



FIRST NATIONS
FISHERIES COUNCIL

First Nations Fisheries Council

Communiqué

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FISHERIES ISSUES UPDATES

Cohen Commission

The First Nations Fisheries Council will be hosting a session at Musqueam on **June 11** for First Nations who are interested recommendations for the Cohen Commission on the decline of Fraser River salmon. An initial scoping paper from the Commission is due to be released by June 1. This meeting will involve looking at the emerging themes of the Commission and determining how First Nations feel the subject matter should be approached. Many B.C. First Nations have been granted standing before the Commission. This meeting will be open to any and all First Nations who are interested in the Cohen Commission and its outcomes. It is expected that there will be a number of areas where First Nations will want to work together, and then some areas where individual First Nations may want to put forward their own unique perspectives and arguments. Please watch the [FNFC website](#) for more details.

Recruitment & Request for Expressions of Interest for Working Group Participation

The First Nations Fisheries Council is currently recruiting for an Executive Director and a Financial Manager. See the [FNFC website](#) for job postings. The deadline for applications is **June 15, 2010**.

The Council is also currently in the process of working with DFO to establish Working Groups that will help to focus the work of the Council on four key priority areas with DFO. The current four working groups operate under the Commitment to Action between the Council and DFO, and were established through a joint priority-setting exercise: Co-Management; Aquaculture; Sec 35 (1) Food Social and Ceremonial Fisheries; and Salmon Shares and Economic Access. The Working Groups are one mechanism that will help to develop strong links between communities and the Council. Other mechanisms will include community meetings, Assemblies, and e-mail and conference calls. The deadline for Expressions of Interest for participation in the working groups is **May 21, 2010**. More information including the call for EOIs and the Terms of Reference for all of the Working Groups is available on the FNFC website [here](#).

Aquaculture

The FNFC has concluded a series of community meetings around B.C. focused on the development of a new B.C. Aquaculture Regulation. The final report is available on Aquaculture page of the Fisheries Council website (it is password protected – confidential to bilateral discussions between individual First Nations and Canada), or we can e-mail you a copy (please contact info@FNFisheriesCouncil.ca).

FNFC Annual Fisheries Assembly

Please mark your calendars for the annual First Nations Fisheries Council Assembly. The Assembly will take place in Prince Rupert November 2-4, 2010.

Groundfish Integrated Advisory Board

The new multi-stakeholder Groundfish Integrated Advisory Board has been established with seats for six First Nations representatives. A number of the coastal First Nations regions have not yet appointed a representative. The Fisheries Council will be following up to see if First Nations from these regions will be working to appoint representatives to this body or if not, what is precluding First Nations from participation.

DFO Contact Information

The Fisheries Council has assembled a list of key contacts within Fisheries and Oceans Canada that First Nations most often request from our office. This material is now available on our website [here](#).

FISH IN THE NEWS

Please see the Fisheries Council's [Fish in the News](#) page for recent media coverage relating to B.C. fisheries issues of interest to B.C. First Nations. A [Bulletin Board](#) is also regularly updated on the website with information about upcoming meetings, job opportunities, and other fisheries related news.

B.C. FIRST NATIONS REGIONAL FISHERIES ORGANIZATIONS CONFERENCE CALLS

The next bi-weekly B.C. First Nations Fisheries Organizations conference calls for B.C. First Nations Fisheries Organizations and technical staff (Tier 1 – internal to First Nations only) will be held:

Wednesday, May 19, 2010 from 9:00am – 10:30am

Wednesday, June 2, 2010, from 9:00am – 10:30am

Wednesday, June 16, 2010, from 9:00am – 10:30am

Please contact the Council for dial-in information and agendas, or refer to past meeting summaries on the FNFC website. Meeting summaries are available to First Nations only, so you will need to login and password to view the meeting notes. A confidential login is available to anyone who is a member of a B.C. First Nation or who works on behalf of a First Nation in the area of Fisheries.

Council Members

First Nations Fisheries Council members are appointed by First Nations around B.C. through processes that they determine at a region scale. There are 14 Council seats available. The intent of the Regions is that First Nations will work collaboratively to determine which area they participate in and how they wish to see appointments made. These are your current Fisheries Council members.

Council Members

Allan Claxton
Cliff Atleo
John Henderson
Steve Carpenter
Russ Jones
Don Roberts
Walter Joseph
John Ward
Howie Wright
Thomas Alexis
Marilyn Camille
Vacant
Ken Malloway
Vacant

Region

South Island
Nuu-chah-nulth (West Coast Vancouver Island)
Kwakwaka'wakw (Northern Vancouver Island & Mainland Inlets)
Central Coast
Haida Gwaii
North Coast
Upper Skeena
Northern Transboundary
Columbia Transboundary
Upper Fraser
Secwepemc Mid-Fraser
Mid-Fraser
Fraser Valley
Lower Fraser/ Lower Mainland

CONTACT US

For more information about the First Nations Fisheries Council, please visit our website at www.fnfisheriescouncil.ca. You can contact the Communications Coordinator for the Fisheries Council, Aimee Arsenault, at aimee@fnfisheriescouncil.ca.