

Mark Selective Fisheries - FSMB Work

- The FSMB has identified an interest in incorporating the Fraser-implications of MSF fisheries and Framework into their workplan.
- FSMB met on March 20th to discuss the pilot MSF fisheries included in the 2023-24 IFMP and slated to open on April 1, 2024.
- FSMB representatives were unable to reach agreement on these fisheries, with FSMC members unable to support their authorization.
- Concern that dispute resolution (if triggered) would impact on capacity to advance other work plan items.
- To **move forward**, the FSMB members identified an approach that recognizes the lack of consensus and an lays out an approach to work collaboratively to resolve the concerns for future decisions.

FSMB Proposed Approach - MSF

Following the March 20th meeting, FSMB reps understood that pilot MSFs in the 2023/24 IFMP would proceed without triggering a DR conditional on:

- DFO **responding to** key recommendations in the JTC MSF memo.
- DFO to complete and share the evaluation of **current MSF** pilots as cited in the IFMP.
- Acknowledged that FSMC does not support existing MSFs and will not support new/additional MSFs, or repeat of current pilots, in 2025 without the identified issues noted above being resolved.
- FSMC will summarize their concerns and position in a letter to DFO and the minister.
- JTC/FSMC concerns to be noted in DFO's IFMP feedback and will inform FSMB work in 2024 and beyond to address key concerns.

FSMB Next Steps: Work Planning

FSMB has planned an initial meeting April 15 and will include provisions in the 2024/25 work plan to address:

- **Aligning** FSMB role in management of MSFs in particular and/or **other** fisheries, to ensure they are consistent with Fraser Chinook management objectives, including:
 - Identifying overall Fraser Chinook MU management objectives and targets (such as FMI %) for **limiting** impacts in all fisheries and exploring potential FSMB role re concerns about how those are shared between FSC and other fisheries.
 - Identifying criteria (e.g. standards for fishery monitoring and sampling, data collection, Nations' role in such and reporting, FRIM, consultation with local nations) and procedures for ensuring those **fisheries** are consistent with objectives.
 - Review of post-season results vs objectives and decision/advice.
- Review of the additional issues laid out in the following slide

FSMB Next Steps: Issues for Consideration

As part of the workplanning and definition of the FSMB's role, issues were identified that require additional discussion:

- Decision making structures:
 - Identifying whether decisions sit at the Board vs elsewhere
 - Level of detail that the FSMB should be engaged in – **setting** objectives vs **inseason management** (e.g. openings/closures)
- FSC priority implementation and how to address while SAP is underway.
- Who is responsible for consultation and engagement with impacted parties, particularly local area First Nations.
- Potential to consider how to support addressing gaps in sampling or analysis and how to engage First Nations in this work.