



# Chinook Recovery & Rebuilding Initiative

Dialogue Session | November 2022



# Role of Facilitator

- Assist in the planning of the event.
- Years of experience with AFS AAROM PICFI & IRMAs to support focused discussion.
- Ensure a respectful, safe space where First Nation & Government voices heard.
- Keep the discourse on topic, intervene as needed to stick to the agenda.



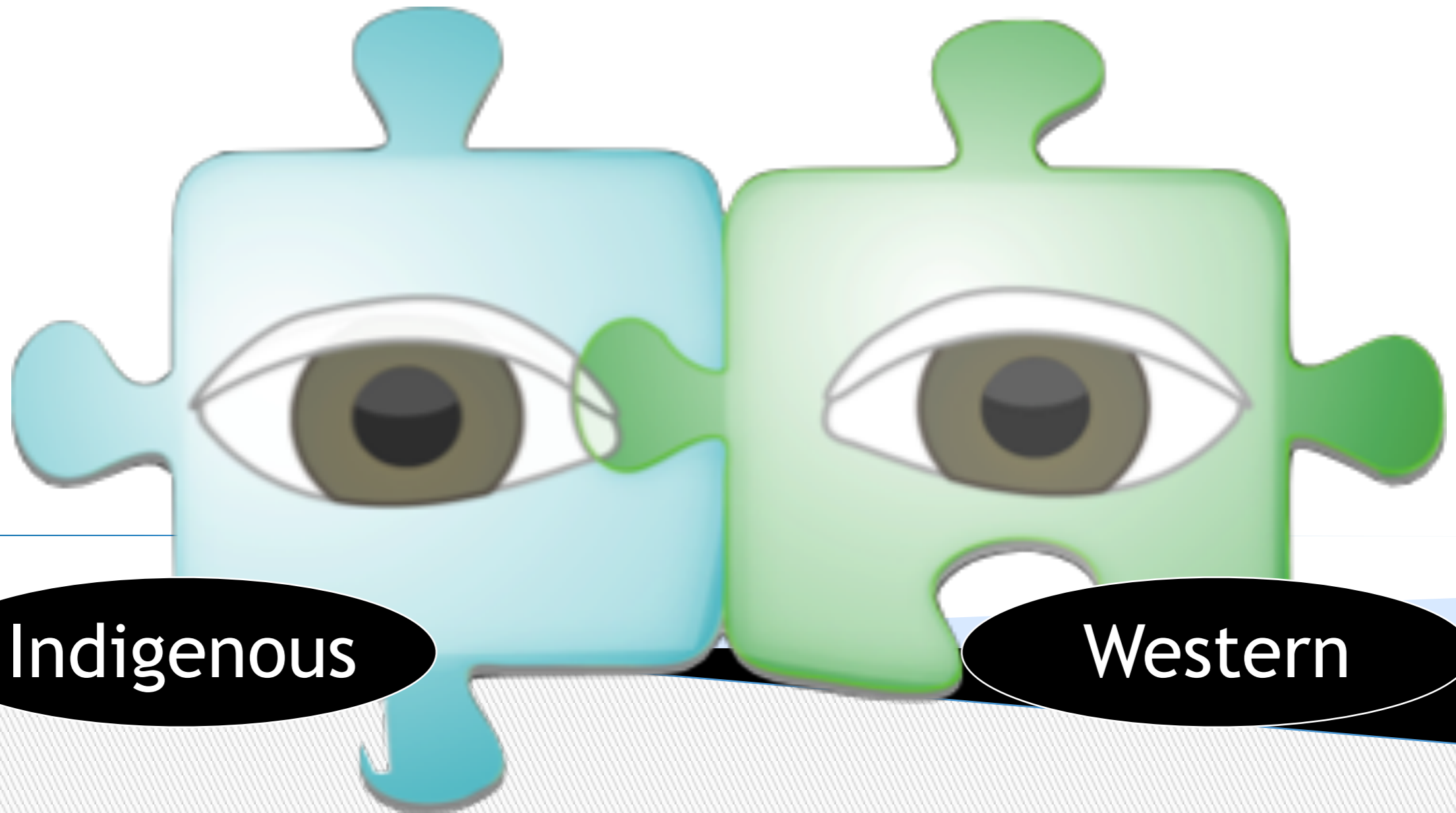
# Engagement Approach

- Start on time, leave on time
- Observe time limits and agenda topics
- Listen generously, one conversation at a time.
- Create a “safe space” to explore new ideas
- Challenge ideas, not people
- Don’t let perfection get in the way of progress
- Stay positive and open; solution oriented
- Turn phones off when in session - plenty of time during breaks to plug in.

