



# Community Report

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## Negotiations Update

### SUMMARY NOTES:

#### FSMC /DFO June 29, 2017 negotiating meeting

The June 29, 2017 negotiating meeting between the FSMC and DFO took place at the Mandell Pinder offices, Vancouver, BC. This was the second meeting of this fiscal year (no meeting in May). Present were:

**FSMC:** Brenda Gaertner (Lead Negotiator), Victor Isaac, Tina Donald, and Thomas Alexis; Neil Todd (FSMC support); and Stephen Mussell.

**DFO:** Angela Bate (Lead Negotiator), Matthew Parslow, Kevin Conley, Cindy Wong, David Leech, and Ashley Dobko.

### MEETING OBJECTIVES:

1. Debrief and update on Ottawa Trip
2. Confirm funding
3. Discuss next steps to Management Agreement #1, including Implementation Plan
4. Discuss Concept Paper - FSC priority
5. Learn more about DFO CSAS and Science process

### Opening Introductions/Discussion

Kevin Conley (S. Coast) is Kent Spencer's alternate. David Leech (Senior Negotiator, DFO Ottawa) has been assigned to participate.

### FSMC funding

DFO informed the FSMC that PICFI allocations in Pacific Region are restricted to 2016/17 levels (in our case, \$257,135) for 2017/18. (Our proposal was for \$315,870.) Discussion occurred: this year's work plan will be re-configured to fit the new allocation; FSMC made it clear that this amount would likely be spent by late November and additional funds will be needed to complete this year's work; and also made it clear that relying on "slippage" showing up in the fall of 2017 was neither adequate nor appropriate for the importance of this initiative.

### Ottawa trip de-brief (Brenda)

Brenda and Darren met with Perry Billingsley (INAC) and Kevin Stringer (DFO) in Ottawa on June 14. Discussions went well:

- INAC will provide support to the negotiation process as/if requested by DFO;

- INAC feels our process is well advanced and probably would not benefit from becoming one of Joe Wild's "reconciliation tables";
- Kevin Stringer appreciated the update and substantial progress since our meeting with Minister Tootoo on February 4, 2016, and recognized the need to have Ottawa representation at the negotiations. (David Leech assigned.)

#### Draft Management Agreement (next steps)

Products that need to be developed and negotiated by the Parties are: 1. A management agreement; 2. An implementation plan; and 3. A budget/funding commitment (multi-year). The proposed management structure/processes that would implement a Management Agreement were discussed. Draft Terms of Reference for the four components of the proposed management structure were tabled and discussed. Included in the discussions was an estimated timeframe for a transition period for some elements of implementation, culminating by the end of October 2018. DFO noted that they didn't yet have a mandate to agree with the proposed structure; the request was made to enter the September meeting with a mandate to proceed.

#### CSAS Process Presentations

Science Branch representatives attended by phone and spoke to two presentations that

were up on the screen. This was an interesting introduction to the mechanics of how Science Branch operates in regard to development of papers (studies) that are peer-reviewed through the Canadian Science Advice Secretariat.

#### FSMC Concept Paper #2

The negotiating team's mandate includes the extremely important topic of "FSC" and the difficulties/issues faced by First Nations in regard to their Constitutionally-protected rights. A short discussion occurred in relation to the list of challenges presented by the FSMC in the initial draft, and characterizing them as common interests. DFO will provide comments back to FSMC prior to the next meeting.

#### Closing

The negotiating teams will not meet in July and August, and will re-convene in September. The fall meeting schedule (three months) was identified.

The FSMC will continue work during the summer months on Concept Paper #1 (a draft Management Agreement, and revised Terms of Reference for the four components of the management structure), as well as a draft Implementation Plan, to take to the table in September.

DFO will attempt to confirm a mandate to proceed based on Governance Structure set out in Concept Paper #1, and will review and comment on the draft TORs for the components of the management structure.