

Summary: Key Points - JTWG Jan 30, 2023 Maddie Thomson & Mike Staley

- Chinook post-season review (**Maddie**):
 - Background, overview of 2022 planning considerations, in-season issues, plus preliminary 2022 escapement and Fraser River fisheries summary
 - Key discussion points:
 - Albion in-season assessment (higher escapement despite low test fishery results)
 - Encouraging 2022 escapements; Summer 5(2)s & Harrison
 - Environmental conditions - value of including more on that context with escapement results.
 - Question about Summer 5(2) productivity estimates.
 - Recruits per spawner specifically.

- FSMC presentation (**Mike**): CRRI: Overview of the project, objectives, work to date and next steps.
 - Summary report from the Fall Dialogue coming out shortly, will inform 2023/24 work planning & next steps.

- Review of JTWG meeting process/December Breakout Format (**Maddie**): 3 questions from co-hosts seeking JTWG feedback.
 - JTWG feedback: support having such breakouts, suggestions to improve them.
 - **Challenges of hybrid meetings: importance of in person participation for difficult and/or technical topics and for relationship building.**
 - Clarifying JTC/JTWG roles and where JTWG fits under the new FSMB model:
 - Important to clarify this as part of Forum reform.
 - Idea that JTWG explore their suggestions for reform in a future JTWG agenda.
 - Review of JTWG December meeting outputs and what to do with them.
 - Suggestion to prepare a summary to share with FSMB via the JTC.

- DFO Presentation (**Mike**): Fraser Sockeye Post-Season Review:
 - Recap of pre-season planning, in-season management issues and post-season — preliminary escapements & fishery results.
 - Key discussion points:
 - Need slide summarizing FSC harvest results (here or in another presentation)
 - Early Stuarts: discrepancy between run size and escapement and why.
 - Fish passage challenges — both at Hells Gate and several other spots below.
- DFO Presentation (**Mike**): Implementation of FSMB's 2022 Fraser Sockeye Management Recommendation for FSC.
 - Background, implementation and lessons learned: in season Fraser Panel management challenges, late timing of FSMB's decision, unequal access/results for different communities.
 - Discussion:
 - Next steps: Need to start working early to plan improvements for next time
 - Other key issue to address is how to share available harvest for FSC in years of low abundance.
 - This will be part of FSMB's work plan.

- JTC Presentation: Fraser Chinook Summer 52s (**Maddie**):
 - Background (why the focus on Summer 52s for 2023), overview of JTC work drafting potential 2023 management scenarios and next steps: lots of work on planning how to implement changes once FSMB lands on one or two options to focus on.
 - Discussion: FMI and Rec Fishery planning tool: confidence, caveats — need to use those as the best available tools for now while continuing work to improve the latter (FMI methodology was CSAS reviewed)
- Next JTWG agenda (**Maddie**): Suggested topics:
 - Interior Fraser Coho
 - Sockeye Escapement Plan Review
 - Chum fisheries
 - Groundfish Trawl Bycatch
 - MSF