

# 2022-23 Workplan

Fraser Salmon Management Board / Joint Technical Committee

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## Background and Introduction:

The Fraser Salmon Collaborative Management Agreement (FSCMA), signed on July 5, 2019, by the President of the Fraser Salmon Management Council (FSMC) and Minister of Fisheries & Oceans Canada (DFO), is intended to create, promote, and support government-to-government, nation-to-nation structures for the collaborative governance and management and conservation of Fraser salmon. In support of this, the FSCMA establishes a joint collaborative management structure for the Parties including an Executive, Fraser Salmon Management Board, and Joint Technical Committee.

As laid out in the FSCMA the FSMB, and their JTC, are guided in their work by their Annual Workplans. These workplans are developed collaboratively with an objective of refining the scope laid out within Section 2.1 of the Agreement to identify the priority items the FSMB and JTC will take on in any given year, recognizing the available resources and capacity available to the process. The workplans cover the period from April 1<sup>st</sup> to March 31<sup>st</sup> and, as a result, are therefore intended to be finalized on or before March 31<sup>st</sup> to inform the coming year's work.

The 2020-21 Workplan was held over for the 2021-22 fiscal year due to the timing of adoption, and the status of work at the end of 2020-21. This initial workplan also informed the 2022-23 Workplan. A summary of items from 2020/21 & 2021/22 are included below. For reference, the detailed workplan items are included as Appendix 1 (adopted workplan) and Appendix 2 (removed items).

Item #	Description	
1	FSC Access and Allocation for Fraser Salmon	
2	Fraser River Chum Management	<i>Focus of 20/21 &amp; 21/22 Work</i>
3	Test Fishing	<i>Focus of 20/21 &amp; 21/22 Work</i>
4	Sockeye Enhancement	
5	Fraser River Sockeye management, including Pink interactions	
6	Fisheries Related Incidental Mortality – Fraser River Chinook	
7	Fraser River Chinook Management	<i>Focus of 20/21 &amp; 21/22 Work</i>
8	Chinook Rebuilding and Recovery	
9	Implementation work for the FSCMA Governance Process	
10	Review and renewal of the Forum Process	<i>Removed from 20/21 &amp; 21/22 WP</i>
11	Renewal of the Fraser Salmon technical process(es)	<i>Removed from 20/21 &amp; 21/22 WP</i>
12	Development of a joint Communication Plan	

The 2022-23 workplan covers the third year of implementation and focuses on work associated with three areas of work identified during previous year’s workplans. Detailed summaries of the workplan items identified for this year are included in this document and are as follows:

#	Title	Goal	20-21 & 21-22 WP Items
1	Chinook Management Approach	<i>Develop Chinook fisheries management measures that achieve identified conservation objectives and provide for priority access for food, social and ceremonial fisheries.</i>	6 & 7
2	Sockeye Management Approach	<i>Identify a recommended sockeye escapement plan option, and Cultus management approach, to guide management of sockeye fisheries and consideration of increased FSC access for First Nations in the 2022 season.</i>	1 & 5
3	Governance and Process Development	<i>Support implementation of recommendations arising from the joint governance sessions, developing, and finalizing process documents, and Forum renewal</i>	9 - 12

For reference, full text of the FSCMA can be found online: [https://frasersalmon.ca/files/2019/10/20190705\\_FSMC-DFO-signed-agreement.pdf](https://frasersalmon.ca/files/2019/10/20190705_FSMC-DFO-signed-agreement.pdf)

### Adopted Workplan Versions

Version	Date Adopted	Changes Made
1.0	11/16/2022	Finalized first version of the 2022-23 FSMB/JTC Workpan

Note: working drafts are not to be recorded here, only versions of the workplan adopted by the FSMB.

