

Forum on Conservation & Harvest Planning for Fraser Salmon

January 23-25, 2018

Executive Airport Hotel

7311 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.

January FORUM Purpose: The intent of this meeting is to provide post-season information from 2017, provide updates on a broad suite of fisheries processes and to initiate thinking about fishery planning for 2018.

Day 1 (Tuesday, Jan. 23th): 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) & Adrian Wall (DFO)

9:45 to 10:30 am (45 mins)

- **Joint Technical Working Group Update** – Aiden Fisher/Marla Maxwell

A presentation on technical information discussed at Dec. 4th, 2017 and the Jan. 22th, 2018 meetings.

10:30 am - Refreshment break (20 mins)

10:50 am to 12:00 pm (70 mins)

- **Post-season Presentation Fraser Chinook, coho and chum salmon** – Marla Maxwell (50 mins)

This presentation will provide chinook information such as the final Albion update, preliminary escapement and catch information. The 2016/2017 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. 2017 escapement and estimated exploitation rates for IFR coho will not be available until March 2018. Chum information will include the final estimated run-size from the Albion test fishery and preliminary catch data. Chum escapement information should be available by April 2018.

- **Southern BC Chinook Strategic Planning Initiative** - Mike Staley (20 mins)

12:00 pm - Lunch provided (60 mins)

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

- **Post-season Presentation Fraser River Sockeye** – Jennifer Nener

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, early summer and summer run sockeye (late run escapement data will not yet be available). This presentation will also let you know when, where and how to expect information for 2018 fishery planning.

2:00 pm - Refreshment break (20 mins)

2:20 to 3:20 pm (60 mins)

- **Post-season Presentation from C&P** – Linda Higgins

This presentation will provide information on some of the challenges and successes realized during the 2017 Conservation and Protection Program on fisheries directed on southern BC salmon.

3:20 to 4:00 pm (40 minutes)

- **The Species at Risk Act Listing Process** – Karen Leslie

This presentation will identify salmon and anadromous trout (Steelhead) species which will be undergoing a process to determine whether or not they should be listed under the Species at Risk Act, and provide an overview of the process steps, anticipated timelines, and opportunities for engagement and consultation throughout the process.

Day 2 (Wednesday, Jan. 24th): First Nations and DFO together

9:00 am Welcome/Opening Prayer

9:10 to 9:45 am (35 mins)

- **Fraser Salmon Management Council Update** – Darren Haskell/Angela Bate (20 mins)
- **Five Year Fraser Chinook Review** – Jeff Grout (15 mins)

A brief update on the process and the work anticipated to be completed in the next few months.

9:45 to 10:30 pm (45 mins)

- **2018 Fisheries Planning** – Jeff Grout

This presentation will outline some of the potential fishery planning issues and key items that may require further discussion.

10:30 am - Refreshment break (20 mins)

10:50 to 12:00 pm (70 mins)

- **State of the Ocean Presentation** – Kim Hyatt

This presentation will provide background information on how freshwater and marine conditions may be affecting the productivity of salmon in the Eastern Pacific Ocean.

12:00 pm - Lunch will be provided

Day 2 (Wednesday afternoon, Jan. 24th): First Nations Only – Draft

1:00 to 2:30 pm (90 mins)

- *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, Jan. 25th): 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 February 27 to March 1, 2018 in Nanaimo.*
- *Wrap-up*

Safe Journey Home!

Informational Items/Hand-outs

- **Salmon Area Maps**
- **Wild Salmon Policy species maps**
- **Outlook 2018**
- **Fishing Derbies 101**
- **2017 Fishery Summary**
- **2017 Chinook Summary**

All presentations will be available on the FRAFS website

FN Speakers:

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

Mike Staley is biologist who works for FRAFS and the LFFA. He has been on the Fraser Panel Technical Committee for a very long time.

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.

DFO Speakers:

Adrian Wall is the Aboriginal Affairs Advisor for the Fraser Interior Area, based in Kamloops, 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.

Angela Bate is the DFO Fraser and Interior Area Director and also DFO lead on negotiations between DFO and the Fraser Salmon Management Council.

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

Kim Hyatt is a research scientist and leads the Salmon Regional Ecosystems Program within DFO Pacific's Science Branch in addition to serving on DFO's Wild Salmon Policy implementation team.

Linda Higgins is the Chief of Conservation & Protection for the DFO South Coast Area.

Karen Leslie is the DFO Regional Manager of the Species at Risk Program

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

February 27 to March 1, 2018

Conference Location: 101 Gordon St,
Nanaimo, BC V9R 5J8

Where to Stay: Dorchester Hotel
To book: (250) 754-6835

March 27 to 27, 2018

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

Where to Stay: Sandman Signature
To book: (250) 377-7263