location: Tsawout First Nation, Saanichton BC
9:00am – 12:00pm

A. PARTICIPANTS

Meeting Chair: Ken Malloway

Neil Todd, Gord Sterritt, Terri Bonnet, Barry Huber, Pete Nicklin, Ernie Crey, Adrian Wall, Thomas Alexis, Jamie Scroggie (phone), Murray Ross (phone)

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B. AGENDA

Agenda items

1. Roll call
2. Review and accept agenda
3. Review of FRAFS work plan and budget for 2012/13 as submitted to DFO; including FSRPG – completion of mission?
4. JTWG report/update re progress toward a joint process
5. Review draft minutes and action items from February 21 meeting
6. Visions conference – cancel visions for 2012? Hold in late April/early May? Cultural event in conjunction with the conference?
7. Current fiscal year wrap-up – inability to have DNA samples analyzed; budget/expenditure status and confirmation of surplus funds to be returned to DFO
8. Logo
9. Ex-officio TOR
10. Year-end dollars for FRAFS promotional items/jackets

C. DISCUSSION

1. **Roll call**
2. **Review and accept agenda**
3. **Review of FRAFS work plan and budget for 2012/13 as submitted to DFO; including FSRPG – completion of mission?**
 - Need to determine whether the FSRPG work will continue, its role, funding, structure, etc.
 - It has been clearly stated that First Nations need to organize a Tier 1 structure (“Main Table”) in order to move forward on implementing the LOU.
 - The LOU signing is scheduled for the afternoon of March 20, along with a workshop session.
 - Suggested having the FSRPG carry on until the Main Table is established.
 - The FSRPG will meet tonight at 7pm to discuss work planning for the next fiscal year. Expecting some direction from the March 20 afternoon session.
4. **JTWG report/update re progress toward a joint process**
 - The JTWG made recommendations to improve information sharing between First Nations and DFO (e.g. make information available to FN technical staff prior to broad distribution). DFO responded positively to this request, which is consistent with the TOR objectives of inclusiveness and establishing a joint process.

- The JTWG made significant steps forward over the last year, and has a plan in place for the upcoming fiscal year.
- A teleconference with DFO is scheduled for April 12 to discuss Chinook 4₂ CWT analysis and results.
- The proposed approach for in-season run size estimates is to have weekly runs of the Albion assessment model starting mid-May, and have the JTWG review the data prior to the official estimate, (June 15).
- Will have JTWG meetings at least every second month (teleconferences to save on costs where possible).

5. Review draft minutes and action items from February 21 meeting

- All action items were completed, and the minutes were accepted as presented.

6. Visions conference – cancel visions for 2012? Hold in late April/early May? Cultural event in conjunction with the conference?

- There was discussion at the last EC meeting about changes to the Visions conference. (i.e. a cultural event/first fish ceremony). A few EC members met by phone to discuss, and agreed to add some wording to the funding agreement to allow for more flexibility.
- If Visions does not go forward this year, the money can be re-profiled (possibly for Roadmap).

7. Current fiscal year wrap-up – inability to have DNA samples analyzed; budget/expenditure status and confirmation of surplus funds to be returned to DFO (EC)

- The EC planned to use year-end funds for DNA analysis, but due to an administrative challenge, PBS (Pacific Biological Station) will not be able to analyze the samples.
- Need a contingency plan for the future to ensure samples can be analyzed in a timely fashion.
- Will contact UBC and DFO to explore other options for sample analysis.
- FRAFS will enter into a longer-term agreement with PBS for DNA analysis (takes a few months to set up the agreement).

ACTION #1: Get in touch with UBC about getting samples analyzed. Coordinate with DFO to confirm whether the samples can be analyzed at the UBC lab.

8. Ex-officio TOR

- Tabled.

9. Year-end dollars for FRAFS promotional items/jackets

- Presented options for year-end purchase of promotional items for FRAFS. The EC accepted the presented options.
- The EC selected 2 winners for the FRAFS logo contest.

D. NEXT EC MEETING

- The next EC meeting is scheduled for April 17 (location TBD).

E. SUMMARY OF ACTION ITEMS

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