**2022-23 FSMB Workplan: Item 1 - Chinook Management Approach**

<b>Chinook Management Approach</b>			
<b>Goal:</b> <i>Develop Chinook fisheries management measures that achieve identified conservation objectives and provide for priority access for food, social and ceremonial fisheries.</i>			
<b>Measurable Accomplishment (S.M.A.R.T) Objective(s)</b>			
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Develop recommendations for exploitation rate targets for Fraser Chinook stocks to guide management actions in all fisheries.</li> <li>2. Review harvest impact analysis information to reach a shared understanding of the outcomes of actions implemented beginning in 2019 and the tools used to guide management.</li> <li>3. Develop recommended management actions for fisheries impacting Fraser Chinook to meet identified exploitation rate targets while affording priority to food, social and ceremonial fisheries.</li> <li>4. Identify what work deliverables the FSMB and JTC will take on in the short and long term (Agreed upon technical analysis and input into development and documentation of Precautionary Approach elements including Limit Reference Points (LRP), upper stock references and exploitation rates) relating to rebuilding and recovery of Fraser Chinook stocks. This needs to lay out how this work will connect and interact with the FSMC’s BCSRIF project on Chinook rebuilding, and SARA and DFO work on development of rebuilding and recovery plans.</li> </ol>			
<b>Specific Action(s)</b>			
<b>Ref</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Responsible</b>	<b>Target Date</b>
1A	Conduct a review of the current management objectives. Develop advice on effectiveness of current targets in addressing conservation needs.	JTC	
1B	Conduct a technical analysis and applications of methods and data to support development of precautionary approach elements (e.g., LRP, USR, removal references) for Fraser Chinook management units. Develop alternate scenarios with a list of the pros and cons for the FSMB to deliberate on. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. FSMB direction to JTC, including advice on CSAS LRP methodology</li> <li>2. JTC develops proposed options (capturing different perspectives) that include assumptions &amp; trade-offs.</li> </ol>	JTC	

	3. FSMB discussion to select jointly agreeable proposed values for LRPs. 4. Tier 3 consultation on proposed LRPs (by DFO or jointly led by FSMB?)		
1C	Assess impacts of alternative exploitation rates on conservation benchmarks / rebuilding trajectories for Fraser Chinook and provide recommendations for submission to the Minister to guide future management.	JTC / FSMB	
2A	Continue to review the data and analytical methods and processes used to support planning and projections of fishery impacts.	JTC /	
2B	Improve the accessibility and usability of the datasets and tools used to assess and model impacts.	JTC / DFO FM & Sci	
2C	Consider requirements for additional peer review potentially including harvest data, assessment procedures, and forecasting assumptions by CSAS and technical forums convened by the FSMB including experts from all sectors (e.g., First Nations technical staff, DFO science and management staff, non-government organizations, Sport Fish Institute, CSAB, academia).	JTC / FSMB / CSAS / JTWG	
2D	Development of recommended wording for the 2022-23 South Coast Salmon IFMP identifying the need for a joint technical review of 2021 management actions in the fall of 2022 to inform future fisheries plans.	FSMB	
3A	Review outputs of the technical work conducted to assess impacts arising from management actions implemented in 2019-2021.	JTC / FSMB	
3B	Provide technical advice on potential management activities to meet identified exploitation rate or management targets using the agreed upon tools	JTC / FSMB	
3C	Identify recommended management action options for consideration.	FSMB	
4A	Review work underway and processes relating to the rebuilding and recovery of Chinook stocks	JTC / FSMB / FSMC	
4B	Develop workplans and deliverables for the FSMB and JTC relating to rebuilding and recovery of Chinook stocks in the short and long term.	FSMB / JTC	

