

Tier 2 Meeting Notes

Co-Management Working Group Meeting

January 12, 2011; 8:30-11:30 and 2pm-4pm
DFO 401 Burrard St. - Boardroom C

Attendance:

- Howie Wright - Okanagan Nation Alliance Fisheries Department / FNFC
- Catherine Rigg - Haida Fisheries Program
- Pete Nicklin - Upper Fraser Fisheries Conservation Alliance
- Murray Ned – Lower Fraser Fisheries Alliance / Sto:lo Tribal Council
- Ross Wilson – Heiltsuk Integrated Resource Department
- Alex Gagne - FNFC Policy Analyst
- Deana Machin - FNFC Co-Management Coordinator
- Corey Jackson – DFO
- Brigid Payne - DFO
- Barry Huber – DFO
- Deborah Phelan – DFO
- Elan Park – DFO (for afternoon session)

Regrets:

- Greg Wadhams – Namgis; Angela Bate – DFO; Gerry Kelly - DFO

Agenda

1. Welcome and Introductions

2. Review Agenda and draft meeting notes from previous meetings

- Addition – Under 3. a) Terminology Joint Management: delete second sentence.
(It is noted that First Nations have begun adopting the term “joint management”, as discussed at the FNFC Fall Assembly. DFO will explore flexibility to use term joint management in relation to the name of the Working Group and products, etc.)

→ **Action item:** DFO to explore internally the use of joint management/co-management terminology; to be brought up to NHQ by Barry and to be discussed at the FNFC-DFO Exec meeting.

→ **Action item:** Working group to developed one-pager on the need for this terminology (Deana and Corey to lead)

→ **Action item:** FNFC to develop a communiqué on the use of joint management

- Meeting notes from Nov. 24 are approved with above change.

3. Planning for Tier 2 and Tier 1 Community Dialogue Sessions

- Funding is confirmed at \$100k from PICFI (\$50k G&C to be flowed to the FNFC and \$50k O&M to be spent by DFO, Consultations Secretariat) for FSC, Economic Access and Co-management working group meetings; Aquaculture consultations will take place separately and funded separately directly from Aquaculture at \$75k.
- Each meeting will have a Tier 2 forum and then a series of Tier 1 regional community meetings.
- Dates:
 - Jan. 31 – Feb. 1 Economic Access Working Group plus, Richmond (TBC)
 - Feb. 24 – Co-management Tier 2, Richmond
 - Feb. 25 – Co-management Tier 1, Richmond
 - March 7 – FSC Tier 2, Nanaimo
 - March 8 – FSC Tier 1, Nanaimo
 - March 10 – Co-management Tier 1, Prince George
 - March 11 – FSC Tier 1, Prince George
 - March 15 – Co-management Tier 1, Terrace
 - March 16 – FSC Tier 1, Terrace
- It is requested that working group members attended as many meeting as possible. Commitments for the Tier 1 meetings have been made:
 - Feb 24/25 (Richmond): Pete, Catherine, Murray
 - March 10 (Prince George): Pete, Murray (TBC)
 - March 15 (Terrace): Ross, Howie (TBC), Catherine (TBC)

4. Meeting broke for First Nations members to attend lunch with Pacific Salmon Commission First Nation Caucus.

5. Design of Tier 2 Co-management Community Dialogue Sessions

- Brainstorming discussion regarding the objectives of Tier 2 dialogue sessions.
- The group identified a number of general and specific objectives for the Tier 2 workshops, including:
 - Increase awareness regarding the co-management working group and the workplan
 - Provide a “kick off” for the Tier 1 regional meetings
 - Put forward early scoping work regarding DFO and First Nations perspectives regarding co-management
 - Inform and engage participants about potential next steps between First Nations and DFO in moving forward on co-management
 - Build understanding and engage First Nations (including seeing input) on specific issues related to co-management, including scales of decision-making and governance.
 - Identify priority areas or issues for co-management and what we can do (as DFO and the FNFC) to support progress in those areas.

- Format /Topics
 - Ceremonial activity for the opening?
 - DFO senior management representative: visionary statement; statement about working together on this by DFO and FNFC?
 - Present co-management working group workplan and link it to the objectives of the meeting.
 - Present a “what we heard” segment from FNFC Fall Assembly
 - Discussion on potential items for engagement, from vision and objectives, to specific activities (eg., stock assessment, catch monitoring, pre-season timing).
 - Scales
 - Need for definition : National, BC wide, Regional/Sub-regional, Local/Community
 - Link the discussion to the FNFC Fall Assembly discussion on this topic
 - Question for FN: How best to organize ourselves for engagement in decision-making?
 - Propose a framework for discussion
 - Scope
 - Need a process to frame this discussion: joint planning, governance, pilot projects
 - Tier 1 discussion on capacity, which moves towards setting priorities
 - Outlining authorities and mandates

- Facilitation

→ **Action item:** Deana to investigate four potential facilitators: John Talbott, Harold Tarbell, Gordon Sloan and Julian Griggs, and choose one. Facilitation contract will be handled by FNFC.

- Participation
 - About 70-100 are anticipated. Invitations will be targeted and will include technical and political First Nations as well as AAROM groups and those involved in the catch monitoring panel.
 - FNFC to send out the invitation and have already sent out “save the date” notes.
 - Consideration should be given to inviting a broad range of DFO staff, as this is an awareness-raising event for all and a good opportunity for engagement. A good faith/visionary statement by senior level would be useful.

→ **Action item:** Corey, Deana and Howie to develop invitation list.

→ **Action item:** Corey to send out invitation to DFO staff, all levels. This will include N. Bouffard, K. Stringer, S. Farlinger, key FAM staff, AFS, TAP-D, ADs, PICFI directors and staff including Area Coordinators and Element leads.

- Potential Background Documents for sessions
 - FNFC members map – to show scales
 - Perspectives on Co-Management (DFO-Corey)
 - Draft of potential outline for a Co-management Framework for discussion?
 - FNFC Recommendations related to scales for Tier 1 meetings
 - FNFC Recommendations related to governance for Tier 1 meetings
 - Background paper on First Nations perspectives on joint management
 - Julia Gardner paper?
 - “Ratcliffe paper” on mechanisms – create a 5-page summary/primer

→ **Action item:** Relevant individuals work on finalizing the papers in time for the meeting(s).

→ **Action item:** **Corey and Alex to work on short “primers” for scales and governance discussions**

→ **Action item:** FNFC (Deana/Alex) and DFO (Corey/Brigid) work on co-management visual

5. Next Meeting

Next meeting scheduled for: February 10, 2011, 9am-noon, Teleconference