

Joint Sport fishing-First Nations Working Group 2-5 PM at Sumas Health Center Boardroom

Date: January 10, 2012

Time: 2 – 5 PM

Location: Sumas First Nations Health Center Boardroom

Draft Agenda

1. Welcome and introductions: special guest Doug Wilson, Regional Parks Manager FVRD
2. Summary notes distributed from November 22 and introduction to agenda: Dave Moore
3. Progress report on lower Fraser signage plans and discuss pilot sign costs (\$300 – \$500), location (Island 22 and Dewdney ?) and timing: Committee and Doug Wilson
4. Progress report on access plan/Experience the Fraser linkages: Robert Reyherse and Dave Barrett (update from Doug Wilson ?)
5. Review November 22 Peacemakers Corps TOR amendments for ratification: Dave Moore
6. Safety strategy meeting on December 20: Rod Clapton and Dave Barrett
7. Spring Chinook dialogue scheduled for February 3rd with FVAS and Fraser First Nations
8. Other?

Materials

- Summary notes from November 22, 2011
- Peacemakers updated draft (January 9)
- Building a Collaborative Signage Plan for lower Fraser Fisheries (January 9, 2012)
- Draft GPS image: Lower Fraser Dipnet Fishing Areas and Monitoring Sites (December 2011)

Attendance

Dave Barrett, Fraser River Salmon Table - Facilitator
Frank Kwak, Fraser Valley Salmon Society
Don Simpson, Lower Fraser Fisheries Alliance
Robert Reyherse, Fraser Valley Angling Guides Association
Ernie Crey, Sto:lo Tribal Council
Rod Clapton, BC Federation of Driftfishers
Leigh McCracken, BC Federation of Driftfishers
Dave Moore, Notes

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Summary Meeting Notes

1. Welcome and introductions

- special guest Doug Wilson, Regional Parks Manager FVRD

2. Summary notes distributed from November 22 and introduction to agenda: Dave Moore

- Notes accepted

3. Progress report on lower Fraser signage plans and discuss pilot sign parameters

- Reviewed updated signage plan, various models & styles
- Preference for the high-end quality for longevity; perhaps the single-sided
- Cost estimates (\$300 – \$500 ea)
- Proposed pilot locations (Island 22 and Dewdney ?)
- Timing: before March 31 and must secure funding from FSWP asap before it is all committed
- Committee and Doug Wilson to review further
- Dave to get proposal to FSWP's Megan Moser

Recommend

- adding graphics
- larger - suggested 8 x 10 for really busy sites (\$600-\$800), and 4x8 (\$300) for undeveloped sites
- suggest putting themes in columns
- consider smaller versions for unregulated access sites to reduce cost/risk
- include unregulated sites (i.e. Jespersen and Gill Rd)
- Island 22 and Dewdney recommended and FVRD can place and maintain
- Dewdney owned by Dyke Commission (expires 2013, but proposed to continue with FVRD management and business plan)
- Significant statistics on users and trends gathered by the FVRD are very useful for this group (i.e. % users origin, annual attendance, access by use etc.)
- Noted experience from developing sites that allot of fishers don't mind paying parking fees is there is someone in a gate-house watching vehicle
- Deroshe is a high priority location, but the site4 is on an old landfill and level 2 assessment is required by the Province and potential liabilities exist depending upon what is

General

- add column for ownership and management agency/contact
- link to Experience the Fraser Initiative is the insights that this group can provide to development of access points and information
- Beware too much emphasis on logos and advertizing especially with very important information (perhaps a QR code to scan corporate sponsors, minimize in lower sign, or a separate sign)
- Consider how a bigger vision might inform this project – perhaps a kiosk cluster for shelter and info

Action

- FVRD will edit proposed sign material and provide new draft, facilitate sign production, placement and maintenance at Island 22 and Dewdney
- FVRD can be a resource to assist the group in developing plans for signage in non-FVRD managed sites

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4. Progress report on access plan/Experience the Fraser linkages: Robert Reyherse and Dave Barrett (update from Doug Wilson ?)

- Update on meetings with First Nations (Seabird Island Band Council) and site visit
- ENP project – requesting a business plan to do what is desired
- Plans to contract out strategic plan document to lead in that direction
- Will consider key sites, seek to set priorities with this group, identify cost recovery mechanisms/economic opportunities
- Consider Gill Rd as one of these
- Consider how this improve First Nations economics from the fishery
- Group is aware of the relevance to monitoring and enforcement

Action

- Contract TOR for feasibility study will be presented at the next meeting
- Coordination with Doug to identify linkages to Experience the Fraser
- Recommended a joint pilot to get area Bands and sport fishers to land their fish at Island 22

5. Review November 22 Peacemakers Corps TOR amendments for ratification: Dave Moore

- TOR for Peacemakers accepted/adopted by consensus
- Peacemakers now to set co-chairs:
- Vic Carrao nominated for sport fishery – some concern about his accessibility
- Ernie Crey nominated for FN fishery – some need to report back and get direction from LFFA
 - Ernie Crey: he and Don Simpson will report back on implementation approach
 - Vic Carrao: Robert Reyherse will approach Vic - he and Vic will report back on implementation

6. Safety strategy meeting on December 20: Rod Clapton and Dave Barrett

- See notes attached

Action: Organize third Saturday in July for a big event

- Strategic target would be to focus on lifejackets
- Doug will take the event to the political committee for free use of a park site and perhaps free food
- Committee will advance the idea again of a signature Fraser salmon fishing vest

7. Spring Chinook dialogue scheduled for February 3rd with FVAS and Fraser First Nations

- Salmon table was approached over a year ago to facilitate a meeting of FN's and sport fishing advisory Board
- Last spring meeting proceeded but was just a start
- Another meeting is planned and Table is planning next meeting on February 3rd

8. Other?

- General desire to revisit the M&C pilot in the lower Fraser
- DFO has expressed the interest in looking for ways in which this group could be involved with LFFA in planning
- Frank Kwak – recommends that the idea of a joint event to deal with safety is a good way to work together in a positive way

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First Nations-Sport Fishing Dialogue in the Lower Fraser: Participant Contact List (updated September 2011)

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