



# Community Report

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## **The Framework to Negotiations.**

This August, **Darren Haskell**, FSMC President and **Rebecca Reid**, Regional Director-General, DFO Pacific, signed *Nesika Oakut* (“*Our Own Way*”): *A Framework Agreement to Guide the Negotiations for Managing Fraser River Salmon.*

The purpose of the Framework is to guide the conduct of both DFO and FSMC during negotiations.

“There are specific responsibilities and procedures in the *Framework* that both parties must follow,” Darren said.

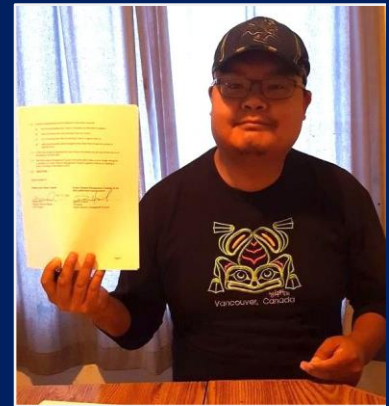
“For example, process timelines and schedules will be in place. Agendas will be confirmed 10 calendar days in advance of meetings between DFO and FSMC negotiators.”

In the *Framework*, First Nations and the department confirm their commitment to

work together on a government-to-government basis. “It’s a step towards building a respectful and cooperative relationship between DFO and FSMC,” said Tina Donald (Vice-President, FSMC).

Developing collaborative decision-making processes, structures and resources is part of the scope of the *Framework*. Indeed, FSMC’s current Mandate, as approved by Council Resolutions from its member nations, is to negotiate Management Agreement #1, at the heart of which, is a proposed government-to-government joint management structure.

The FSMC Negotiations Team will soon convene, with an eye towards meeting their counterparts from DFO in November.



**Darren Haskell, FSMC President signs *Nesika Oakut: A Framework Agreement to Guide the Negotiations for Managing Fraser River Salmon.***

- The FSMC Negotiation Team is made up of Brenda Gaertner (Lead Negotiator) and Main Table representatives: Victor Isaac (Island/Marine Approach); Dominic Hope (lower Fraser); Tina Donald (mid-river); and Thomas Alexis (upper Fraser).
- The *Framework* does not affect any Aboriginal or treaty rights of any other Aboriginal group. Section 35 of the *Constitution Act, 1982* is acknowledged.