

Community Report

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Negotiations Update

On November, 24, 2016, negotiations began between FSMC and DFO.

"FSMC's goal is to secure a role for First Nations in management decision-making processes over Fraser salmon," said **Darren Haskell, FSMC President**.

"Our mandate to negotiate comes via Council Resolution from our member nations."

To date, negotiators have agreed on:

- the first four topics to negotiate;
- delivery of two
 Concept Papers by
 March 1st; and
- a Communications Protocol.

The first four topics are drawn from the *Framework Agreement* to Guide Negotiations. The two

Concept Papers will offer proposed approaches for moving forward on those topics.

Concept Paper #1 will be on the subject of models of collaborative/joint governance and management. It will cover topics 1 to 3:

- Development of collaborative decisionmaking processes, structures and resources.
- Linkages to Tier 1, Tier 2 and Tier 3 processes.
- Clarifying roles and responsibilities for Fraser River salmon fisheries management.

Concept Paper #2, will be about identifying agreements which DFO and FSMC can reach in order to better address First Nations' priority for allocation, and access,

to meet Food, Social and Ceremonial needs.

Negotiators from FSMC and DFO are collaborating on this work.

"The negotiation teams have stayed on schedule, meeting once a month," Darren said. "They're setting the course for the work to come. I look forward to seeing the Concept Papers."



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