

# OVERVIEW AND INTRODUCTION

First Nations and DFO  
Joint / Co - Management Dialogue Session

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Richmond, BC

# *Commitment to Action (C2A)*

- ⦿ Commitment to work together and advance on priority areas:
  - Co-Management,
  - Section 35.1 FSC Fisheries,
  - Economic Access
  - Aquaculture)

# DFO-FNFC Co - Management Working Group

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  - Advance priorities identified in the C2A
  - Support engagement with First Nations around joint management
  - Identify priorities for First Nations and DFO
  - Specific task and activities to support progress on joint / co-management

# Joint Management Context

- ⦿ Extremely broad, complex area
- ⦿ Committed to improving governance / joint management
- ⦿ Scope and complexity makes it difficult to determine priorities
  - How and where should we focus our efforts?
  - How can we better coordinate efforts in a more strategic and efficient way?

# Context for this Dialogue Session

- Part of a broader, ongoing dialogue between First Nations and DFO
- Working Group helping support and facilitate Tier 1 and 2 discussions
- Draft workplan presented to Fisheries Assembly in Prince Rupert (Nov 2010)

# Current Status and Next Steps

- In-depth discussions at 2010 Fisheries Assembly
  - First Nation's desire for tangible progress
  - Feedback through large/small group discussions used to inform workplan and our approach
  - Consolidation of background info / papers
- Next Steps:

Major Tasks	Who	When
Tier 1 & 2 Dialogue Sessions	FNFC staff & First Nation members of Working Group	March & April 2011
Foundational perspectives on joint management	DFO and FNFC	June 2011
Draft Outline of a Joint Management Framework	Working Group	Fall 2011
Engagement with First Nations on Draft Framework	DFO, FNFC and Working Group	Fall-Winter 2011 / 12

# Objectives: Today and Tomorrow

- ① Analyze and learn from “case studies”
- ② Improve current practices (joint management)
- ③ Identify potential elements of a joint management framework

# Long-Term Objectives

- Determine priorities and gaps;
- Determine how Working Group can support progress; and
- Develop draft joint management framework (e.g. principles, priorities, objectives) to guide progress moving forward

**SUMMARY AND OUTCOMES  
FROM 2010 FNFC FALL  
ASSEMBLY ON CO-  
MANAGEMENT**

# Overview

- Co-Management covers a wide range of activities, relationships, arrangements and processes at different scales
- Can range from high-level policy discussions to joint fisheries or stock assessment projects at local levels
- Issues related to governance, scale and activities have been identified as focal points

# What we heard from you:

- ⦿ Shift in terminology to “joint management”
- ⦿ “Joint management” based on Section 35.1 rights is different than the types of “co-management” relationships that DFO has with third parties
  - Co-Management is typically used more broadly (at and between all three tiers). It is an inclusive reference to working together.
  - Joint Management can be specifically in reference to a government to government working relationship between FN and DFO on a tier two, bilateral basis.

# Statement of Solidarity on Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Joint Management

- ⦿ Recognize and respect FN autonomy and FN Title and Rights
- ⦿ Meaningful engagement of FNs in policy development and in management and decision making processes
- ⦿ FNs will work collaboratively to develop capacity to effectively engage in fisheries management (decision making, policy development, management, science) at multiple scales

# Joint Management: Challenges and Opportunities

- ⦿ Recognition & Accommodation of First Nations Authority
- ⦿ Capacity Requirements
- ⦿ Identifying Models / Mechanisms for Joint Management
- ⦿ Communication
- ⦿ Information Management and Data Analysis
- ⦿ Structural/Organizational Issues

# Topics for Further Dialogue

- ① How to coordinate & integrate joint / co-management activities at and between different scales
- ① Developing mechanisms and models for joint management among First Nations
- ① Developing mechanisms and models for joint management between First Nations and DFO