

First Nations Fisheries Council

Strategic Direction Update

Presented to:

IHPC & IFMP Workshop



FIRST NATIONS
FISHERIES COUNCIL

Introduction

- The role of the FNFC is evolving
- Management of Pacific Fisheries will change in coming years
 - Sunset of PICFI program (2012)
 - Release of Cohen Commission Report (2012)
 - Introduction of DFO's evolving governance frameworks

How do we work together to collectively advance our interests?

- Although continuing to respond to emerging issues is essential, a clear governance mechanism is required
- Requires cooperative relationships
 - between the FNFC and the First Nations Leadership Council
 - Between the FNFC and various watershed or regional organizations or initiatives

First Nations Fisheries Council: Internal Governance

- What is the First Nations Fisheries Council's relationship with the First Nations Leadership Council?
- What is the First Nations Fisheries Council's relationship with Watershed Organizations or Initiatives?
- What is the nomination and appointment process for the First Nations Fisheries Council?

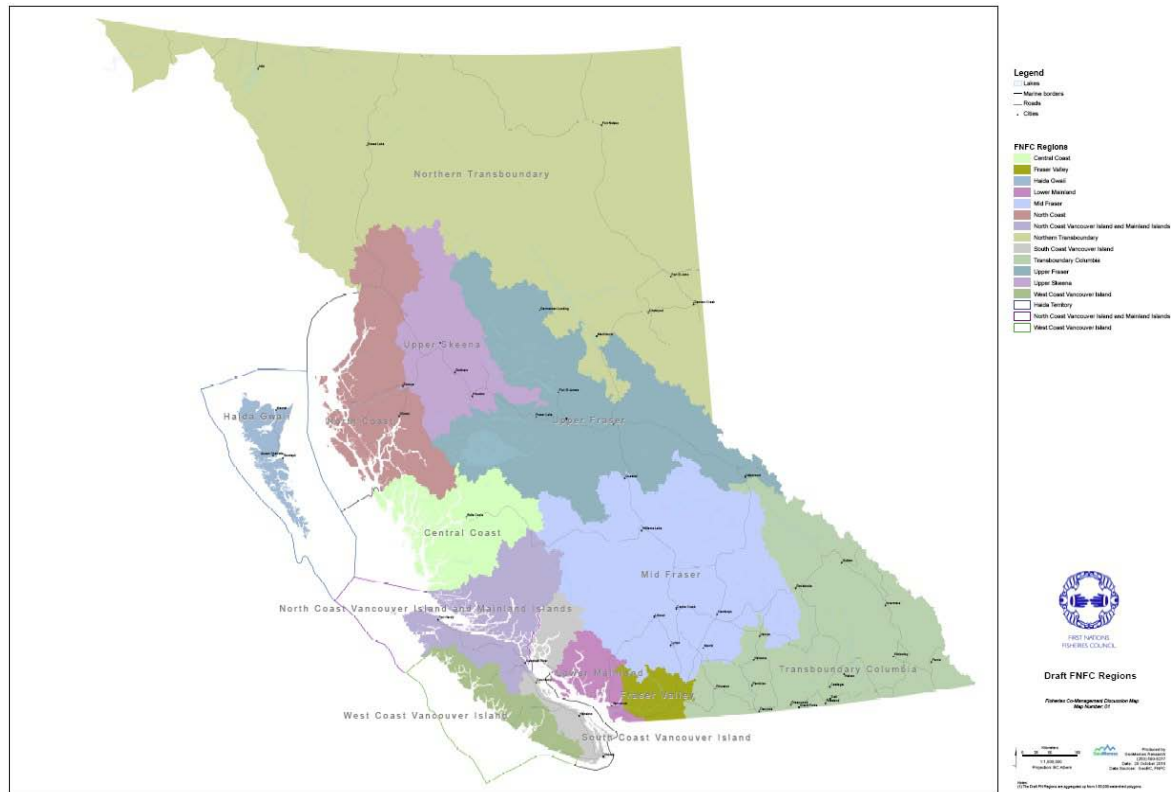
First Nations Fisheries Council Structure

Membership: Chiefs or delegates of each of British Columbia's 203 First Nations, which will meet in an annual Fisheries Assembly to provide overall guidance and direction to the Council.

Executive: Comprised of delegates selected by First Nations in each of 14 regions in British Columbia through whatever appointment process they deem to be appropriate, and with the support and assistance of the Fisheries Council in making their appointments.

