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# Fraser Salmon Collaborative Management Agreement

## Update on implementation

Presentation to the Fraser Forum  
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# Key Acronyms/Terms

- **FSMC:** Fraser Salmon Management Council
  - 76 Signatory First Nations
  - Mandated Tier 1 organization
- **FSCMA / Agreement:** Fraser Salmon Collaborative Management Agreement
- **FSMB:** Fraser Salmon Management Board
- **JTC:** Joint Technical Committee
- **JTWG:** Joint Technical Working Group or Forum Technical Process

# Background

- 1994-1999 – Fraser Watershed Agreement
- 1994 – FRAFS established to facilitate communication
- 1999-2007 – series of initiatives to maintain FRAFS despite no Watershed Agreement
- 2008 – Forum process initiated
- 2009-2012 – Road Map Workshops
  - Letter of Understanding between FNs and DFO
  - Committing to prepare for & enter into negotiations
- 2014 – FSMC formed
  - Formalized Constitution & Bylaws, hired negotiator

# Background continued

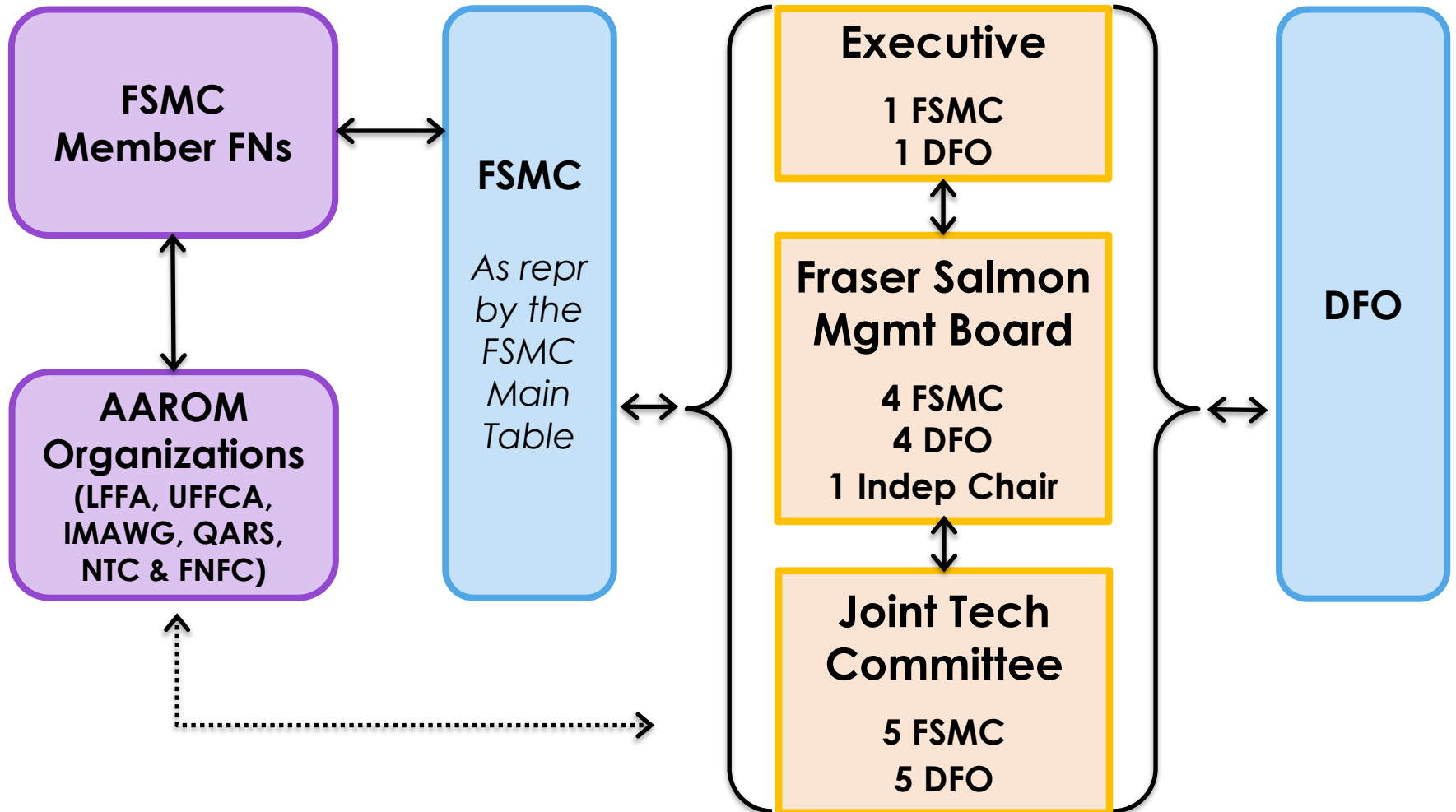
- 2016 – Negotiations Commence
  - Mandate obtained from Signatory Nations
  - DFO-FSMC negotiations start
- 2019 - Fraser Salmon Collaborative Management Agreement Signed
  - provides a framework for co-management of Fraser River salmon between DFO and the Fraser Salmon Management Council (FSMC), on behalf of signatory First Nations
- 2019-2020 - Implementation work begins

