

Forum on Conservation & Harvest Planning for Fraser Salmon

April 5-7, 2016

Sandman Signature Hotel
225 Lorne St, Kamloops, BC

Facilitator: Marcel Shepert

Forum Purpose (s):

Overarching Purpose: The FORUM is intended to provide an annual process for information sharing and discussion on Fraser salmon fisheries issues between DFO and First Nations (Tier 2) and First Nations with other First Nations (Tier 1). First Nation attendees have the opportunity to provide their advice and recommendations on management plans.

April FORUM Purpose: The intent of this meeting is provide further detail on some of the contents of the draft 2016/2017 IFMP for southern BC salmon and to continue discussions on fishery planning for 2016. This is the final FORUM in-person meeting for this season.

Day 1 (Tuesday, April 5th): First Nations and DFO together

9:00 am: Welcome/Opening Prayer

9:15 am to 9:30 am (15 mins)

- **Setting the stage** – Ken Malloway (Forum Planning Committee Chair) & Adrian Wall (DFO)

At this point: DFO will leave the meeting so that Tier 1 discussion can occur.

9:30 am to 10:30 am (60 mins) – Tier 1 Discussion

A list of questions and topics that have been put forward by DFO for First Nations to provide advice on will be provided. The objective of this section of time is to allow First Nations a chance to review and consider what questions they would like to put forward to the DFO presenters over the next two days.

10:30 - Refreshment break (20 mins)

10:50 to 11:30 (50 mins)

- **Continuation of Tier One Discussion.**

11:30 am to 12 noon (30 mins) – DFO will re-join the meeting at this point.

- **Lower Fraser Fisheries Alliance and Shuswap Fisheries Commission Signing Ceremony**

Forum participants will be asked to witness the signing of a memorandum of agreement between the LFFA and the SFC.

12:00 noon - Lunch (provided)

1:00 pm to 1:45 pm (45 mins)

- **Joint Technical Working Group Update** – Pete Nicklin/Jamie Scroggie

A presentation on what was discussed at the April 4th JTWG in-person meeting.

1:45 pm to 2:30 pm (45 mins)

- **2016 Sockeye Presentation and Discussions**– Jennifer Nener / Les Jantz

Including management adjustments, test fishing and FSC sharing options

2:30 pm - Refreshment break (20 mins)

2:50 pm to 3:50 pm (60 mins)

- **2016 Sockeye discussion continued.**

3:50 to 4:00 pm (10 minutes)

- Wrap up of Day One Discussion.

Day 2 (Wednesday, April 6th): First Nations and DFO together

9:00 am: Welcome/Opening Prayer

9:15 to 10:30 am (75 minutes):

- **2016 Chinook Fishery Considerations** – Jeff Grout
 1. Spring 4₂ Chinook -
 2. Spring and Summer 5₂ Chinook -
 3. Summer 4₁ Chinook -
 4. Fall Chinook (Harrison origin) – incl. 2016 escapement forecast

10:30 to 10:50 am Refreshment break (20 mins).

10:50 to 12:00 am (70 minutes)

- **Other Species** – Jeff Grout / Brigid Payne
 1. Chum
 2. Coho
 3. Steelhead

12:00 Lunch will be provided

Day 2 (Wednesday afternoon, April 6th): First Nations Only – Draft

1:00 to 1:30 (30 minutes)

- *Develop agenda for Tier1 portion of agenda based on DFO information and discussion provided during Tier 2 session*– Marcel Shepert

1:30 to 2:30 (60 minutes)

- *Tier One discussions.*

2:30 to 2:50 (20 minutes)

- **Health Break**

2:50 to 4:00 (70 minutes)

- *Tier One discussions.*

Day 3 (Thursday morning, April 7th): First Nations Only - Draft

9:00 to 10:30 (90 minutes)

- *Tier One Discussion Continued from previous day.*

10:30 Refreshment Break

10:45 to 12 noon (75 minutes)

- *Wrap-up*

Safe Journey Home!

Informational Items/Hand-outs

- **Salmon Area Maps**

FN Speakers:

Ken Malloway is chair of the Fraser River Aboriginal Fisheries Secretariat and the chair of the FORUM planning Committee.

Pete Nicklin is a biologist who works with both FRAFS and the Upper Fraser Fisheries Conservation Alliance. He is a co-chair (with Jamie Scroggie) of the Joint Technical Working Group and a member of the Pacific Salmon Commission (PST) Joint Coho Technical Committee.

Marcel Shepert is your friendly facilitator, a Fraser Panel member and the chair of the Salmon Co-ordinating Committee. He also works as the facilitation co-ordinator for the Upper Fraser Fisheries Conservation Alliance.

DFO Speakers:

Adrian Wall is the Aboriginal Affairs Advisor for the BC Interior and a member of the Forum Planning Committee.

Les Jantz has been the Canadian co-chair of the Fraser River Panel for the past two years.

Jamie Scroggie is the resource management biologist for the BC Interior and the co-chair of the Joint Technical Working Group.

Jeff Groul is the Salmon Coordinator for DFO Pacific Region.

Brigid Payne is working on various salmon related projects for DFO at Pacific Region Headquarters.

Jennifer Nener is the Canadian Chair of the Fraser Panel.

Our Favorite Acronyms and maybe even some definitions:

Please let me know if this is helpful and feel free to suggest additions to linda.stevens@dfo-mpo.gc.ca

AABM	Aggregate Abundance-Based Management
AAROM	Aboriginal Aquatic Resource and Oceans Management
AFS	Aboriginal Fisheries Strategy
ATP	Allocation Transfer Program
CCTAC	Canadian Commercial Total Allowable Catch
COHO ABM	Coho Abundance-Based Management
COSEWIC	Committee for the Status of Endangered Wildlife in Canada
CPUE	Catch Per Unit Effort
CSAS	The Canadian Science Advisory Secretariat
CSAB	Commercial Salmon Advisory Board
CWT	Coded Wire Tag
ER	Exploitation Rate
ESSR	Excess Salmon to Spawning Requirements
FNFC	First Nations Fishery Council
FRP	Fraser River Panel
FSC	Food, Social and Ceremonial
ITQ	Individual Transfer Quota
IHPC	Integrated Harvest Planning Committee
ISBM	Individual Stock-Based Management
LAER	Low Abundance Exploitation Rates
LRP	Lower Reference Points
MSY	Maximum Sustainable Yield
PICFI	Pacific Integrated Commercial Fisheries Initiative
PSC	Pacific Salmon Commission (www.psc.org)
PST	Pacific Salmon Treaty
SARA	Species at Risk Act
SFAB	Sport Fishing Advisory Board
SHMF	Selective Hatchery Mark Fishery
TAC	Total Allowable Catch
TAM	Total Allowable Mortality
WSP	Wild Salmon Policy (Canada's Policy for Conservation of Wild Pacific Salmon)

Upcoming Teleconferences

May 2nd, 2016

9:00 am to 12:00 pm.

Summary of IFMP feedback and responses via WebEx (dial-in details to be distributed through FRAFS)

- Jeff Grout from DFO will provide a summary of what they have heard as feedback from First Nations on the draft southern BC salmon IFMP.