



FRASER & APPROACH SALMON FISHERIES

FORUM 1

DATE: JANUARY 28-30, 2025

PLACE:

IN PERSON: COAST BASTION HOTEL

11 BASTON STREET, NANAIMO, BC

ZOOM: [HTTPS://US02WEB.ZOOM.US/J/84586003835](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84586003835)

DIAL BY YOUR LOCATION: 778-907-2071

MEETING ID: 845 8600 3835

Purpose and Objectives of this Event:

The intent of this meeting is:

- for DFO and the FSMB to provide post-season information from the 2024 season, initial expectations and priorities for Fraser River salmon management approaches in 2025 and host a discussion on priorities, options, and approaches; and
- to provide an opportunity for First Nations with interests in Fraser Salmon to work at a Tier 1 level to review key technical information, exchange perspectives and discuss options for fishery planning.

EVENT OUTLINE

TUES JAN 28th -OPENING WELCOME & SOCIAL

- There will be a social session from 8:30AM- 9AM
- Tier 2 Focus in the AM: 2024 Forum Summary, Renewal Process Update, Post-season reviews of Fraser Chinook, Coho, Chum
- Tier 1 Focus in the PM: Joint Tech Working Group Debrief & Discussion

WED JAN 29th – DAY 2 PROCEEDINGS

- There will be a social session from 8:30AM- 9AM
- Tier 2 Focus in the AM: Post-season review of Fraser Sockeye, FSMB Updates, 2025 Management Approach & Priorities, 2025 State of the Salmon
- Tier 1 Focus in the PM: Discussion & Recommendations for Day 1 & 2 Topics

THURS JAN 29th – DAY 2 PROCEEDINGS

- There will be a social session from 8:30AM- 9AM
- Tier 2 Focus in the AM: Key priorities, next steps, decision timelines
- Tier 1 Focus in the PM: Discussion & Recommendations on Review, Additional Priorities, Next Steps & Topics

NEW THINGS AT THIS FORUM

- Our trusty facilitator Marcel is unfortunately unavailable for this Forum. Nick Chowdhury will be stepping in to fill his shoes for this first Forum. Please join us in welcoming him in this role!
- The FSMC will have a table in the room to talk about the organization and how Nations can become members – stop by and say hi to Dave Feil!



UPCOMING FORUMS

Forum Two | February 24-27, 2025 (Lower Mainland)

Forum Three | March 31 – April 3, 2025 (Interior)

Day 1: Tuesday January 28, 2025

	#	Time	Topics	Lead(s)
Tier 2	1	8:30-9:00	Social A chance to sign in, make sure your system is working, say hello and update your profile with your name and affiliation	All
	2	9:00-9:45	Getting Started Day 1 – Tier 2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Welcome, Opening Remarks & Traditional Blessing Introductions Agenda Review Setting the Stage & Timeline Review 	Nick C
	3	9:45-10:05	Forum Renewal Update on Progress <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Update on discussions to date What to expect in Forums this year 	Greg W (FSMC)
	4	10:05-10:30	2024 Forums What We Heard Overview <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Summary of WWH from the 2024 Forums Summary of actions and work undertaken 	Robin H (DFO)
		10:30-10:45	Break	All
	5	10:45-11:45	2024 Post-season Review Fraser Chinook	Brittany J (DFO)
	6	11:45-12:00	2024 Post-season Review West Coast-Fraser	Peter H (DFO)
		12:00-1:00	Lunch	
	7	1:00-1:25	2024 Post-season Review East Coast - Fraser	Mark F (DFO)
	8	1:25-1:45	2024 Post-season Review Fraser Coho & Chum	Brittany J (DFO)
	1:45-2:15	Joint Technical Working Group Debrief <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Summary of discussions. Identify emerging issues, priorities, time sensitive matters, technical questions 	Kelsey C (FN) Colin S (DFO)	
Tier 1		2:15-2:30	Break	All
	10	2:30-2:45	Getting Started Day 1 – Tier 1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introductions & Mic Check (15 minutes) 	Nick C
	11	2:45-3:15	Joint Tech Working Group Discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clarification/discussion on topics discussed at the JTWG 	Kelsey C
	12	3:15-4:30	Tier 1 Discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Initiate discussion with JTWG questions posed Facilitated discussion on post season review provided by DFO Forum Renewal - Feedback for Next Steps 	All