Directors: 6 people appointed from and by the Executive (1 coastal chair, 1 interior chair, and 4 directors with portfolios).

First Nations Fisheries Council Regions



PHASE ONE

First Nations Fisheries Council relationship with First Nations Leadership Council

Timeline: September 2011

203 First Nation Communities

	FNS		BCAFN		UBCIC
First Nations Leadership Council					

Document: Declaration and Protocol (September 2011)

Purpose: Affirm intentions to work together in a cooperative and mutually supportive manner in order to coordinate political and technical assets towards specific objectives

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PHASE TWO

First Nations Fisheries Council relationship with Watershed Organizations or Initiatives

Timeline: September 2011

First Nations Fisheries Council

Document: Charter (September 2011)

Purpose: The Charter represents the foundation of a working relationship among the respective parties to coordinate technical assets towards specific objectives

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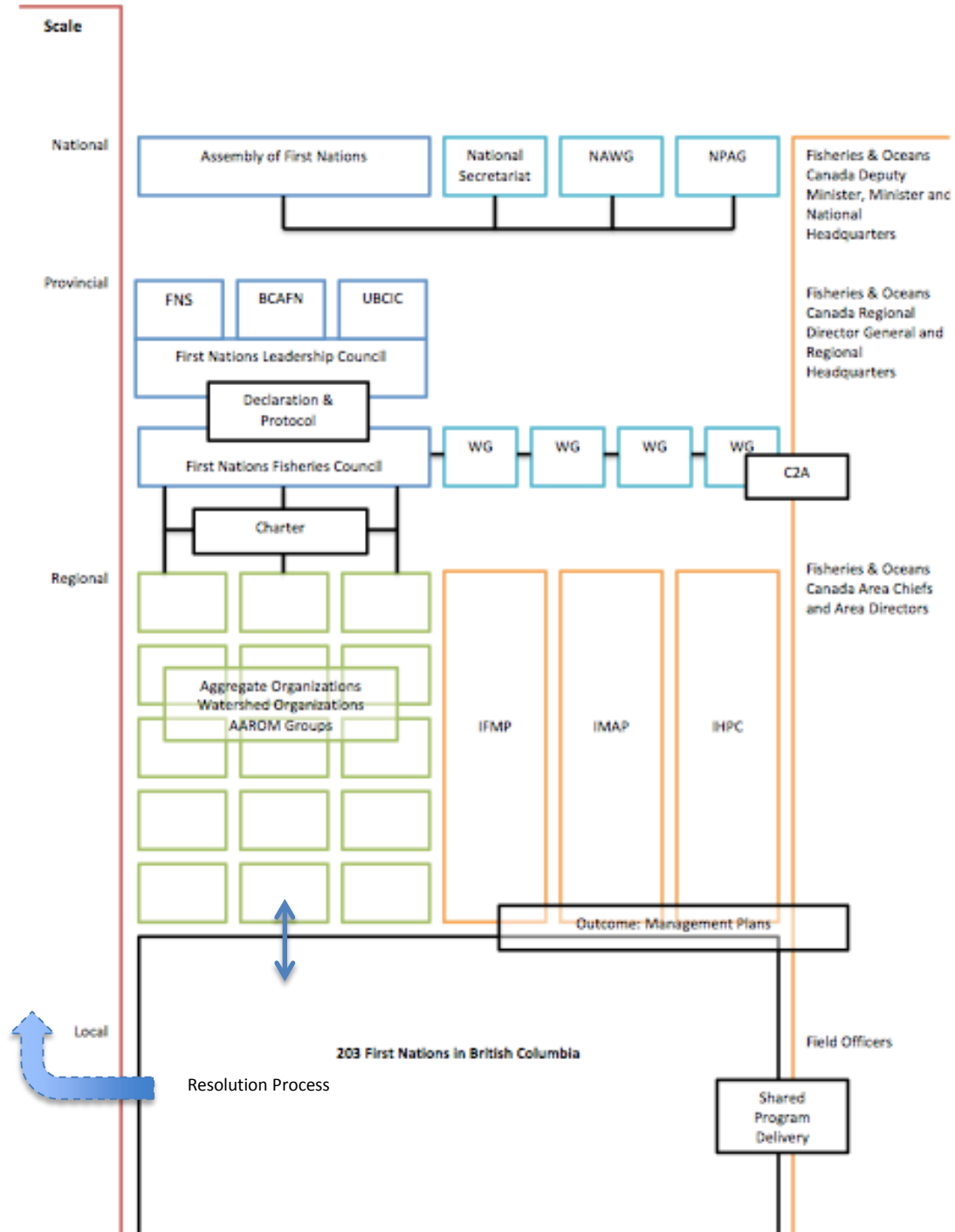
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Snapshot of First Nations Engagement with DFO at Different Scales