# The New Legal Era – Rebuilding Trust



# Two-Eyed Seeing



Indigenous

Western



# Our Agenda Today

Getting to know and understand

**Purpose:** Introduce CRRI and explore what we can do that's most useful to help strengthen the indigenous technical role in collaborative chinook rebuilding:

- Understanding the technical components of rebuilding work:
  - Salmon enhancement (SEP), habitat restoration, PSSI.
- Understanding the relationships:
  - Collaborations: good, bad, ugly
- Understanding the roles:
  - Indigenous knowledge, data, project delivery, inputs to planning & decision making
- Understanding the other linkages:
  - AAROMs, AFS, PIPs, non-Indigenous communities, NGOs, etc.



# Our Agenda Today

Getting to know and understand

- **Objectives:** Start building a shared understanding of the context, challenges and opportunities for collaborative planning and project delivery, including:
  - The new Fraser Salmon Collaborative Management Process
  - Key DFO programs & initiatives
  - Examples of indigenous work & capacity.
  - Dialogue that begins to identify shared objectives, priorities, next steps for building technical collaboration in this work.



# FSMC's Chinook Recovery & Rebuilding Initiative





# Chinook Recovery & Rebuilding Initiative (CRRI)

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# About Us: FSCMA, FSMC, FSMB, JTC

- **Fraser Salmon Collaborative Management Agreement**
  - Landmark 2019 agreement: DFO & 76 Fraser/Approach signatory nations
- **Fraser Salmon Management Board:** Tier 2 co-management
  - 4 DFO, 4 indigenous seats + Independent Chair
- **Fraser Salmon Management Council:** Tier 1 signatories
  - Main Table (Tier 1 governance)
  - FSMC staff (secretariat support for Tier 1 & Tier 2)
- **Joint Technical Committee:** Tier 2 technical support to FSMB
  - Co-chaired by DFO & FSMC; 4 DFO & 4 FSMC seats



# CRRI At A Glance

- **Project Term:** January 2022 - March 2024
- **Funding:** BC SRIF; In-kind support: FSMC & Indigenous partners
- **Host agency/delivery:** Fraser Salmon Management Council
- **Project guidance/oversight:** CRRI Steering Committee
  - Project Coordinator Marcel Shepert, Lead Biologist Michael Staley, FSMC ED Greg Witzky, Gord Sterritt & FSMB rep Pat Matthew,
  - Technical team: Shamus Curtis, Upper Fraser; Marc Labelle, Mid Fraser; Aidan Fisher, Lower Fraser; Nicole Frederickson, Approach.



## CRRRI OBJECTIVES

1. To advance Fraser chinook rebuilding.
2. Provide resources & supports promoting a stronger Indigenous technical role in planning, delivery & evaluation.

*“A foundational premise of CRRRI is that more technical collaboration & inclusion of Indigenous interests is required to reverse current declines, protect & enhance salmon biodiversity going forward.”*



# CRRRI ROLE

## **1. Build on, connect earlier & current work:**

- CSPI, existing science; Indigenous projects, knowledge & capacity.
- Support & connect new & existing work by all interested parties.
- Complement FSMB's proposed work on chinook rebuilding.

## **2. A convener, facilitator, coordinator & technical resource supporting Indigenous efforts & leadership:**

- Support knowledge exchange, new partnerships, opportunities for collaboration.
- Connect individual nations, Indigenous resource management agencies (IRMAs), DFO, NGOs, academic, municipal authorities.
- Support a stronger Indigenous role in planning, delivery & evaluation for work at local, regional, provincial, federal levels.
- Promote partnerships in rebuilding projects, programs & policies addressing conservation, enhancement, habitat & harvest impacts.



