



Community Report

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Brenda Gaertner: Lead Negotiator

"Being asked was like the sockeye bringing me back again."



The Main Table has retained Brenda Gaertner of Mandell Pinder LLP to be Lead Negotiator of the Fraser Salmon Management Council.

Brenda was called to the bar in 1984, and since then has worked extensively with First Nations. She was Senior Counsel for the First Nations Coalition in the Cohen Inquiry into Fraser River sockeye. With Brenda's assistance, the St'át'imc Chiefs Council reached a historic agreement with BC Hydro and the province of British

Columbia. She has represented First Nations clients before the National Energy Board and at Joint Federal and Provincial Review Panels.

The selection process began with a Request for Expression of Interest. While all applicants were strong, Brenda's unique and lengthy record of work with Fraser First Nations was the deciding factor. In 2003, Brenda wrote *Establishing a Fraser Watershed Process*, some elements of which are now coming to life in the FSMC.

"I've been in the circle of the salmon for a number of years, and I'm honoured to take this step with you," Brenda said. "I'm ready to get to work with you on the issues ahead of us."

Welcome aboard Brenda.

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First Nations have joined the FSMC

Burns Lake, Canim Lake, Canoe Creek, Esketemc, Lhtako Dene, Lheidli T'enneh, Nak'azdli Whut'en, Nazko, Soda Creek, Stelat'en, Tl'azt'en, Wet'suwet'en, Williams Lake, Yekooche, Adams Lake, Bonaparte, Coldwater, Cook's Ferry, High Bar, Little Shuswap, Neskoniith, Nicomen, Nooaitch, Okanagan IB, Osoyoos, Penticton, Seton Lake, Shackan, Shuswap IB, Simpcw, Siska, Skeetchestn, Splatsin, Tk'emlups, T'it'qet, Upper Nicola, Westbank, Whispering Pines/Clinton, Chawathil, Katzie, Kwantlen, Kwaw Kwaw Apilt, Seabird Island, Shxwa:y Village, Sumas, Skawahlook, Skowkale, Soowahlie, Tsawwassen, Tzeachten, Yale, Campbell River, Cape Mudge, Cowichan Tribes, Ditidaht, Ehattesaht Chinehkint, Lyackson, 'Namgis, Halalt, Nuchatlucht, Penelakut and Quatsino.



Questions and Answers

What is the goal of the FSMC?

- FSMC is a mandated Tier 1 governance body by which First Nations will enter into **negotiations** with DFO.
- The goal is to secure a role for First Nations in **management** decision-making processes over Fraser salmon.
- “It’s an opportunity for First Nations who fish Fraser salmon, to have more strength, **more say** in management decisions.”

Darren Haskell
President,
FSMC Main Table

FRAFS and FSMC: How are they different?

Since 1994, the Fraser River Aboriginal Secretariat (FRAFS) has been the Tier 2 structure (i.e. First Nations and DFO) through which Fisheries and Oceans Canada has carried out consultations with First Nations.

FSMC is different in that it’s a Tier 1 (First Nations only) governance body.

Please see the visual guide on the next page for a more detailed explanation.

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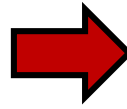
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