# Overview of the Collaborative Agreement

## The collaborative agreement:

- Creates, promotes and supports government-to-government, nation-to-nation structures for Collaborative Governance and Management and conservation of Fraser salmon
- Provides a framework for Tier 2 decision-making by the Parties on topics and priorities identified in the Fraser Salmon Management Board's Annual Work Plan, including (details in § 2.1c of the FSCMA):
  - Development of conservation plans (e.g. IFMPs, SARA recovery plan)
  - In-season decisions where they differ from pre-season plans
  - Development of science and stock assessment information
  - Sharing science/stock assessment and Indigenous Knowledge (IK)
- Agreement states that implementation of the agreement will be incremental and based on priorities achieved on consensus basis through the Annual Workplan under the FSMB

# FSMCA – Governance Structure



# Implementation to Date

- Representation:
  - FSMB representatives are in place
  - JTC representatives in place, temporary rep for DFO
- Independent Chair identified – Marcel Shepert
- Meetings of both FSMB and JTC are underway
  - FSMB has been meeting extensively since January 2020
  - JTC has been meeting bilaterally since September 2020
- Draft workplan and priorities nearing completion.
  - Broad scope of potential work is laid out in § 2.1c of the Agreement (recognizing incremental implementation).
  - Annual Workplan identifies priorities and what the Parties will work on, through the FSMB & JTC, on an annual basis.

