

**DRAFT WORKPLAN - FOOD, SOCIAL & CEREMONIAL FISHERIES WORKING GROUP – OCTOBER 29**

OBJECTIVES	KEY ACTIVITIES
<p><b>OBJECTIVE A: Support the engagement of First Nation communities to inform the development of a joint policies and approaches to the implementation and management of Section 35 (1) Food, Social &amp; Ceremonial fisheries.</b></p>	<p><b>1. Introduction of FSC Working Group and draft workplan at the FNFC Fall Assembly.</b></p> <p><b>2. Coordinating with local First Nations, organize eight to ten First Nation Tier One Community Dialogue Sessions in 2010/2011.</b> The purpose of the Community Dialogue Sessions will be to facilitate discussion and develop an understanding on what Food Social Ceremonial Fisheries means to First Nation communities (e.g. significance and values to First Nations, health, societal, cultural benefits, issues and challenges related to access, data and information management, considerations for fisheries management, etc) and to gather input and feedback for future engagement</p> <p><b>3. Coordinating with local First Nations, organize eight to ten Tier One &amp; Two Community Dialogue Sessions in 2011/12.</b> The purpose of the engagement strategy will be to ground truth / advance the information foundation and perspectives related to FSC fisheries and how they are managed with First Nations communities. The dialogue sessions will be informed by the collaborative work completed in 2010/11.</p>
<p><b>OBJECTIVE B: Case studies to analyze management systems currently in place in order to identify best practices and opportunities for growth</b></p>	<p><b>1. Develop the guidelines / scope of works for how the case study analysis will be completed.</b></p> <p><b>2. Early-timed Chinook</b> Highlights: Conservation imperative; issues related to priority allocation and access, linkages to planning processes currently in</p> <p><b>3. Clam Management</b> Highlights: Benefits and challenges with shared management responsibilities; benefits and challenges with area-based management</p> <p><b>4. Protocols between First Nations</b> Highlights: Examine a case study that explores traditional First Nation protocols, which showcases where First Nations have shared fish resources and its relation to DFO policies by fishing area. Look for an example where First Nation protocols</p>
<p><b>OBJECTIVE C: Gather and develop information to advance a common foundation of understanding on FSC/Section 35(1) fisheries and the information and data needs for fisheries management</b></p>	<p><b>1. Development of a background paper from DFO on information and data needs for effective fisheries management. (DFO to do a draft report outline and get feedback from the working group). The paper may include:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Summary analysis on the collection and use of harvest and monitoring data (FSC, Commercial and Recreational) in fisheries management</li> <li>• An overview of FSC information needed for pre-season planning (numbers, anticipated fishing patterns, times, locations) and in-season decision making</li> <li>• An overview of how data is analysed for use in fisheries management decision-making processes and the current practices that DFO uses to manage data and decision</li> </ul> <p><b>2. Background Paper from FNFC on information and data that First Nations can provide to meet their fisheries management needs. The paper will be developed with input provided by First Nations during the community dialogue sessions. The paper</b></p>

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	<p>will likely include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What data and information do First Nations collect for fisheries a management and what do they feel is appropriate to provide to DFO for DFO fisheries mgmt needs.</li> <li>• Successes and challenges with data collection and management</li> <li>• A discussion on FN perspectives on the incentives/disincentives for sharing data and information</li> <li>• Examples of how First Nations use data and information for their fisheries management planning</li> <li>• Analysis of data and information needs as it related to harvest areas (e.g. Marine, Lower River, Upper River)</li> </ul> <p>3. Draft a Discussion Paper that makes suggestions on how to reconcile First Nations and DFO perspectives on the data and information needs related to Food Social Ceremonial Fisheries and fisheries management. The Discussion Paper will be informed from perspectives provided by First Nations and DFO and the discussion paper topics may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To what extent is there agreement between DFO and FN on the data and info requirements for FSC Fisheries</li> <li>• Work together to synthesis gaps and opportunities for moving forward</li> <li>• Understanding of capacity needed to gather and use data</li> </ul>
<p><b>OBJECTIVE D: Work towards the development of DRAFT policy recommendations and Operational Guidelines on FSC / Section 35(1) Fisheries.</b></p>	<p>1. <b>Background Paper:</b> Overview of DFO policies and operational guidelines with respect to FSC. E.g. area and species management practices; area based FSC allocations; how FSC allocations are determined, etc.</p> <p>2. <b>Background:</b> Develop a discussion paper on First Nation perspectives and approaches to Section 35(1) rights. To be articulated directly from FN people in the Tier One community dialogue sessions.</p> <p>3. <b>Develop FSC Policy Framework and Operational Guidelines which are respectful and workable to both parties, and subsequently can be presented and broadly ground truthed with B.C. First Nations.</b> Developed using background documents on FSC perspectives, learning from case studies, and designed to meet information needs for fisheries management, the paper may include discussion on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Working toward a more consistent application of FSC policies and principles at a local level</li> <li>• Explore linkages back to management planning processes and how ‘decision rules’ are currently formulated within existing processes</li> <li>• Working towards building a series of practical steps that could support better engagement of First Nations in IFMP planning processes</li> </ul>
<p><b>OBJECTIVE E: Maintain the Working Group (Administration)</b></p>	<p>1. Develop performance indicators in which to track and measure success of the working group –</p> <p>2. Research methods to foster student support and educational assistance to help with the group’s workload</p> <p>3. Develop Working Group Operational Guidelines – tracking issues, how agendas are set, how communities can have input, prioritizing issues, local vs. regional issues, drafting minutes, etc.</p>