Day 2: Wednesday January 29, 2025

	#	Time	Topics	Lead(s)
Tier 2	1	8:30-9:00	Social A chance to sign in, make sure your system is working, say hello and update your profile with your name and affiliation	All
	2	9:00-9:15	Getting Started Day 2 – Tier 2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Agenda Review 	Nick C
	3	9:15-10:15	2024 Post-Season Review Fraser Sockeye	Adam Keizer (DFO)
		10:15-10:30	Break	All
	4	10:30-12:00	FSMB Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Updates on Status of Work & Workplan Focus Discussion of process and timelines for work <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Summer 52 Chinook Management Sockeye Escapement Planning 	FSMB
		12:00-1:00	Lunch (First Nations & DFO)	All
	5	1:00-2:00	2025 Management Approach Priorities & Looking Forward <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review of IFMP Priorities High level overview of 2025 considerations/expectations 	Mike H (DFO)
	6	2:00-3:00	2025 Salmon Outlook and State of the Salmon Presentation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> High level summary of stock status and environmental conditions. 	Sue G (DFO)
Tier 1		3:00-3:15	Break	All
	7	3:15-4:30	Tier 1 Dialogue Discussion of Day 1 & Day 2 Topics <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2025 IFMP priorities and Management Considerations Outlook and State of the Salmon High Level Management Approach - Recommendations for Nations and Feedback to DFO & the FSMB 	All

Day 3: Thursday January 30, 2025

	#	Time	Topics	Lead(s)
Tier 2	1	8:30-9:00	Social A chance to sign in, make sure your system is working & say hello	All
	2	09:00-10:30	Closing the Loop What We Heard <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Key priorities identified at this Forum Identifying next steps for addressing priorities Highlighting key planning and decision deadlines 	Robin H (DFO) Greg W (FSMC)
Tier 1		10:30-10:45	Break	All
	3	10:45-12:00	Tier 1 Dialogue Review of What We Heard <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any additions to What We Heard Table What other priorities we missed Suggested next steps for Nations and topics for next Forum 	All
		12:00-1:00	Lunch	All
	4	1:00-4:00	Fraser Salmon Management Council – Special Assembly A separate agenda will be provided.	

Key Contacts and Presenters

Role (s)	Name (Affiliation)	Details
Facilitator	Nick Chowdhury	Nick will be our Facilitator
Logistics & Coordination	Kristin Hrapchak (FSMC)	Kristin is the Executive Assistant and Communications Coordinator with the FSMC
Speaker	Sue Grant (DFO)	Program Head for the State of the Salmon Program at DFO Science
Speaker	Mike Hawkshaw (DFO)	Mike is the Regional Salmon Manager for DFO and the Canadian Co-chair Fraser River Panel Canadian Co-chair
Speaker	Jeffrey Radford (DFO)	Jeff is an acting Regional Salmon Manager with the Regional Salmon Team, and is responsible for Chum, Coho, and Steelhead"
Speaker	Adam Keizer (DFO)	Adam is the Canadian Chair of the Fraser River Panel
Speaker	Brittany Jenewein (DFO)	Brittany is the Section Head for the Fraser & Interior Area Resource Management group and Joint Technical Committee Co-Chair
Speaker Forum Planning Ctte Co-Chair	Greg Witzky (FSMC)	Greg is the FSMC's Executive Director in addition to a Canadian Fraser River Panel Member
Speaker Forum Planning Ctte Co-Chair	Robin Hawes (DFO)	Robin is DFO's Acting Senior Implementation Advisor for the Fraser Salmon Collaborative Management Agreement
Speaker	Jeff Grout (DFO)	Jeff is the Director of Salmon & Client Services and one of DFO's representatives on the Fraser Salmon Management Board.
Speaker	Jeffrey Radford (DFO)	Jeff is an acting Regional Salmon Manager with the Regional Salmon Team, and is responsible for Chum, Coho, and Steelhead"
Speaker	Peter Hall (DFO)	West Coast Vancouver Island Salmon and Herring Coordinator
Speaker	Mark Frisson (DFO)	Recreational Fisheries Coordinator for East Coast Vancouver Island.
Speaker	Thomas Alexis (FSMC)	Thomas is one of the Fraser Salmon Management Council's representatives on the Fraser Salmon Management Board.
Speaker JTWG (FN)	Tony Roberts Jr. (FSMC)	Tony is one of the Fraser Salmon Management Council's representatives on the Fraser Salmon Management Board.
Speaker JTWG (FN)	Kelsey Campbell	Kelsey is the First Nation Co-Chair of the Joint Technical Working Group Co-Chair (FN)
Speaker JTWG (DFO)	Colin Schwindt (DFO)	Colin is a Resource Management Biologist, a member of the Fraser River Panel Technical Committee and the DFO Co-Chair of the JTWG