PHASE THREE

Developing a nomination and appointment process
for the First Nations Fisheries Council

Timeline: November 2011

First Nations Fisheries Council

IMAWG, NTC & AFS		FRAFS, UFFCA & LFFA		ONA	SFC, NCSFNSS & CFN			HN		
Note: The existing watershed processes provide a critical communications linkage to First Nation communities										
West Coast Van. Island	North Coast Van. Island	South Coast Van. Island	Fraser Valley-Lower Mainland	Mid Fraser-Upper Fraser	Trans Columbia	Upper Skeena	North Coast	Central Coast	Haida Gwaii	North Trans

First Nations Fisheries Council: Delegates for Advisory and Management Processes

Current Process:

- 28 Integrated Fisheries Management Plans
- South Coast Integrated Harvest Planning Committee
- North Coast Integrated Harvest Planning Committee

Increasing First Nations Involvement:

- Establish an Integrated Fisheries Management Plan Subcommittee
- Establish an appointment process for the South Coast Integrated Harvest Planning Committee
- Establish an appointment process for the North Coast Integrated Harvest Planning Committee

Future Considerations:

- Establish a First Nation Integrated Harvest Planning Committee
- Develop an annual First Nations Integrated Fisheries Management Plan

STAGE ONE
Developing a Nomination Process
Timeline: November 2011

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List of Nominations

STAGE TWO

**Developing a Legitimate Interim Appointment
Process for advisory - Subcommittee**

Timeline: Winter 2011-2012

List of Nominations as a Resolution to Planning
Committees and Subcommittees



All Chiefs' Assembly for Endorsement by Resolution

