

June 12, 2012
Location: Sumas First Nation Health Center
Time: 2-5 PM



Draft Agenda

This meeting is organized around a review of a rolling draft Terms of Referenced generated by the group for this body. As well we will review the status of the work of the safety committee and outcomes of the planning meeting for the August 11 public river safety event. The group will set follow-up meeting dates, and where funding is involved, discuss proposals for joint activities with agency partners in 2012/13.

Agenda

1. Welcome and introductions
2. Summary notes and action points
3. Presentation of draft TOR for this group: Rod Clapton/Dave Moore (attached)
4. Review status of lower Fraser signage: Moore
5. Safety Strategy: Clapton/Simpson/Crey
6. Results from planning meeting with FVRD for public safety event on Lower Fraser August 11: R. Clapton
7. Other - funding

Attendance

Rod Clapton, BC Federation of Driftfishers, Acting Meeting Chair
Leigh McCracken, BC Federation of Driftfishers
Ed George, BC Wildlife Federation
Don Simpson, Lower Fraser Fisheries Alliance
Dave Moore, Fraser River Salmon Table ED/Meeting notes

Summary Notes

1. Rod Clapton, Acting Chair

Rod volunteered to chair today's meeting because Dave Barrett is absent on other business. The group discussed the idea that perhaps the time is appropriate to consider how to chair their own meetings to save costs.

The options discussed (not mutually exclusive) include:

- Continue with FRST chair
- Utilize the FRST Chair for specialized work or conflict resolution
- Co-chairs – one FN and one sport fishing
- Group elect a single chair annually

Action: to consider this in a group setting as part of the formal ratification of the group's TOR in the fall.

2. Summary minutes from May 8 Meeting

- Meeting pending with RCMP with Ernie Crey and Dave Barrett
- Signs into production now - Folks would like to see the next distribution of signs include the logos and names of the partners
- Letter to FVRD seeking funding
- Awaiting communications from Chawathil and Seabird, attendance from Chehalis again – suggested renew invite to local First Nations to attend (reference individuals)
- Discussed recurring meeting schedule conflicts with FVAS
- Shared the final draft of the River Fishing Safety Tips

Action: Refer to actions with specific projects

3. Presentation of draft TOR

- This is being done to provide both internal and external clarity on the roles, responsibilities and TOR for this group
- This may also be useful in seeking funding
- Reviewed M&C Panel report re: Peacemakers and agreed that the edits in the draft TOR will be accepted, specifically exchanging name of the Peacemakers Committee to make it a conflict resolution committee, and that the Joint First Nation-Sport Fishing Working Group will be branded as Peacemakers
- Remove reference to the SFAB (page 6) – each organization leads as their role in group
- Clarify that the role of this group and their leads would be unfettered by outside organizations
- Need to include the detail of the communications committee in the TOR = emerges from a quorum of the table as defined from 2010
- Discussed role and function of the chair should be built into the TOR (see action #1)

- Create a membership list
- Look for connections to Justice institute (community outreach)
- Monitoring – fix to remove reference to common standards and focus on information needs for in-season management – build on trust and utility for functional relationships in the fishery, and include collaboration in monitoring
- Fix #vi & vii – not CRC volunteers but Peacemaker volunteers
- Add mentoring to training
- Add Lea McCracken to the CRC

Action:

- i) Group branded formally as Peacemakers and the committee renamed conflict resolution committee (more appropriate)
- ii) FRST to make amendments to the TOR (above) and the group will revisit ratification plan in fall

4. Fraser River signage

- Final editorial review completed last week and signs have gone into production
- Awaiting invoice from FVRD

Action: D. Moore will follow up with FVRD re: invoice and linkages to August 11 safety and culture on the river day.

5. River Safety and Celebration of Cultures on the River

- report from meeting with FVRD on May 31 (Rod - see notes from FVRD)
- Reviewed invitation and contact list and discussed engagement strategies
- Noted First Nations engagement gap – FRST and LFFA will address this off-line
- FVRD’s Megan Stewart is leading coordination on behalf of group
- Salmon bake is being organized for “tasting”
- Focus on making this a “drop in” event
- Skway and Skwah will be drawn upon as local First Nation host
- LFFA volunteered to organize a call to discuss an engagement strategy
- Go-no-go date is July 3rd
- Look for specific feed-back from the Fraser River Angling Guides association (refer to Planning Committee)

Action:

- i) FRST and LFFA to follow up on a coordinated First Nation engagement strategy and will include follow-up on any gaps arising from the planning committee
- ii) FRST will follow up on a communications plan around Peacemakers Launch re: above

Meeting adjourned at 5PM – group to take summer brake and reconvene in September