

## Summary of Governance Small Group Discussion:

*What are the key challenges and opportunities that we face in developing governance approaches for fisheries and aquatic resource co-management?*



FIRST NATIONS  
FISHERIES COUNCIL

### Capacity:

- Financial
- Human resources
- Education & training
- Traditional knowledge & practical knowledge
- Corporate memory

### Recognition of First Nations Authority:

- Authority / mandate
- Role in decision-making
- FNs local authority
- Customary laws and protocols; TEK
- Tier 1 – solidarity and support; deal with shared areas and shared resources

### Joint Management Mechanisms:

- Management boards
- Have the appropriate discussions with the appropriate people at the appropriate scale
- FN Guardians / enforcement
- Holistic and integrated (not in silos)
- Principles
- Authority/mandate
- Definition of joint-management
- Principles

### Governance Pilots:

- Case studies e.g. Nisga'a Treaty, others
- Integration of processes (FNs are getting "meeting-ed out")
- Aquaculture opportunity – now that DFO will be taking over regulations, there is an opportunity to structure processes and management differently

### Information:

- Timely
- Relevant
- TEK

- Data and information management
- communications

**Structural and Institutional Issues:**

- Relationships
- Effective processes
- Trust
- Respect & understanding
- Policies and legislation

**Other Concerns:**

- Management of recreational fisheries / recreational sector
- Remote communities feel left out of planning and processes