**2022-23 FSMB Workplan: Item 2 - Sockeye Management Approach**

<b>Sockeye Management Approach</b>			
<b>Goal:</b> <i>Identify a recommended sockeye escapement plan option, and Cultus management approach, to guide management of sockeye fisheries and consideration of increased FSC access for First Nations in the 2022 season.</i>			
<b>Measurable Accomplishment (S.M.A.R.T) Objective(s)</b>			
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Develop recommendations for the Fraser Sockeye escapement plan and Cultus Sockeye management approach for integration into the 2022-3 South Coast Salmon IFMP and to guide management of Fraser Sockeye in 2022.</li> <li>2. Review approaches to afford increased access to First Nations for FSC purposes in the 2022 fishing season (including harvest amounts, harvest locations and sharing considerations).</li> <li>3. Recommend approaches to facilitate access for First Nations for FSC purposes in the 2022 fishing season.</li> <li>4. Develop recommendations for future sharing scenarios.</li> </ol>			
<b>Specific Action(s)</b>			
<b>Ref</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Responsible</b>	<b>Target Date</b>
1A	Review sockeye escapement plan options provided by DFO, and feedback received through the IFMP process, and develop a recommended approach for inclusion in the IFMP process for 2022.	FSMB / JTC	
1B	Review proposed Cultus management approaches, and feedback received through the IFMP process, and identify a recommended approach for inclusion in the IFMP process.	JTC / FSMB	
2A	Review the Department’s framework for assessing allocation increase requests including the principles and considerations that guide decisions.	JTC / FSMB	
2B	Scope out options for provision of increased FSC access that may be feasible for 2022. Will need to consider projected available harvest by run-timing group, accessibility of abundance to fisheries, impacts on stocks of concern, impact of increased access on other fisheries (areas / groups), and sharing of available access between First Nations with access to Fraser Salmon.	JTC / FSMB	
3A	Develop recommended approaches for potential implementation in 2022.	JTC / FSMB	
3B	Engage in consultations with impacted First Nations to solicit feedback on the recommended approaches	FSMB	
3C	Develop package of recommended approaches for management in the 2022 season for submission to the RDG/Minister.	FSMB	

4A	Develop guidance to inform future work on sharing of available impacts between First Nations with access to Fraser Salmon.	FSMB / JTC	
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**2022-23 FSMB Workplan: Item 3 – Governance and Process Development**

<b>Governance and Process Management Approach</b>			
<b>Goal:</b> <i>Support implementation of recommendations arising from the 2022 joint governance sessions, developing, and finalizing process documents, and Forum renewal</i>			
<b>Measurable Accomplishment (S.M.A.R.T) Objective(s)</b>			
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Actively participate in strategic planning session(s) to support the development of a strategic workplan for the FSMB process and Parties.</li> <li>2. Support and engage in work to address recommendations identified within the 2022 governance session recommendations</li> <li>3. Provide input, and work to finalize, key process documents (e.g., communications plan, agenda development, workplan development)</li> <li>4. Provide input to processes identified to renew the Forum process and participate and engage at Forum meetings.</li> </ol>			
<b>Specific Action(s)</b>			
<b>Ref</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Responsible</b>	<b>Target Date</b>
1A	Support agenda planning work and attend strategic planning sessions.	FSMB / JTC	
1B	Provide input to the development of any strategic plan documents	FSMB / JTC	
2A	Review governance recommendations – agree on approach and develop a plan for implementation within the FSMB/JTC where applicable.	FSMB	
2B	Governance Recommendation 6.1. Participate in strategic planning sessions. See workplan item 1A/1B.	FSMB/JTC	
2C	Governance Recommendation 7.1. Complete “homework” from Workshop 3 identifying focused deliverables/objectives for the 2022-23 workplan. Completed and implemented within this workplan	FSMB	
2D	Governance Recommendation 8.1. Build understanding, structures and support for consensus building at the FSMB table to support implementation on the agreement. FSMB and JTC, with support of the FSMC, to develop a clearer understanding of the structures and support systems to build consensus at the FSMB table. Will be informed by discussions at the strategic planning sessions, and in reviewing the 2022-23 workplan implementation.	FSMB / JTC	



3A	Review and work to update and finalize the communications protocol	FSMB	
3B	Review and work to update and finalize the workplan development process document	FSMB / JTC	
3C	Review and work to update and finalize the agenda development process document	FSMB / JTC	
3D	Develop, review, and finalize a meeting record process document	FSMB / JTC	
4A	Engage in work to review and renew the Forum process as required	FSMB	
4B	Participate in Forum meetings	FSMB	