

Tier Two (FN & DFO) Teleconference Meeting Notes:

Food, Social & Ceremonial Working Group

Friday November 26, 2010

Attendees: Walter Joseph, Mark Duiven, Megan Moody, Ernie Victor, Deana Machin, Saul Milne Barry Huber (HQ rep), Terri Bonnet, Brigid Payne,

Regrets: Tony Roberts Jr, Nicole McLelland, Colin Masson, David Leach, Paul Ryall

Meeting Objectives and Draft Agenda:

- a) *Finalize Workplan*
- b) *Identify short term priority activities*
- c) *Review proposed options and resource requirements for community dialogue sessions*

1. Review Agenda & Draft Meeting Notes from previous meetings

- Previous teleconference on Oct 28th was to prepare for the FNFC Fall Assembly
- No meeting notes from the last meeting as teleconference focused on revisions to the workplan, and the revised workplan was included in the Fall Assembly kits
- FSCWG needs to finalize the FSC workplan to go forward to the FNFC-DFO Joint Executive Committee in January for approval as per the working group ToR
- Need to finalize workplan elements by mid-December and identify short term activities that we may be able to complete prior to end of the fiscal year

2. Debrief from 2010 FNFC Fall Assembly in Prince Rupert

Key Messages from the FNFC Fall Assembly:

- *Attachments: Draft Summary from days 2 and 3 of 2010 FNFC Fall Assembly*
- Did not hear any prohibition or concerns from the Assembly about the proposed activities of the FSCWG, however, still hearing multiple streams of interest from FNs
 - enumeration issues
 - operational level issues
 - with respect to higher level policy issues,
 - greater flexibility is needed
 - bridging and implementation between policy and management

- Good participation from DFO Area, Regional and National staff and anticipate that this will lead to more effective engagement and be a spring board for communication internally for both parties
- Understanding and definition of FSC, especially “Social” aspects
 - From *Marshall Decision* – FNs have a right to a reasonable livelihood
- Simple question: Did you get your FSC - why or why not?
- Access issues continue to be a dominant theme
 - Lots of folks are unsatisfied with their access, caloric intake and/or limited ability to get what they need,
 - One) what is the threshold? how do we get that number?
 - Two) what does social mean?
- Respect for FN management and protocols between First Nations
- Potential SARA listings and/or Recovery Plans and their potential impact on FSC access
- The way that DFO interprets FSC does not include an economic component, so some things will be more satisfying and others will not. E.g. Economic Access is out of scope for DFO in terms of FSC
- Where are decisions made? How are policies implemented?
 - Having local level field managers making the decision is problematic i.e. defining the scope of the right at the local level is poor public policy
 - How does it affect folks on the community? Does it support or inhibit access?
 - Need a more consistent approach, so perhaps standardized working definition of FSC with points of flexibility to allow for specific FNs situations, so they are not unduly restricted from their constitutional rights

3. Discussion of Working Group Desired Outcomes and Workplan Priorities

Note: Workplan needs to be finalized by mid-December to go forward to the FNFC-DFO Joint Executive for approval in January

Objective A – Communication and Community Engagement

- Need to have Tier 1 and Tier 2 community dialogue to “ground-truth” our work
- FN Working Group Members propose to have Tier One sessions in this fiscal, and tier two sessions next fiscal

- Working with the other WGs to draft a schedule and budget to see if we can achieve any economies of scale/cost savings, and also to plan around other meetings (e.g. IFMP, Forums, PSC etc.)
- Costs can be prohibitive, should explore other dollar neutral approaches, more material on the web-site, attend other scheduled meetings, etc
- Planning for the dialogue sessions will be key to having focused discussion
- Need to balance the need of having some materials/info ready for the community meetings to have a focused discussion, but need to be careful of having too much “pre-developed” information
- Want to hear from FNs directly what their FSC issues and concerns are in their area/community
- Consider doing some sort of inventory/survey /environmental scan/compilation of FSC issues before having the dialogue sessions (Addition to Workplan)
 - Need to have an organized way of collecting information
- More prep work delays engagement but could make it more meaningful, defining our role and vision so we go out with a clear approach
 - What are objectives of the sessions?
 - What types of information do we need to have prepared to take out for community dialogue sessions?
 - How best to organize the meetings to provide information and gain feedback/guidance?

ACTION: Deana, Saul and Alex to summarize the discussions from all of the Working Groups, and distribute a recommended option for coordination of the dialogue sessions

Objective B – Case Studies

- What do we want to accomplish by completing the proposed case studies? Is it just to analyse them, or is this something we can capture elsewhere?
- Only 15-months left in our initial phase of the working group, so do we have the time to do this? How would it be of value to the rest of the work we are seeking to accomplish?
- With respect to the early timed Chinook (spring 4₂ chinook); there are a lot of other groups involved, plus a number of planned or on-going processes (Tier 2 and Tier 3) , so would our involvement complicate matters? Is it even necessary?
- If objective of case studies was to get a sense of what is working and what isn't, think we could accomplish the same outcome but conducting an inventory/environmental

scan of FSC issues and references best practices (Addition to workplan under Objective A)

- Keep the case study related to FN protocols in the workplan, as this is something that will likely require more in-depth research and analysis

Objective C

- DFO has started circulating its draft Strategic Framework for Catch Monitoring in the Pacific Region
 - The DFO framework is related to all sectors fisheries in the Region, not focused specifically on FSC,
 - Strategic framework is focused on only those technical aspects of catch monitoring
 - This draft framework is a start on activity C1, but more work will likely be required of DFO for this workplan activity in the next fiscal
 - DFO will have to conduct its own consultations with BC First Nations on its strategic framework
- There are no changes to the remaining activities proposed under this objective

Objective D

- At this time, there are no changes to the activities proposed under this objective

4. Wrap-Up and Next Meeting Date

Next Working Group Meeting:

January 20, 2011 (in-person)

9:00 am – 3:30 pm

Vancouver, location to be determined

Sub-group Meeting to focus on detailed scoping/planning of workplan activities:

December 16, 2010

9:00 am – 12:00 pm

409 Granville Street (2 blocks from Waterfront Station)

Rm 1610 @ the Great Bear Rainforest Initiative Office (formerly Turning Points)