



Joint Technical Working Group Chinook Recap March 4, 2024

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Agenda



Time	Item	Lead
9:00 am	Introductions and Agenda Review	Kelsey Campbell and Maddie Thomson
9:20 am	Action Item Review	Kelsey Campbell and Maddie Thomson
9:45 am	Fraser Sockeye Forecast	Kaitlyn Dionne
10:45 am	Break	
11:00 am	2022/2023 Trawl Monitoring Review	Cory Lagasse
12:00 pm	Lunch	
1:00 pm	Fraser Sockeye Escapement Plans	Colin Schwindt
1:45 pm	FRSSI	Ann-Marie Huang
2:30 pm	Break	
2:45 pm	MSF and Marine Recreational Review	Nicole Fredrickson
3:45 pm	Wrap Up and Agenda Planning for Forum 3	Kelsey Campbell and Maddie Thomson
4:30 pm	Meeting ends	



Trawl Monitoring Review – Cory Lagasse (DFO)

- DFO update on enhanced monitoring program for mid-water trawl fisheries (hake and pollock) started in 2022.
- Prior to 2022, Chinook retention prohibited.
- In 2022, enhanced monitoring implemented and required retention of salmon.
 - Encounters significantly increased with enhanced monitoring.
- Most salmon bycatch were Chinook, and predominantly in the 6 large freezer boats.
- **New:** fleet to manage Chinook bycatch to an annual cap of 9,500 total.
- Stock composition (CWT and GSI) results available for Sept. 2022 – Feb. 2023 in report (will be another report released later this year with 2023 season stock ID results).
 - Most Fraser encounters were Fall 4₁.
- Trawl bycatch noted in the FMI memo but not included in FMI estimates (due to limited time series).
- Discussion regarding compliance audits.

Fisheries Science Advice Report– Ann-Marie Huang (DFO)

- DFO update on new legislated recovery requirements under the Fish Stock Provisions, including the new Fisheries Science Advice Report (FSAR).
- Focus to date on internal DFO planning, next steps include how to include/engage Indigenous tech reps in the work/reviews.
- Discussion around report components, ToR development, how to include Indigenous priorities.
- DFO intends to have Indigenous reps fully involved by the next round in the Fall.
- Invited to participate in the first (late April) Sprint Week CSAS reviews and preparation of the first round of reports.
- **Question:** Is there interest in a Forum presentation explaining the Fish Stock Provisions, requirements, objectives and how it will affect management of Fraser salmon (& which stocks in particular); explanation of the work underway & planned and how indigenous reps can be involved

South Coast Marine Recreational Fisheries – Nicole Frederickson (IMAWG)

- Presentation summarizing IMAWG work.
- Overview of South Coast marine recreational management and catch monitoring frameworks
- Data on recent trends for effort, kept and release numbers (Coho and Chinook), and concerns.
- Overall, in 2023, increase of sub-legal encounters and total releases in some fisheries.
- Follow up on the remaining section of this presentation at the next JTWG.
 - Reviewing mark selective fisheries.

Next JTWG April 8, 2024

- Mark Selective Fisheries Review – Nicole Frederickson (IMAWG)
- Reference Fishery GSI Results – DFO
- Interior Fraser Coho ER Review – DFO
- Fraser Chinook Run Reconstruction Deep Dive – DFO
- Fraser Chum Recent Trends – DFO
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