

September 25, 2012

Location: Sumas Community Center  
Time: 2-5 PM



## **Draft Agenda**

1. Notes and action points from June meeting
2. Review results from public event – “Celebration of Culture and Safety on the River”
3. Status of River Access Study/proposed access development plan (priority areas Chawathil and Seabird Island)
4. Peacemakers Terms of Reference
5. Work plan 2012/13

This meeting is scheduled as one of a series of ongoing meetings (since 2009) involving the First Nations in the lower Fraser River and sport fishing organizations. The focus of this meeting will be a review of the Terms of Reference for Peacemakers (Lower Fraser River) working towards ratification. The group will also review the success of the jointly organized August 11 event that highlighted shared fishing safety issues on the Fraser River, and we will assess progress on collaborative access development planning that considers the need for boat launches, parking and other infrastructure in support of the areas salmon fishery.

Peacemakers would like to thank the ongoing support of DFO and the Pacific Salmon Foundation and our meeting hosts the Sumas First Nation.

## **Attendance**

Dave Barrett, FRST  
Rod Clapton, BCFDF  
Leigh McCracken, BCFDF  
Ernie Crey, Sto:lo Tribal Council  
Don Simpson, LFFA  
Wayne Saito, M&C Panel

Expected Cst. Gabriel McBride from RCMP

## Summary Notes

### 1. Notes and action points from June meeting

- Chair – consider future plans for greater role of participants in chairing future meetings when working through the TOR
- Meeting dates – stay with current structure for visible future

**Action:** Updated draft TOR could incorporate details from above as appropriate. D. Moore

### 2. Review results from public event – “Celebration of Culture and Safety on the River”

- 22 participating organizations
- Suggestion that letters go to local Chief and Mayor (Sharon Gates), and LFFA and cc Sto:lo Catering for fish, with thanks
- Positive response – plan for repeat in 2013
- Some suggestion to promote through Experience the Fraser
- Debrief/review:
  - Needed better exposure
  - Hit major newspapers
  - A committee should be struck in the new year
  - Looking for dates other than airshow week-end
  - Concern raised by Peacemakers about the cost of getting FishSafe booth and need to come up with alternatives for next year
- PFD's
  - Survey by LFFA to be completed with/during the chum fishery as the survey results from the August event was largely sport fishers (need to quantify the problem and the market size)
  - Consider the need to look more broadly at river safety still and not entirely on PFD's
  - Proposed letter to PICFI for funding to “subsidize” PFD use by First Nation commercial fishers...perhaps 5-6,000 PFD's and need a strategy to deploy them
  - Noted some significant supporting statistics on river drowning (St. John Ambulance?)

**Action:** Steps going forward for November meeting: strike a committee yr 2, id date, and (when, how much and strategy): meet with Chief Combs in advance of the next meeting to discuss dates/role of community as host. Dave B., Don Simpson, and Ernie Crey to lead setting up meeting with Chief Combs.

### 3. Status of River Access Study/proposed access development plan (priority areas Chawathil and Seabird Island)

- Catch up from D.Barrett on the study but have been unable to meet with Chawathil yet.
- Seabird is now ready and expressed that they are interested in a follow-up meeting
- Noted FVRD has a park ranger training program that might be a good opportunity for a local Band member

**Action:** Dave Barrett to follow up with Seabird and explore a meeting date and strategy to move forward.

#### **4. Conflict Resolution Committee**

- An incident was reported near Seabird this summer.
  - a) Ernie contacted Seabird to inquire about their knowledge of the incident, whether they were Band members there, and if they had expressed concern and were looking for resolution. Calls also going in to Cheam
- More about conflict engagement verses conflict resolution (engagement rather than a promise to resolve)
  - a) Ernie has investigated the Dean Werk incident and has been unable as yet to identify the individuals involved but will be approaching Yale fishing representative for their possible insights
  - b) Some discussion about how to help Vic to keep up with the referrals if he may be too busy during the fishing season.

**Action:** Ernie will continue to investigate leads (and Cheam?) to determine what fishers may be involved and if there is an interest by the community & fishers to follow up.

#### **5. Peacemakers Terms of Reference**

Several edits were suggested including clarifications and spelling: Conflict intervention clarified in CRC; clarifications in membership verses partners; annual renewal/review; add acronym list; qualify funding support; governance piece needed up front in organization/admin; redundancy in action plan; clarification around goal for monitoring and catch reporting; Move results up to preamble; clarifications in objectives; clarifications in guidelines for CRC to address sensitivities around communications, roles of co-chairs, and maintenance of records of all referrals; move image capture from pamphlet at very end into the body of the report; spell McCracken right.

**Action:** Peacemakers TOR Passed in principle subject to changes discussed today and will be circulated after the next review

The item of having participants chair more of the meetings was added to the Terms of Reference and will be discussed further at subsequent meetings.

It was agreed that we would retain our current meeting date structure of 2nd Tuesday of every month

#### **6. Next meeting: Tuesday November 13**

Action: D. Moore will follow up with Cst G. McBride