



Fraser Salmon Management Council

NEWSLETTER

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FRASER SALMON COLLABORATIVE MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT: PROGRESS TO DATE

FSMC is working through a transition period in preparation for implementation of the Agreement:

FRASER SALMON MANAGEMENT BOARD



At Assembly in October, Member Delegates gathered to choose their representatives to the four seats (one from each region) on the Fraser Salmon Management Board. Chosen by each region's Member Delegates, the FSMC's members on the Management Board are: Christina Ciesielski (Upper Fraser), Tracy Wimbush (Mid Fraser), Mike Baird (Lower Fraser), and Tony Roberts Jr. (Island and Marine Approach).

Figure 1 Christina Ciesielski, Mike Baird, Tracy Wimbush, Tony Roberts Jr. at the Assembly, eager to begin work as Board Members

The DFO has also been working internally, and has recently determined who will be sitting in their four seats on the Board. They will be releasing that information in the near future.

JOINT TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

First, the Main Table has confirmed the appointment of Mike Staley to be the FSMC's co-chair of the JTC. As well as co-chairing the JTC, Mike will be in a position to provide technical support to the FSMC's four Salmon Management Board members.

Second, the JTC has four FSMC seats (one from each region). Member Delegates, technical support staff and consultants with assistance from our FSMB members if required, are in the process of identifying who will sit on the JTC. It is important to remember that the JTC members have duties, responsibilities, and timelines under the terms of the Collaborative Management Agreement (CMA) – but other technical participants in current groups/processes will be actively engaged with and supportive of the JTC on Fraser salmon management issues and concerns.

FSMC EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The HR Committee of the Main Table has confirmed the appointment of Brent Ryan-Lewis as the FSMC's first Executive Director. A key component of the FSMC's capacity to implement its responsibilities under the CMA, as well as to expand our corporate engagement with government agencies and a variety of fisheries organizations, lies with the new Executive Director position. As Neil Todd begins to step back from his Operations Manager position, Brent will work with Greg Witzky, Allison James, and the Main Table to move our organization forward to meet the fisheries management challenges facing Fraser River salmon in the coming years.

TRANSITION: FRAFS TO FSMC

Greg and Allison will continue their administrative and communications work respectively only now it will be under the FSMC "umbrella". Allison has been the FSMC and FRAFS Communications Coordinator since August 2017. Greg began working for FRAFS a few months prior to that as the Operations Manager, and they have the knowledge and working relationship to support the transition

The FSMC will continue to support the functions of FRAFS. DFO's pre-season fisheries planning processes have started for the 2020 fishing season. The Forum on Conservation and Harvest Planning process will continue in its current form over the next three months of this planning season, as will the Forum Planning Committee. In the meantime, the FSMB will be meeting early in the new year to fill the position of FSMB Independent Chair, and begin discussions on work planning with the JTC that will support convergence of the Forum discussions with the responsibilities of the new management regime.

THE FSMC MAIN TABLE AND STAFF WISH ALL OUR SIGNATORY NATIONS AND THEIR MEMBERSHIP A SAFE AND HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON!