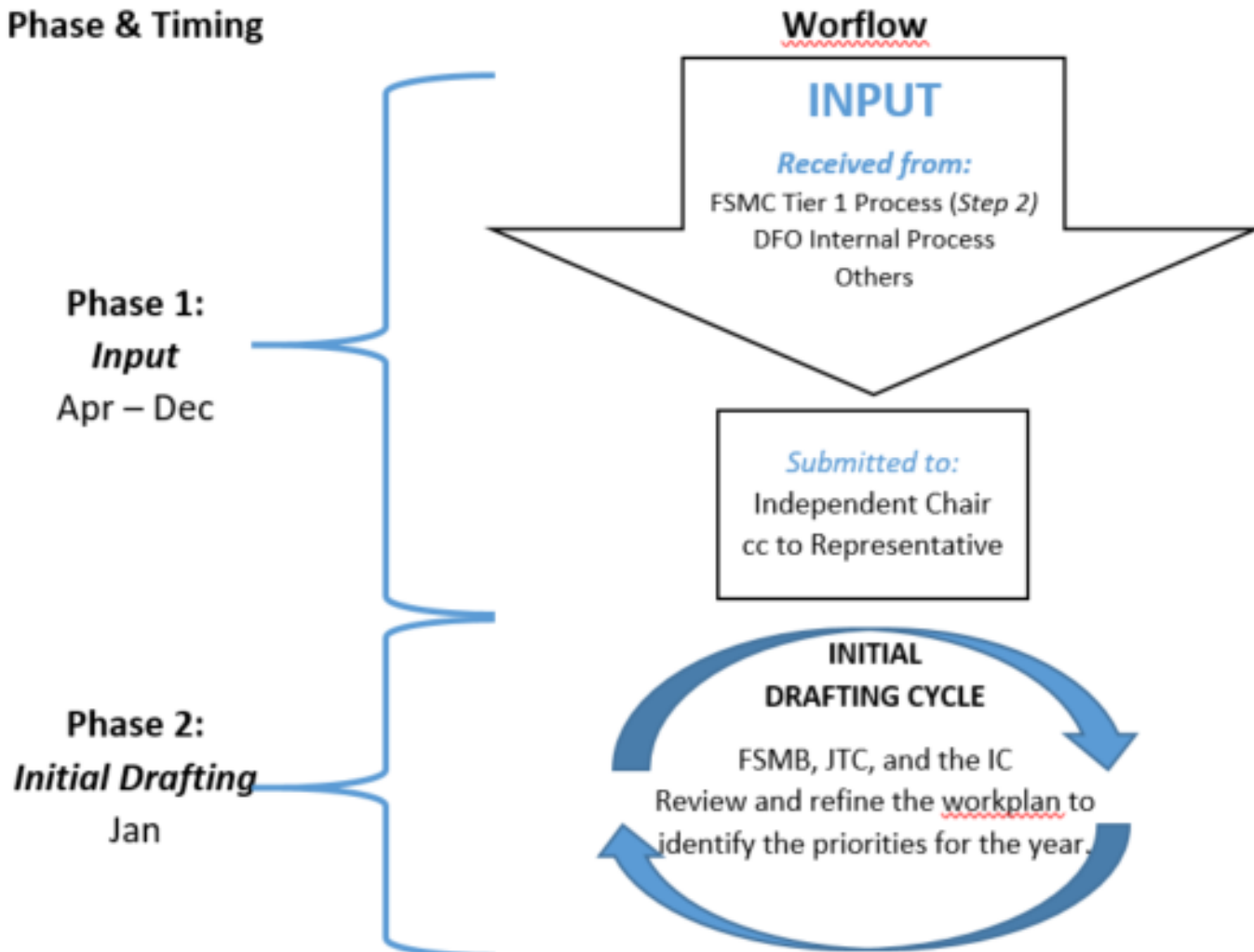


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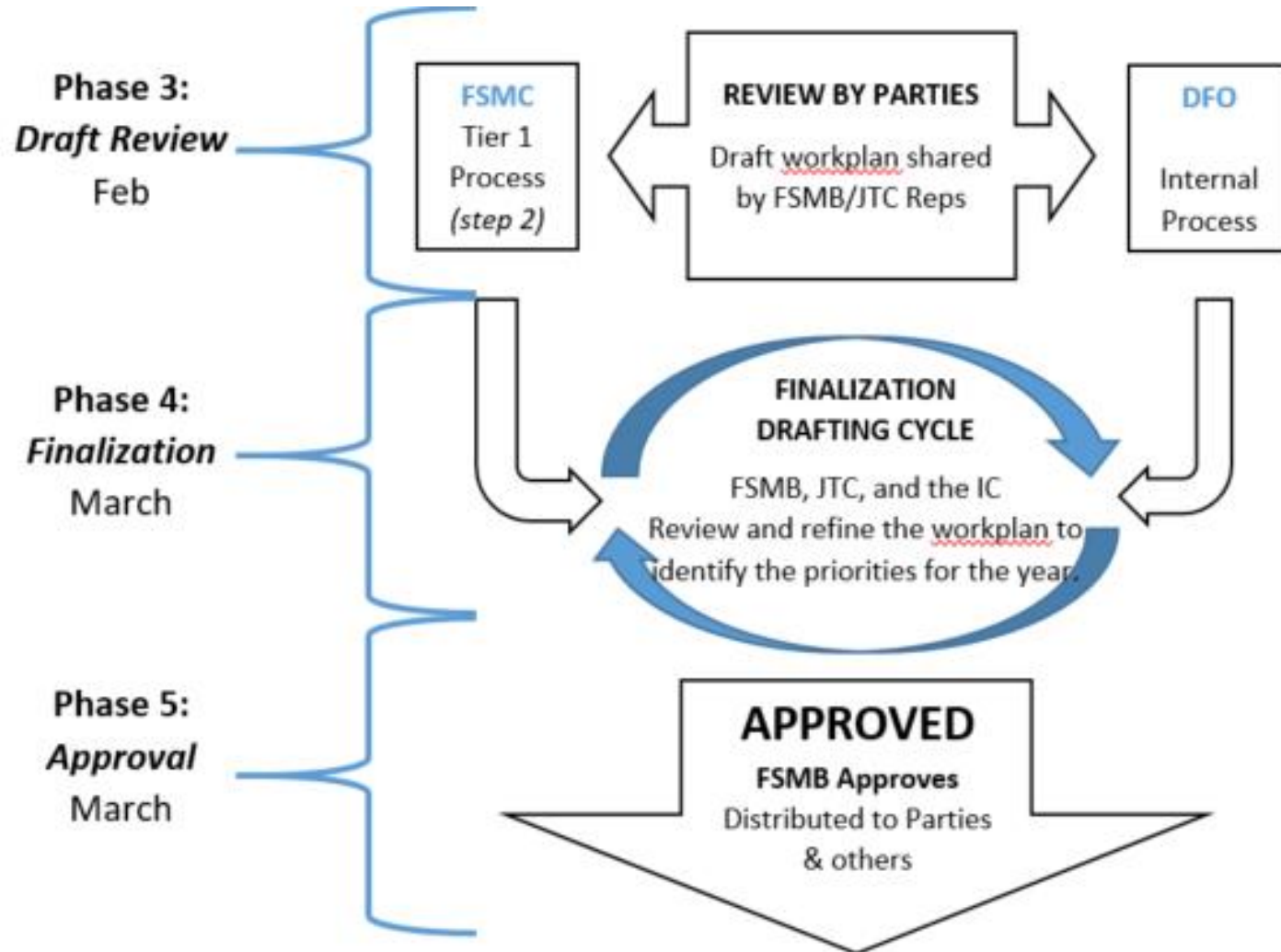
- The Parties are also working to define and understand:
  - Scope of work and roles and responsibilities (under the FSCMA and regarding salmon-related work more broadly)
    - Where/when/how to engage with the FSMC & FSMB
  - Communications processes
    - internal to the process
    - With and to Member First Nations
    - With and to non-Member First Nations
    - With and to other third parties.
- Work is underway to continue the Fraser Forums
  - Forum Planning Committee has been established
- FSMC has conducted Regional engagement sessions in January 2021

# FSMB Workplan Process (1/2)

## Phase & Timing



# FSMB Workplanning Process (2/2)



# FSMB Workplan – Draft Items

- FSC Access for Fraser Salmon
- Fraser River Chum
- Test Fishing
- Sockeye Enhancement
- Sockeye management measures (incl Pink)
- Fisheries Related Incidental Mortality – Chinook
- Chinook management measures
- Chinook rebuilding and recovery
- Operationalizing the governance structure

# Expectations for the balance of fiscal

- FSMB/JTC to finalize their 2020-21 & 2021-22 Workplan
  - Priorities within the workplan are being confirmed
  - JTC is working to scope out their work on the workplan
- Once this is in place, JTC & FSMB will initiate their work
  - It is likely that work will be constrained by available time and budget within this fiscal year.
  - Work will be focused on the priorities identified.
- Forum Planning Committee & Forum Planning
- Both Parties are continuing the work to operationalize this new governance structure
- FSMC to conduct second Regional sessions in March