

# DFO/FNFC

## Economic Access Working Group (EAWG)

**A Presentation for the 2010 FNFC Fall Assembly  
November 4, 2010**

## Outline

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  - Expected Outcomes/ Deliverables
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# EAWG Members

## First Nation Members:

- Russ Jones (First Nation Chair)
- Chris Cook
- Violet Hill
- Brian Toth
- Dave Moore
- Gary Alexcee

## DFO Members:

- Angela Bate (DFO Chair)
- Kim West
- Rita Purdon
- Barb Snyder
- Wilf Luedke
- Stacey Martin
- Brigid Payne

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# Context (DFO)

- Pacific Integrated Commercial Fisheries Initiative (PICFI)
  - Transferring commercial access to First Nations
  - Capacity Building
  - Co-Management
  - Catch Monitoring and Reporting
- Key objective in support of Fisheries Reform
  - Stabilizing allocations for all fisheries, focused on a share-based salmon model for commercial salmon fisheries

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# Context (FNFC)

- *Our Place at the Table (lays out regional principles and management options)*
- *FNFC Action Plan*
- *Salmon Shares Discussion Paper (to address technical, coastal, and interior challenges)*
- *Salmon Shares Legal Analysis (Ratcliff and Company)*

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# Progress to Date:

- Broadened scope from focus on salmon shares to economic access which includes other fisheries
  - Immediate focus will be on PICFI
- Working Group Progress
  - Has Members and Terms of Reference
  - Met in August, September, October to develop workplan
  - DFO workshop on October 26<sup>th</sup> for PICFI applicants
    - EAWG update – DFO presentations on PICFI licence relinquishment and distribution programs – clarified process and documented concerns – recommended joint follow-up workshop to report progress

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## Workplan Objective 1:

### **Work collaboratively to improve PICFI Implementation related particularly to economic access**

- DFO PICFI Workshop (October 2010)
- Review PICFI practices for relinquishment and criteria for nominal allocation and options for improvement
- Establish First Nations structures to support PICFI decision making (policy and technical levels)
- First Nation Economic Access Workshop (January or February 2011)
- Improved Communications

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## Workplan Objective 2:

### **Exploring alternative management systems for salmon shares and other B.C. fisheries and understanding the effects on First Nations**

- FNFC Salmon Shares Discussion Paper: Options and tools for conversion of licenses to allocations (coastal and interior)
- The legal context for salmon shares (prepared for FNFC)
- Workgroup participation with DFO on a Salmon Shares Discussion Paper for distribution to stakeholders
- Statement of Work: Identifying and evaluating management options for several BC fisheries

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**Workplan Objective 3:**  
**Involving First Nations in decision making at different levels and scales related to economic access**

- Identify priority issues and determine appropriate scales of engagement
- Explore opportunities or relationships with other government departments, agencies or programs to support First Nations economic development in the fishery including funding and/or policy support
- Gather input from First Nations' on regional criteria and principles for access and distribution (Tier 1)

**Workplan Objective 4:**  
**Development of future programs to accommodate First Nations in Pacific fisheries**

- Support a second round of acquisition and distribution of fishing licenses and quotas to First Nations through the development of proposals for decision-makers and cooperative design of future programs.
- Lessons learned from PICFI and other access relinquishment initiatives and buy back programs
- Review of Canadian and International Best Practices and Lessons Learned in Fisheries Access Transfers (for completion by December 2010)
- Background paper on Current First Nations Participation in the Commercial Fishery

# Next Steps

- DFO short term commitments to address PICFI implementation
- EAWG Hosting a workshop on Economic Access in early 2011

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# Questions?

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