

JTC Report 2024/25

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Structure and Participants

- Minimum of two meetings monthly to address technical work requested by the FSMB. Work of JTC guided by FSMB workplan.
- 10 members. Up to 5 appointed by each party (FSMC and DFO).
- ► FSMC:
 - Co-chair: Aidan Fisher
 - Members: Nicole Fredrickson, **Mike Staley**, Marc Labelle, Shamus Curtis
- DFO:
 - Co-chair: Brittany Jenewein
 - Members: Maxime Veilleux, Anna Potapova, Kaitlyn Dionne,
 - **Brooke Davis** replaced by Anna, **Madeline Thompson's** position currently vacant

2024/2025 Update

- JTC has finalized (or near final) 9 joint memos to the FSMB based on direction from the FSMB or identified workplan items.
- 2024-01 FMI Review
- 2024-02, MSF Review
- 2024-03, 14 Percent Decision
- 2024-04, Area G Pilot
- 2024-05, Fraser Chinook Run Size Estimation
- 2024-06, Chilliwack Hatchery Chinook Review
- 2024-08, Fraser Chinook Run Reconstruction Review
- 2024-09, Summer 5₂ Options for FSMB

- 2024-10, Summer 5₂ Technical Interpretations
- 2025-1, Summer 5₂ Chinook Info Package

Chinook

 Long Term Management Objective Development: Develop recommendations for quantitative fishery management targets and objectives for Fraser Chinook stocks ... Focus on Summer 5₂ Addressed

Partially

Inactive

- JTC members participating in FSAR Sprint week and the rapid status assessment process.
- 2. *Post-season Fishery Review:* Post-season review of fishery impacts on Fraser Chinook ... against the fishery management targets and objectives in place
 - Memos: 2024-01 FMI Review, 2024-02 MSF Review, 2024-03 14 Percent Decision, 2024-04 Area G Pilot
- 3. *Pre-season Fishery Planning:* Review fishery management planning tools, against identified fishery management targets and objectives. Develop annual recommendations
 - Memos: 2024-09 Summer 5₂ Options for FSMB, 2024-10 Summer 5₂ Technical Interpretations
 - Currently working on an information package (2025-1) for the FSMB to use during consultation/engagement.

Chinook

addressed Inactive

Addressed

Partially

- 4. Tools and Approaches: Review tools, methods and research to support management and assessment of Fraser Chinook fisheries.
 - Memos: 2024-05 Fraser Chinook Run Size Estimation, 2024-06 Chilliwack Hatchery Chinook Review, 2024-08 Fraser Chinook Run Reconstruction Review
- 5. Develop/update 3-year workplan for Fraser Chinook.
 - No work to date.
- 6. Develop Mark-Selective Fisheries review process. Develop expectations for evaluating existing and new pilot Chinook MSF opportunities.
 - Memo: 2024-02 MSF Review
 - FSMC JTC members have drafted an initial evaluation tree for consideration, at the request of the FSMC FSMB members.
- 7. Understand the Chilliwack Summer 5_2 Chinook enhancement program's influence on Fraser Summer 5_2 management objectives, targets, and fishery impacts.
 - Memo: 2024-06 Chilliwack Hatchery Chinook Review

Sockeye

Addressed

Partially addressed

Inactive

- 1. Develop annual recommendations for the Fraser Sockeye escapement plan and management approaches for stocks of concern for integration into the annual South Coast Salmon IFMP.
 - JTC provided Sockeye escapement options in 2023/2024 to FSMB, scheduled to provide options in 2024/2025 for 2025 return.
- 2. Review and recommend Fraser Sockeye restoration and enhancement activities.
 - 1. No work to date.

Coho

 Review results of IFC fishery management from the past 10? years (or 3 cycles?) to inform potential changes to IFC fishery management targets. Addressed

Partially

Inactive

- No work to date.
- 2. Develop recommendations for planned fishery impacts on Interior Fraser Coho.
 - No work to date.

General

 Support discussions on monitoring and reporting to occur at the 2024 Visions conference and any required follow-up. Addressed

Partially

Inactive

- JTC provided guidelines for Visions presentation materials.
- 2. Support discussions and recommendations on unplanned, emergent priority or emergency topics related to Fraser Salmon fishery management.
 - JTC available to provide assistance, not required this year.

Governance and Process

- 5. Develop guidance and approach for engaging JTC and/or FSMB membership in Centre for Science Advice Pacific organized processes related to Fraser Salmon Fishery Management.
 - Development of standard engagement with FSMC expected to be completed.

Addressed

Partially

Inactive

- 6. JTC Co-chairs administrative requirements for effective operation of the JTC (e.g. Action item tracking, notes review, Agenda development)
 - Co-chair work to deliver the JTC meetings and process.

Upcoming Work

2025-1 Summer 5₂ Information package:

- Summary of technical information JTC has compiled for FSMB Summer 5₂ fishery management plan development discussion. In final stages of development, expect to be complete in early February.
- Including some additional analysis by the JTC and information that previously hasn't been included in the consultation materials.

Sockeye Escapement Plans:

- JTC scheduled to present a series of Sockeye Total Allowable Mortality (TAM) rules and Low Abundance Exploitation Rate (LAER) options for the FSMB to consider for the draft 2025/26 IFMP.
- FSMB recommended the final 2024 Sockeye Escapement Plan, which was implemented.