

Sport Fishers-First Nations Working Group Meeting

Mission Chamber of Commerce Boardroom

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1. **Press conference:** River Manners Video Released officially today
 - This project has provided a successful foundation of relationships between the two fisheries that will be useful in the future
 - Participation has grown with the small success of this group
 - Reflected upon angling access trail, joint proposals for boat launches, etc.
 - Laughing and having fun in this project was a reflection of the relationships we built as part of the project
 - For the angling guiding community, it is important to portray a safe and orderly fishery
 - This is about a mechanism for working together
 - This is a good start but it is still early in the process and it is important to plan for this need to work together to deal with future challenges

- Measuring success: hits to Youtube (1,700 +), shown at gatherings of every major sport fishing group this spring and already observed on many sport fishing websites; reduction in calls to RCMP on the river, dealing with conflict, benefit sharing

2. Media release strategy

- In the future this group will organize gatherings like this around a media advisory from the groups communications committee – then each group can send out their own release (like this time but better understood)
- Ernie (cell), Rod (home), Kim (cell), Patti, Robert (cell 604-798-6950)
- Response protocol for when media calls Ernie Frank for referrals inside the process
- Vic will send out links to the major fishing web sites
- Ernie will get video on the FNFC website and FRAFS
- Frank will take to sporting goods
- MOE communications Rod
- Dave will do another print of the pamphlet with the video link on it
- Martha will get it to Shaw cable
- Ernie will get it to Robert Freeman (Progress) and Robert Henderson (Times)

3. Experience the Fraser: Guest speaker - Doug Wilson (FVRD & GVRD)

- Experience the Fraser was introduced by MLA Randy Hawes in late 2007 and the two regional districts entered into discussions about building and

joining trails that led to a more comprehensive vision led by the Premier's Office

- Emphasizes building relationships between local government and First Nations
- Identify the issue of defacto parks without proper management
- Piloting overnight parking for week-end use of Island 22 off-site camping
- Island 22, Deroche, Dewdney etc, but more boat launches needed
- "Staycations" are coincident with the local vacation travel patterns during recession
- Looking at bringing together local culture and recreation
- Look at Idaho on the Snake River as a model
- Funding governance model will be critical for sustainability of the project
- Peter Walters Randy Haws, Gale Marten, Vancouver
- ADM Appointed by the Premier to lead

4. Minutes and actions review

- Sport fishing- First Nations dialogue: there is a plan for building a common conservation agenda between the parties on spring Chinook – keep separate from this group
- A proposal to ENP (Enterprising Non-Profits) for business planning money has been prepared by Robert Reyerse, Murray Ned and Dave Barrett. This will seek funding for a more comprehensive loop at lower Fraser infrastructure needs for the fishery to tie into the Experience the Fraser initiative

- Joint/collaborative monitoring program discussions have stalled out at DFO. There is a need to get this on track and the group is looking for this to be the primary agenda item at the next meeting. Noted outstanding catch and release mortality study presentation with Jim Thomas and Deb Sneddon – these things may be compatible to combine in the next meeting agenda.
5. **Next meeting** May 18 – Dave will cheque with Sto:lo Nation

First Nations-Sport Fishing Dialogue in the Lower Fraser: Participant Contact List

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