

JOINT / CO-MANAGEMENT WORKING GROUP AND FRAMEWORK DEVELOPMENT

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Overview of Joint / Co-Management

- Extremely broad, complex area
- Moving toward improved governance and joint / co-management is a priority for First Nations and DFO
- 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

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

Drivers for joint / co-management

- ⦿ Rights & Responsibilities
- ⦿ Representation and Shared Decision-making
- ⦿ Political, Legal and Ecological Considerations
- ⦿ Economic Performance
- ⦿ Time: commitment to stay engaged
- ⦿ Resourcing: financial resources, human resources

Role of the First Nations-DFO Joint Management Working Group

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

Co-Management Working Group

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2010 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

2010 AGA:

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.

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
- Clarifying roles, responsibilities and authorities (e.g. decision making)

Working Group Progress

● Winter/Spring 2011

- Community Dialogue Sessions in Richmond, Prince George and Terrace

● Summer 2011

- Research on co-management models (discussion document – handout)
- Joint development of a draft outline (“straw-man”) of a co-management framework

● Fall 2011

- Feedback and input into the development of a co-management framework
- IFMP/IHPC Workshop (Tier 2)

● Winter 2012

- Co-Management Framework

Proposed Elements: FN-DFO Joint / Co-Management Framework

- ⦿ Definition of Joint Management
- ⦿ Context
- ⦿ Key Concepts
- ⦿ Capacity
- ⦿ Goal
- ⦿ Guiding Principles
- ⦿ Strategies for Advancing Joint Management:
 - Joint Management Model for Fisheries Management

Draft Principles for joint / co-management

- ⦿ First Nations Ownership
- ⦿ Recognition of Title & Rights
- ⦿ Meaningful Engagement, Consultation & Accommodation
- ⦿ Cooperation, Collaboration and Capacity Development
- ⦿ Shared Responsibility
- ⦿ Conservation and Stewardship
- ⦿ Trust & Relationship Building
- ⦿ Transparency and Accountability
- ⦿ Communication

Draft definition of joint management (Tier 2):

the shared authority and responsibility of First Nations and the Government of Canada for the management of fisheries, aquatic and ocean resources, based on the best available knowledge to promote the long-term sustainable use of those resources.

Strategic Questions

- Have we captured the key principles that should guide First Nations / DFO in moving forward with joint / co-management?
- Does this draft definition of joint / co-management align with the perspectives of First Nations?
- Are there other key priorities that could be captured in the work of the Working Group?