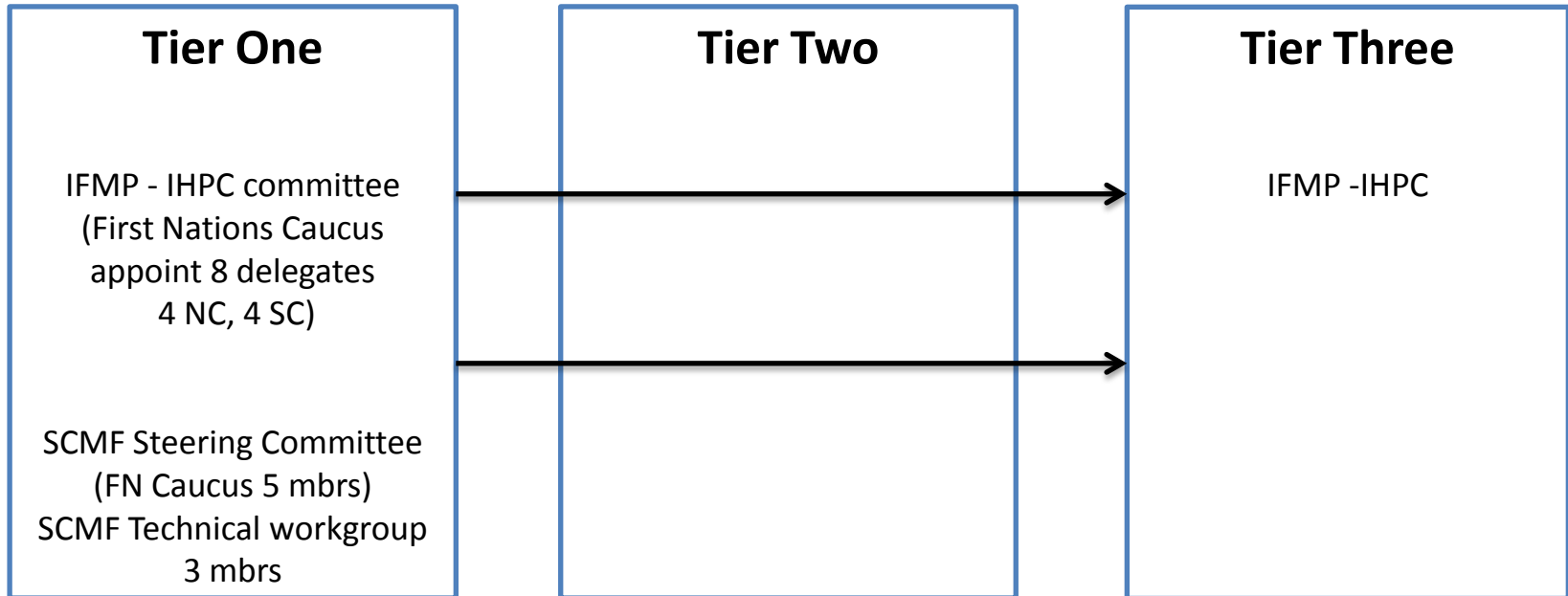


List of Nominations forwarded to Fisheries & Oceans
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STAGE THREE

First Nations Interfacing with Tier Three Processes

Timeline: 2011-2012



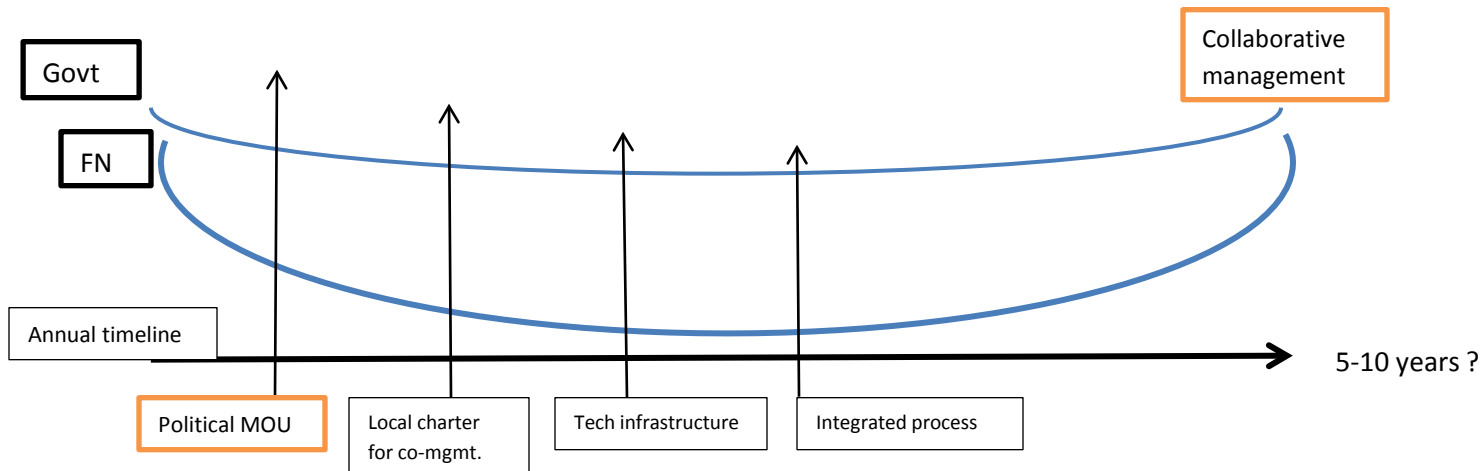
Building the Canoe. For illustrative purposes;

Over time FN and DFO must lay out a clear destination point together, and determine what is required from each party to reach the destination, and what are the timelines to get there.

As government current has the capacity, and resources – reaching a collaborative “joint Management “ *destination may be a shorter trip than for FN.* Govt will need to determine how to adjust to accommodate where agreed to;

FN, for their part, have a lot of collective work to do to reach agreement on structure, process, decision making, accountability, etc. thus the route may be longer.

The FNFC proposes to begin working with the Institute on Governance to elicit and design a strategic direction and planning process for viable Collaborative Management. This activity will be an evolving iterative process – which may require multiple annual dialogue sessions, which is part of the Policy Dialogue activity in C2A amendment \$127 500.



Stay involved – think big

Collaborate in your area



Raise the issues to the appropriate level - together



For more information:

- Please visit our website – www.fnfisheriescouncil.ca
- Visit our new office at 202-100 Park Royal South or call 778-279-2900
- Attend the Fall Fisheries Assembly November 8-9, 2011 in Penticton
- Participate in our Bi-weekly calls