

Southern Resident Killer Whale (SRKW)-Chinook Committee

Terms of Reference

1. BACKGROUND

The Department indicated plans to form a SRKW-Chinook committee in a February 15, 2018, discussion paper on management measures to support chinook salmon prey availability for SRKW,

Suggested committee participants included the Department, First Nations, Sport Fishing Advisory Board (SFAB), Commercial Salmon Advisory Board (CSAB), Marine Conservation Caucus (MCC) and Province of BC to review and discuss feedback on the proposed management measures, discuss other management measures, information required to support discussion and opportunities to coordinate salmon fishery activities with other SRKW recovery measures.

This committee is not intended to replace the Crown's Duty to Consult and the Department will consult with Aboriginal groups when decisions may potentially affect Aboriginal fishery interests.

2. PURPOSE

This committee is intended to assist the Department by supporting discussions on potential management measures that could be implemented to support chinook salmon prey availability for SRKW. This committee is not a decision making body. Specific measures that may be considered by the Department will be consulted on with First Nations and stakeholders through the existing salmon Integrated Fisheries Management Plan development process.

3. OBJECTIVES

The main objectives of the advisory group will be to:

- a. Provide a forum for the participants to discuss actions related to enhancing chinook prey availability for Southern Resident Killer Whales and help inform government decision-making.
- b. Share information required to support discussion and opportunities to coordinate salmon fishery activities with other SRKW recovery measures.

4. GOVERNANCE AND MEMBERSHIP

Committee membership includes:

First Nations groups – 6 members with 2 each from WCVI, SEVI and Fraser River
Sport Fishing Advisory Board – 2 members
Commercial Salmon Advisory Board – 2 members

Marine Conservation Caucus – 2 members
Fisheries and Oceans Canada – 3 members
Province of BC – 1 member
Parks Canada – 1 member

Current members are identified in **Appendix 1**

An alternate may be identified if primary member is not available.

Meetings will be chaired by Fisheries and Oceans Canada

Additional participants in meetings may be identified to support discussions.

5. RESPONSIBILITIES OF PARTICIPANTS

Review circulated information.

Participate in meetings or assign alternate to attend.

Engage in open and respectful dialogue, seeking to understand and be understood.

Communicate out to their respective organizations/groups on the activities and outcomes of the committee.

6. MEETING PROCESS

It is anticipated that the committee will meet primarily using teleconferencing and webinar where possible. The Department will coordinate and set out meeting times and conferencing resources.

Proposed agendas will be circulated by the Department for comment.

7. REPORTING

Departmental staff will provide summary notes for each meeting outlining key points of discussion and action items. Committee members will have an opportunity to review draft summary notes for inaccuracies.

Individual participants of the committee are expected to report back to their respective groups.

8. OTHER ITEMS?

Appendix A: Committee Members

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