

Forum on Conservation & Harvest Planning for Fraser Salmon

December 18 to 20, 2018

YVR Sheraton Hotel

7511 Westminster Highway, Richmond, 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.

December FORUM Purpose: The intent of this meeting is to provide post-season information from 2018, provide updates on a broad suite of fisheries processes and to initiate thinking about fishery planning for 2019.

Note: WeBEX on State of the Ocean and Outlook on December 14th – this will be recorded.

Day 1 (Tuesday, December 18th): First Nations and DFO together

9:00 am Welcome/Opening Prayer

9:15 to 9:45 am (30 mins)

- **Setting the stage** – Ken Malloway (Forum Planning Committee Chair) & Linda Stevens (Forum Planning Committee Participant)

This presentation will include some information on the Forum process including what we heard last year, outcomes of 2018 Forum meetings, a few words on the Terms of Reference for the Forum and some thoughts and ideas on how to improve and strengthen the process.

9:45 to 10:40 am (55 mins)

- **Joint Technical Working Group Update** – Aiden Fisher/Marla Maxwell (35 mins)

A presentation on technical information discussed in-season in 2018 and at the Dec. 17th, 2018 meetings.

- **Chinook Five Year Review Update** – Diana Dobson or Kendra Holt

Work completed to date on Chinook 5-Year Review and next steps.

10:40 am - Refreshment break (20 mins)

11:00 am to 12:00 pm (60 mins)

- **Post-season Presentation Fraser Chinook, coho and chum salmon** –Brittany Jenewein

This presentation will provide Chinook information such as the final in-season Albion update, management actions, and preliminary catch information. The 2018 and Fraser River run reconstruction will not be available until the end of February. Coho information available at this time will be limited to preliminary catch information. 2018 escapement and estimated

exploitation rates for IFR coho will not be available until March 2018. Chum information will include the final in-season run-size estimate from the Albion test fishery and preliminary catch data. Chinook, Coho, and Chum escapement information for 2018 should be available by April 2019.

12:00 pm - Lunch provided (60 mins)

1:00 to 2:00 pm (60 mins)

- **Post-season Presentation Fraser River Sockeye** –Jamie Scroggie

This presentation will provide the final known in-season information for sockeye salmon as well as updated information such as preliminary escapement data for Early Stuart sockeye (Early Summer, summer and late run escapement data may not yet be available). This presentation will also let you know when, where and how to expect information for 2019 fishery planning.

2:00 pm - Refreshment break (20 mins)

2:20 to 3:00 (40 mins)

- **Post-season discussions on Fraser River sockeye and chinook (All)** –

This time is set aside to continue discussions on the post-season. Forum participants are encouraged to bring forward their thoughts on how the season went.

3:00 to 4:00 pm (60 mins)

- **PST Chapter 4 Update** – Jennifer Nener

An update on PST Chapter 4 (Fraser Sockeye and Pink Chapter) renegotiations specifically responses to FN issues raised in a letter dated August 2, 2018 from the FRAFS EC First Nations caucus to DFO, with an opportunity to ask questions and a discussion on how best to move forward with these issues.

Day 2 (Wednesday, Dec. 19th): First Nations and DFO together

9:00 am Welcome/Opening Prayer

9:10 to 9:20 am (10 mins)

- **What we have heard so far** – Marcel Shepert

A brief synopsis including Action Points of Day 1 discussions

9:20 to 10:00 (40 mins)

- **Post-season Presentation from C&P** –Brad Wattie

This presentation will provide information on some of the challenges and successes realized during the 2018 Conservation and Protection Program on fisheries directed on southern BC salmon.

10:00 to 10:20 pm (20 mins)

- **Fraser Salmon Management Council Update** – Darren Haskell/Brenda Gaertner

An update from the FSMC Assembly on Dec. 5th. New main table is going to be elected.

10:20 am - Refreshment break (20 mins)

10:40 am – 12:00 pm (80 mins)

- **2019 Fisheries Planning** – Jeff Grout –

This presentation will outline some of the potential fishery planning issues and key items that may require further discussion as well as the Outlook for Fraser Bound stocks. This presentation will also outline information expected to be available to inform 2019 fisheries planning with time for participants to ask questions for clarification.

12:00 pm - Lunch will be provided

Day 2 (Wednesday afternoon, Dec. 19th): First Nations Only – Draft

1:00 to 2:30 pm (90 mins) – Tier 1 Agenda TBD

- *Develop agenda for Tier1 portion of agenda based on DFO information and discussion provided Tier 2.*
- *Tier 1 Discussions related to the FORUM Process and information presented during the Tier 2 portion of the Agenda.*
 - *Issue tracking mechanism*

2:30 pm - Refreshment break

2:45 to 4:00 pm (75 mins)

- *Discussion Continued.*

Day 3 (Thursday morning, Dec. 20th): First Nations Only - Draft

9:00 to 10:30 am (90 minutes)

- *Discussion Continued.*

10:30 - Refreshment Break

10:45 to 12:00 pm (75 minutes)

- *Preparation for upcoming FORUM in January 29 – 31st, 2019 in Nanaimo.*
- *Wrap-up*

Safe Journey Home!

Informational Items/Hand-outs

- **Salmon Area Maps**
- **Outlook 2019**
- **2018 Fishery Summary**
- **2018 Chinook Summary**
- **2018 Creel Summary**
- **The Species at Risk Act Listing Process and anticipated timelines and opportunities for engagement and consultation throughout the process**

All presentations will be available on the FRAFS website prior to the meeting.

FN Speakers:

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

Aidan Fisher is a biologist who works with both FRAFS and the Lower Fraser Fisheries Alliance. He is also co-chair (along with Marla Maxwell) of the FRAFS Joint Technical Working Group (JTWG).

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.

Darren Haskell is the chair of the Fraser Salmon Management Council.

Brenda Gaertner is a lawyer who advises first nation governments on aboriginal title and rights, modern (self) government, natural resource management and economic development. She is the FSMC's Lead Negotiator in a process to negotiate a Fraser Salmon Management Agreement with DFO.

DFO Speakers:

Linda Stevens is the acting Aboriginal Affairs Advisor for the Fraser Interior Area, based in Williams Lake, and a member of the Forum Planning Committee.

Jennifer Nener is the Salmon Director for DFO Pacific Region and the Canadian Chair of the Fraser Panel.

Jeff Grout is the Salmon Co-ordinator for DFO Pacific Region.

Diana Dobson is a biologist for DFO Science working on the Chinook 5 Year Review.

Kendra Holt is a biologist for DFO Science working on the Chinook 5 Year Review.

Marla Maxwell is a resource management biologist for DFO Pacific Region and also co-chair (along with Aidan Fisher) of the FRAFS JTWG.

Brittany Jenewein is a resource management biologist for DFO Pacific Region out of the Annacis Office.

Brad Wattie is the Chief of Conservation & Protection for the DFO Fraser Interior Area.

Jamie Scroggie is a resource management biologist for DFO Pacific Region out of the Kamloops Office and the Canadian chair of the Fraser Panel Technical Committee.

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 Forums

January 29 to 31, 2018

Conference Location: Coast Bastian
11 Bastian Street,
Nanaimo, BC V9R 5J8

Where to Stay: Coast Hotel

To book: (250) 753-6601

March 12 to 14, 2018

Conference Location: Sandman Signature
225 Lorne Street, Kamloops, BC

Where to Stay: Sandman Signature

To book: (250) 377-7263