



Fraser Salmon Management Council

NEWSLETTER

January 6, 2021

COVID 19 PRECAUTIONS

Due to COVID 19, the FSMC will not be hosting any in-person meetings or encouraging any cross-regional travel during these trying times. The FSMC Administration is still in operation, although remotely, and are available through email and phone, and is conducting business as usual.

MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION

The FSMC Main Table is responsible for the administration and financial accountability of the 2020-21 AAROM Agreement Work Plan and budget, which includes the implementation of the Fraser Salmon Collaborative Management Agreement (FSCMA). Additionally, and for clarity, the Fraser River Aboriginal Fisheries Secretariat (FRAFS) which was initially responsible for the AAROM Agreement has now been fully absorbed into the FSMC operations. We still require and endeavor to complete a new long-term funding agreement that will assist in fulfilling the mandates associated with the FSCMA.

At present, the website www.frasersalmon.ca will be undergoing regular updates as implementation of the FSCMA continues and the historical FRAFS website will be also be archived at this location. If you have any questions about the website please contact: Allison James, Communications Coordinator communications@frasersalmon.ca. You can also like and follow the FSMC on Facebook and Twitter.

In addition to the email address above please note that the other staff emails are as follows; Brent Ryan-Lewis, Executive Director executivedirector@frasersalmon.ca and Greg Witzky, Operations Manager operations@frasersalmon.ca

INDEPENDENT CHAIR

The FSMC and FSMB are happy to announce that Marcel Shepert from Wet'suwe'ten has been successfully selected as the Independent Chair of the Fraser Salmon Management Board (FSMB). Marcel Shepert has decades of experience in fisheries policy and will be an asset to the FSCMA implementation. The FSMB will be providing a more detailed update shortly.

ANNUAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The AGA took place on November 17, 2020 and although it was virtual, all regular business was conducted, it is hoped we can better streamline our process as we have unique requirements under the Societies Act. The main purpose of our AGA was for member delegates to approve the annual FSMC workplan, based upon the 2020-21 AAROM funding agreement. The Workplan was successfully passed by consensus of delegates in attendance and will require some follow up once some external factors are clarified. The FSMC would like to thank the delegates who provided input and inquiries into operations that will ultimately guide us towards clarity.

REGIONAL ASSEMBLIES

The FSMC is currently initiating its regional area meetings with its four unique geographical regions. The main purpose for the upcoming sessions is to identify, possible classify while ultimately prioritizing fisheries issues while recognizing the importance to each of the four regions. The proposed dates are set for mid-January.

FORUMS

This year marks the official transition from the former FRAFS forums to the new FSMC forums. The first of the proposed three forums are scheduled to take place (virtually) from February 2-4, 2021. Subsequent forums are scheduled for March 2-4 and April 20-22, 2021. A new and revised Forum Planning Committee (FPC) has also been initiated with the express purpose of determining agenda items and presentation topics for the upcoming forums and will be the official contact for all Forum activities.

FSMB AND JTC

Since April 2019, The FSMB have had several monthly meetings with Marcel Shepert facilitating as the Independent Chair. The FSMB is working on identifying and classifying work plan priorities for the remainder of the 2020-21 fiscal year, as well as for the 2021-22 cycle of AAROM funding. The Joint Technical Committee (JTC) has now been populated fully and is meeting bi-monthly. See below for Members of the JTC and FSMB.

<u>FSMC Caucus</u>	<u>DFO Caucus</u>
Fraser Salmon Management Board (FSMB)	
Christina Ciesielski (Upper Fraser)	Linda Higgins, Area Director South Coast
Tracy Wimbush (Mid Fraser)	Terri Bonnet, Area Director, Fraser and Interior
Mike Baird (Lower Fraser)	Corey Jackson, Acting Director Aboriginal Programs
Tony Roberts Jr. (Island/ Marine Approach)	Jennifer Nener, Director, Salmon Management and Client Services
Joint Technical Committee (JTC)	
Mike Staley (Co-chair)	Brittany Jenewein (Acting Co-chair),
Roger Dunlop (Island/Marine Approach)	Brooke Davis, Acting Program Head, Fraser and Interior Stock Assessment
Aidan Fisher (Lower Fraser)	Brittany Jenewein, Acting Area Chief Resource Management, Fraser and Interior Area
Marc Labelle (Mid Fraser)	Kent Spencer Aboriginal Affairs Advisor, South Coast Area (Interim)
Shamus Curtis (Upper Fraser)	Lingbo Li, Aquatic Science Biologist