



# 2023 Fraser Forum #1

## January 31 – February 2, 2023

### What We Heard

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Presentation to Forum  
February 2, 2023

# A new process

- This is a new idea, and a new process. Be patient as we trial this and let us know if you have ideas about how to improve it.
- This is an attempt to distill the significant discussions over the past two days; it is a summary and further details are in the notes. If we've missed anything, or have misconstrued what was said, let's work together to correct it.
- Note: this is intended to support further discussion, follow-up and reflection and is not intended to be a formal DFO response.

# Item: Chinook Management

## Overview

- Need to ensure that priority for FSC is being delivered
- Mixed perspective on using a 5 or 10% FMI for Summer 5<sub>2</sub>
- Concerns around the MM/MSF process:
  - Potential impacts of MSF and hatchery competition on Fraser wild stocks
  - Need to understand next steps for the process
- Share any information on changes to Fall 4<sub>1</sub> management
- Concerns with recreational monitoring process
- Concern about environmental impacts on Chinook

## Next Steps / Actions

- Provide update on MM/MSF process
- Share potential management measures - Fall 4<sub>1</sub>

## Tech Questions

- When was Smsy last reassessed?

## Deadlines

- Information on MM/MSF and Fall 4<sub>1</sub> management to be shared at second Forum (28-Feb to 02-Mar)

# Item: Recreational Fishing

## Overview :

- Are there opportunities to have limited-entry fisheries?
- Is there an opportunity to move to area-based licencing?
- Need enforcement coverage to address poaching
- Potential for closures during low flow periods
- Concerns around catch and release fisheries.

## Next Steps

- DFO to follow up on regulatory framework, to understand ability to change the licencing approach
- If not, what would be required to change the framework to support a change?

## Tech Questions

- No immediate tech questions

## Deadlines

- DFO to report back on regulatory mechanisms for the PG Forum – Feb 28 – Mar 2

# Item: Fraser Sockeye

## Overview :

- Early Stuart en-route loss. Interest in understanding the passage impacts further and ways that they can be addressed
- Interest in establishing a mid-river assessment fishery
- Concerns over PST and impacts of US fishery on access in Canada

## Next Steps / Actions

- DFO-Nations to follow-up regarding objectives for additional assessment fishery
- Follow up with David Patterson about a presentation on radio telemetry work

## Tech Questions

- Potential: what old infrastructure could be used to support migration?
- Did more salmon get to the spawning grounds because not all groups saw increases

## Deadlines

- Telemetry presentation for second or third Forum meeting

# Item: Jet Boat Impacts

## Overview :

- Seeking engagement from the Ministry of Transportation to address concerns with use in spawning and fishing areas

## Next Steps

- Contact Transport Canada to determine if they can provide a presentation
- Consider a presentation from LF groups on the work they have done relating to this issue

## Tech Questions

- No immediate tech questions

## Deadlines

- DFO to report back for the PG Forum – Feb 28 – Mar 2 on contacts with the Transport
- FPC to consider options for inclusion in the future.

# Item: Forum Process

## Overview :

- Timing of presentation distribution – 1+ week out
- Ordering of information in presentations
- Need to understand what role Forum plays in consultation
- Make the agenda compelling (rebuilding? Policies? Other?)
- Value to the inperson and hybrid approach to meetings
- Need to understand the Forum's interaction with FSMC/B

## Next Steps / Actions

- Review approach to ordering information
- Set and hold to deadlines for presentations
- Strategic planning discussion RE: Forum role in FSCMA

## Tech Questions

- No immediate questions

## Deadlines

- Presentations for Second Forum to be shared by COB February 20th

# Item: Policy & Process Issues

## Overview :

- Interest in a review of policies by indigenous groups
- Interest in changing the IFMP process to reflect indigenous interests and the Collaborative Management Agreement
- Looking at how to better integrate Traditional Knowledge
- Confusion over number of initiatives & interactions

## Next Steps / Actions

- Seek an update on Salmon Coordinating Committee IFMP work
- Potential consideration by FPC on future agendas

## Tech Questions

## Deadlines



# Item: Access to Fishing Opportunity

## Overview :

- Importance of timing of access to culture and practice
- Understanding sharing in high and low abundance years
  - Funding required to support discussions by Nations
- Consistency and predictability of access is key
- Interest in breakdown of allocations and catch

## Next Steps / Actions

- DFO to consider funding for sharing discussions
- Detailed allocations can not be shared, would be good to discuss options to address the interest.

## Tech Questions

- No immediate Qs

## Deadlines

# Item: Steelhead Management

## Overview :

- Share details of the proposed 2023 management approach
- Significant impact of these management measures on commercial Chum fisheries and some First Nations communities

## Next Steps / Actions

- Provide details of 2023 Steelhead approach

## Tech Questions

- No immediate questions

## Deadlines

- Share details of 2023 Steelhead approach by Second Forum (expect details in draft 2023/24 IFMP in February 2023)