



## FRASER RIVER ABORIGINAL FISHERIES SECRETARIAT

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### **Meeting Summary FRAFS Executive Committee Monday, May 16, 2016**

#### **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:
  - a. April budget update
  - b. Work planning and reporting update/status, FSMC and CSPI ASA's
  - c. Allocation Transfer WG Contract update
4. Cohen implementation planning
5. Area 29 update
6. FPC ToR quick update
- 6.b – FPC teleconference
7. FSMC Update
8. New JTWG PowerPoint template
9. Next FRAFS EC meeting-set date, time, location.
  - Note: Tuesday, June 21<sup>st</sup> is Aboriginal Day

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

**2 Old business:**

- **Notes from the previous meeting**

April meeting notes, circulated, revisions entered and final draft sent to the EC.

- **Action items from the previous meeting**

Action Items complete, or, in-progress.

**3 Finance Report:**

a. April budget update

Operations Manager led the EC through the budget update.

b. Work planning and reporting update/status, FSMC and CSPI ASA's

- Work Plan coming to NTA soon.
- CSPI ASA: Yet to be submitted
- FSMC ASA: Submitted February 13th

c. Allocation Transfer WG Contract update

Report and recommendations will be submitted by May 30.

**4 Cohen implementation planning**

Operations Manager: FRAFS EC wants a role in implementation. Is DFO correctly identifying the issue? What's the best mechanism?

FN rep: FNFC has the capacity to pull people together.

FN rep: More work needed on possible governance structure (budget concern); more Tier 1 preparation with FNFC before making a proposal to DFO. Need an indication from DFO that they will engage with FNs on Cohen implementation.

FN rep: DFO is doing an audit of the Cohen recommendations. Let's see what comes out of DFO-FNFC before deciding next steps.

**5 Area 29 update**

DFO representatives and the FRAFS First Nations caucus discussed DFO's letter asking if FRAFS could administer a Tier 2 Area 29 meeting.

## **6 FPC ToR quick update**

The EC were glad to see that a second island rep was appointed to the FPC.

### **6. b FPC Teleconference**

DFO rep:

- There was a review of the facilitator's synopsis.
- Potential topics for future Forums: state of the ocean; Pacific Salmon Treaty (consultation on the next round of negotiations).
- RHQ is working on the response to the Forum letter.

FN reps:

- Fish managed in aggregate (ex.: Pitt, Chilliwack) could have impacts up-river (Early Summers).
- Increased funding for a 4<sup>th</sup> Forum?
- "Year of the Salmon?" An international effort raising funds for salmon research. Mark Saunders is involved.

### **Re: PST negotiations**

DFO rep: The most robust feedback came from the Forum. Would substantive PST consultation overwhelm the Forum?

FN rep: We've already said that they can't use the Forum for PST negotiations. We have a lot of other issues to work on.

## **7 FSMC Update**

Communications Manager gave the EC an overview of the recent FSMC Community Report: FSMC has achieved its Mandate #1 and now awaits DFO's work on the *Framework to Guide Negotiations*.

FSMC Main Table rep provided an overview of: the ongoing Work Plan and Budget work being done.

FSMC Main Table rep: Addressed the frustration that First Nations are feeling about the amount of time that it's taking to get the *Framework to Guide Negotiations* back from the federal government.

DFO rep: Good work has been done by First Nations. Optimistic that the Framework will soon move forward. FSMC is an incredible achievement. The Community Report is excellent.

The DFO rep asked for information re: FSMC. The FRAFS/FSMC Communications Manager said he would bring it to the Main Table's next meeting.

## **8 New JTWG PowerPoint template**

In response to CSPI First Nations technical staff request, the Communications Manager developed PowerPoint templates for:

- Generic for Joint First Nations/DFO PowerPoints
- CSPI (FN-DFO)

The EC decided that the templates: were approved in principle; should be sent to the Co-Chairs of the JTWG and CSPI; and that the Comms Manager should be ready to respond to feedback about the new templates.

## **9 Next FRAFS EC meeting-set date, time, location.**

- Note: Tuesday, June 21<sup>st</sup> is Aboriginal Day.
- **June 22<sup>nd</sup>** there will be a teleconference for the FRAFS EC.