## CRRRI ROLE

### CRRRI Is NOT:

- Directly delivering rebuilding projects or competing with such.
- Developing an overall Chinook rebuilding framework or Indigenous plan for such — rather, it is supporting others to do so.
- Mandated to speak for indigenous interests or to serve as a consultative body.



# CRRI TASKS

- 1. Engagement:** Build technical collaboration: engage others in CRRI.
  - Outreach to individual organizations, host conversations, invite technical partners to join in CRRI work.
- 2. Dialogue:** Convene, facilitate cross-learning, networking & solutions
  - CRRI Dialogue sessions; present/discuss at other venues
- 3. Focussed technical work:** Explore solutions to priority questions.
  - Individual assignments & focussed task groups.
- 4. Information sharing:** Technical resource centre for rebuilding work.
  - CRRI reports, new tools to support information sharing.



# 2022/23 WORK PLAN

- 1. Project Planning:** Establish Steering Committee, Project Coordinator & Project Implementation Plan.
- 2. Outreach:** Individual debriefs • Launch & Survey to ID priorities • Invite Indigenous technical staff participation.
- 3. Dialogue:** Fall Dialogue Session to launch CRRI, review current status & guide next steps.
- 4. Focussed Technical Work:** Compile chinook rebuilding backgrounder • Develop CRRI technical guidance for accessing, using and protecting indigenous knowledge • Other priority topics as identified.
- 5. Information sharing:** Technical reports, Dialogue Session report, Year 1 report • Briefings to FSMC Main Table, FSMB, JTC & Spring Forums • Explore options for new resource centre/information sharing tools.





## 2022/23 WORK PLAN - First Steps

- 1. 3-Minute CRRI Survey:** Link: [frasersalmon.ca/crri/](https://frasersalmon.ca/crri/)
- 2. Backgrounder:** V1 of working document summing up context & opportunities for rebuilding.
- 3. Web page:** First step to “Info Hub”
- 4. Fall Dialogue:** Introducing CRRI, sampling what’s out there, networking, identifying opportunities, priorities & project guidance



# 2022/23 WORK PLAN - Initial Survey Feedback

## 3-Minute survey: Limited response so far...

### Key messages:

- We need to tell our story: FSMC, FSMB, JTC, CRRI & how do they connect?
- 92% said Chinook rebuilding is a priority:
  - Half already working on chinook, strong interest in partnerships
- Need for watershed-level coordination while nations, regional groups work locally.
  - Capacity is a challenge: resources for more technical capacity at all levels.



# 2022/23 WORK PLAN - Initial Survey Feedback

## 3-Minute survey: Key messages (continued):

- Desire for Indigenous leadership & meaningful partnerships in this work
  - Value of open, transparent Tier 2 science table to review management.
  - More networking, info sharing: e.g. successful, replicable projects.
  - Don't reinvent the wheel: Build on CSPI, etc
- Address all sources of mortality: Alaska, rec fishing, seals, etc.



## 2023/24 & BEYOND

### 1. **Build on work started in 2022/23.**

- Continue outreach, hosted dialogues, focussed technical work & information sharing to ID priorities, needs & opportunities while strengthening technical connections & collaboration.

2. **Final Forum** to share findings, seek advice for final CRRI report.

3. **Final CRRI report & recommendations for a collaborative technical structure to support a Fraser Chinook rebuilding plan.**

*“CRRI’s intended legacy is to lay the foundation of a future technical collaborative structure that ensures a strong ongoing indigenous leadership role in supporting & coordinating work at all levels to ensure strong, healthy fish populations and sustainable management.”*



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**We Want To Hear From You!**

**Fraser Salmon Management Council:** [frasersalmon.ca](http://frasersalmon.ca)

**CRRI Project:** [fraser.salmon.ca/crri](http://fraser.salmon.ca/crri)

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