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Visions Conference

Expectations & Opening Comments

Presentation to the Visions Conference
November 27, 2024

Outline

- Context – Fraser Salmon Collaborative Management Agreement
- Visions Planning
- Intentions, expectations & Objectives

Context

- The Fraser Salmon Management Council (FSMC) is a mandated Indigenous organization with 77 Member Nations from the Fraser River and approach waters
- In 2019, the FSMC and DFO signed the Fraser Salmon Collaborative Management Agreement (FSCMA)
- Establishes a shared governance structure including:
 - Executive (single representative from each Party)
 - Fraser Salmon Management Board (four reps per Party)
 - Joint Technical Committee (five reps per Party)
- The FSMC, and the Parties, also undertake work outside of the workplan agreed to by the FSMB on areas of interest, including supporting this session

Visions Planning

- Planning of this Visions conference was undertaken by the Forum Planning Committee
- Topics suggested for this session included collaborative governance, monitoring, rebuilding, and FSC sharing.
- Monitoring and rebuilding were chosen as:
 - Monitoring continues to be a key issue raised during engagements on an annual basis, particularly how improvements could be supported.
 - Engagement in rebuilding work is a key opportunity to address declining salmon abundance, and represents an opportunity for leadership by First Nations communities to change positively impact the outlook for Fraser Salmon stocks.

Intentions, expectations, objectives

- The objective of this session is to seek novel solutions to our joint challenges and identify how we can collaborate in implementing change.
- In support of this, we anticipate this will include developing awareness and lead to identifying potential opportunities for collaboration.
- Attendees are asked to:
 - Focus on the issues, not the people.
 - Be open to ideas, and support discussion.
 - Keep focused on the topic areas.
 - Look for opportunities and solutions.