

Tier 2 (FN & DFO) Meeting Notes

Co-Management Working Group Meeting

November 24, 2010

UBCIC Offices

Attendance:

- Howie Wright (Okanagan Nation Alliance Fisheries Department / FNFC)
- Catherine Rigg (Haida Fisheries Program)
- Pete Nicklin (Upper Fraser Fisheries Conservation Alliance)
- Saul Milne (FNFC Policy Analyst)
- Alex Gagne (FNFC Policy Analyst)
- Deana Machin (FNFC Co-Management Coordinator)
- Corey Jackson – DFO
- Brigid Payne - DFO
- Barry Huber - DFO

Regrets:

- Ross Wilson - Heiltsuk
- Greg Wadhams - Namgis
- Murray Ned – Sto:lo Tribal Council
- Deborah Phelan - DFO
- Angela Bate - DFO
- Gerry Kelly - DFO

Agenda

1. Welcome and Introductions

2. Review Agenda and draft meeting notes from previous meetings

- Addition – Discuss potential linkages with the Roadmap initiative underway in the Fraser (added to #5 – Co-Management Framework Discussion)
- Meeting notes from September 21st are approved

3. Debrief from 2010 FNFC Fall Assembly in Prince Rupert

- Reviewed the Assembly summary documents posted on the FNFC website (distributed)
- Identified 5 key messages:

a) Terminology

- Distinction between terms Joint Management and Co-Management
 - Co-Management is typically used more broadly (in all three tiers). It is an inclusive reference to working together.
 - Joint Management can be specifically in reference to a government and government working relationship on a tier two, bilateral basis.
- From a First Nations perspective, joint management means that FNs and DFO would work together with equal authority.

- FN participants at the Fall Assembly were clearly supportive of using the term Joint-management, and the term has quickly become used more often in discussions in place of the term co-management
 - The FNFC could put out a short communiqué that identifies how we see terminology from co-management to joint management and how we make the distinction – draft simple definitions to show that we are responsive to what we have heard
 - The FN Caucus of the working group would like to change the name of the working group to Joint Management WG to reflect this shift in terminology, similar to how the economic access Working group changed its name from salmon shares WG
 - DFO will have to discuss this issue internally, as they not explored this terminology yet - ``rebranding`` may pose some challenges internally e.g. DFO already has many programs, policies and initiatives that refer to co-management
 - Does it mean joint decision making and how does that reflect on jurisdiction and our roles e.g. Minister’s authority etc.
 - Could draft short wording, that speaks to the ministers responsibility and how we want to work within that, visions principles a vision for what we want to build, courts have said negotiate agreements, DFO will check internally, we are moving to shared management
 - FN want to see a distinction of the sui generis relationship with FN and those with others in the multi-stakeholder forums, Tier 3/third party initiatives could then be termed co-management
 - DFO is moving to multi-interest forums, “joint-management” brings back to how DFO strengthens bi-lateral relationships
- Action Item: DFO to do some exploring internally on the use of joint-management and co-management terminology in work with First Nations
- Action Item: Include an article on co-management/ joint management in the FNFC communiqué and bi-weekly call, FNFC/DFO draft together
- b) Pace of working group
- Something to keep in mind as we look at the workplan. Need to prioritize issues in the workplan. Need to identify short term, mid term and long term elements.
 - The workplan is broken down by objectives, may also be worthwhile to do a Gantt chart
 - Need to be cognoscente of the end of PICFI. Need to front load as much as we can.
 - Knowing about capacity needs in the near future will help with the treasury board submissions along the way.
- c) Cross pollination between the working groups
- Staff to act as a linkage between the groups
 - The community engagement piece will help with the cross pollination as well
 - Linkages between the FNFC and DFO executive sit down together, they will review the workplans (early January)

- Working groups getting together over the next 15 months (the proposed joint working group meeting)
- Getting the co-leads of the working groups together prior to the RDG meeting in late January

d) Scales

- Increasing the understanding of roles and functions in the various scales
- Organized under the activities of science, fisheries management, planning, enforcement, etc (see tier one notes for the activities). Might want to add the category of funding and administrative support.
- Develop a grid that showcases what activities are taking place at what geographic scales and what tiers
- WCARMB went through a similar exercise, need to get this resource and bring to the group (ask Colin Mason)
- Summary of scales from assembly – this information should be expanded and used to help guide discussions at each of the scales. Need to prioritize tier two activities. Ideally have a paper that provides options to the communities that we can share when we go out to the communities in the engagement sessions.
- There is the map of the Council member areas. The FNFC received a lot of positive feedback on it. Need to talk about where the scales are, and the map may be a good think to put forward within this context.
- Need to do a capacity assessment for DFO and for First Nations. Need to do a gap analysis on information that DFO has on AFS and AAROM, and what is the capacity for First Nations to engage and be engaged.

4. Review and Finalize the Draft Workplan

- Discussion of Working Group Desired Outcomes and Workplan Priorities
- Identify finding, timelines and roles for workplan activities
- Scope out short-term workplan activities

*Changes to workplan made directly on the rolling draft of the workplan. The Workplan will be reviewed at the next working group meeting prior to being submitted to the Joint FNFC-DFO Executive for approval

5. Co-Management Framework Discussion

- Need to scope out key elements/draft outline for potential framework
- Meeting ended before we could get to a discussion of potential linkages to the Roadmap process on-going in the Fraser. To bring forward to the next Working Group Meeting (Barry Huber)

6. Next Meeting

Next meeting scheduled for: January 12, 8:30 – 1pm, Vancouver