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Fraser Forum Renewal Process Introduction

Presentation to the Fraser Forum
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Outline

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Background & History

Forum on Conservation & Harvest Planning

- Started as a 2007 DFO conference call to discuss sharing of limited Fraser sockeye for FSC fisheries
- First in-person meeting hosted by DFO in 2008
- Evolved informally as a venue for Tier 1 & Tier 2 discussions supporting annual fishery planning
- Moved to being hosted by FRAFS
- Joint Forum Planning Committee established
- Joint Technical Working Group established to support engagement of technical staff in advance

Why a Forum Renewal?

- Fraser Salmon Collaborative Management Agreement (FSCMA) signed in 2019 between the FSMC and DFO
- Forum hosting transitioned to the FSMC
- Interest from delegates, FSMC, and DFO to improve the Forums and reform them to reflect the FSCMA
- COVID and Agreement implementation challenges delayed this work
- 2022 FSCMA governance workshops identified a review of the Forum process as a key piece of strategic planning.

Renewal Process

- The Forum Planning Committee, FSMC and DFO have identified support and funding to undertake work this fiscal and into next.
- Marc LaBrie and Tawney Lem from West Coast Aquatic have agreed to support and guide this work
- They will be supported by a small group from the Forum Planning Committee including: Greg Witzky, Matthew Parslow, Kristin Hrapchak, Amy Wakelin, Ken Malloway and Victor Isaac
- This work will only be successful with your engagement and support

Approach to Renewal

Existing Advice

Engage

Trial & Iterate

Develop a Plan

- Compile delegate feedback on Forum challenges, questions and suggested improvements
- Sourced from Tier 1 summaries/evaluations from 2022 Forums, IMAWG briefing, LFFA proposals
- Supplemented by surveys conducted by the Forum Planning Committee in Fall 2022
- Review governance recommendations and FSCMA context

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- West Coast Aquatic will be conducting interviews with delegates and interested parties
- Slido surveys will be conducted during each Forum to solicit feedback, and participant suggestions will be collected.
- Strategic planning is underway by the FSMC and DFO on broader CMA implementation, Forum will be a piece of this discussion
- FPC small group to support WCA's work

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- The FPC developed some initial changes to trial during the first Forum
 - Ex: Joint presentations, interim objectives, starting in Tier 1, Day 3 Wrap-up Discussion
- Feedback on approaches will be reviewed and adjustments will be made where feasible
- What we learn this year will help to support planning for 2023-24

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- Review the feedback received and observations from the season's Forums
- Summary of findings to be developed and reviewed through a dialogue workshop
- Participants presentation and review of the proposed plan

Next Steps

- Invitations for interviews have begun to be sent out; if you would like to participate, let us know
- Not everything we are testing will work: we appreciate your patience!
- Don't hesitate to let us know (kindly) if it's not working for you, or if you have fresh ideas.
- Help us find the point of consensus when there's conflicting guidance on where to go.

Thank you!



What did we miss? Questions? Suggestions?



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