

Isolated Motion – SFAB Main Board Meeting April 13 & 14

Peacemaker program

Clapton reported that the intent of this program, which has been driven in part by SFAB members, is to become more proactive in addressing issues on the Fraser. Successes include significant reduction in conflict over fisheries in the past 4 years, and elimination of racist public debates. Current efforts include development of terms of reference.

George said the endorsement and broad acceptance of the First Nations-only FSC fishery on the Chilliwack River last year demonstrated the value of proactive action, collaboration and dialogue between recreational and First Nations representatives.

MOTION MB-07-02-13: That SFAB endorses the terms of reference for the Fraser Valley Peacemakers.

Moved: Ed George; Seconded; John Wright; passed.

Discussion: Background of the challenges that led to the emergence of this initiative. The role of the Fraser River group includes mentorship for groups in other communities. Work underway includes development of a joint recreational/First Nations “road show” presentation for other groups. Most of the work is based on volunteer effort, with some modest funding support from the Fraser Valley Salmon Table and DFO. SFAB Chair noted spin-off benefits from this initiative have supported other important work such as the Southern Chinook initiative.