

Peacemakers

Lower Fraser River

July 30, 2013



Location: Sts'ailes Boardroom

Attendance

Dave Barrett, Facilitator from Fraser River Salmon Table
Dave Moore, Notes/Executive Director Fraser River Salmon Table
Don Simpson, Lower Fraser Fisheries Alliance
Kim Charlie, Sts'ailes Fisheries Manager
Kelsey Charlie, Sts'ailes Councillor
Leigh McCracken, BC Federation of Driftfishers
Tony Nootebos, Fraser Valley Angling Guides Association
Ed George, BC Wildlife Federation

1. Welcome from Sts'ailes. Kelsey Charlie – recognise this good work supported by Sts'ailes

2. Notes and Action Points from May meeting:

- LFFA plans for Peacemakers presentation/discussion with fishers (consideration for fall 2013)
 - Success stories (?)
 - Prefer to let LFFA lead event (broader than Peacemakers) and leave agenda open for informal sharing
 - LFFA will bring this discussion to an LFFA Executive Committee
- No word on the Cheam BBQ

Action: Dave and Dave follow up with Ernie Crey

3. Ernie Crey and Dave Barrett met with Lower Fraser Area Director Gills Verret in June

- Introduction to process/awareness

Action: Gills will be invited to next meeting

4. Joint Monitoring proposal – plans being considered include a joint workshop with the M&C panel though DFO unwilling to fund a salmon-centric process

- Peacemaker looking to develop an approach that will make progress towards collaboration and is something that they look to the Salmon Table for support

Action: Dave B. will follow up with M&C panel

5. PFD Survey – Tony N. Has digitized it and ready for web-site survey

- Consider that this is peripheral to the Peacemakers mandate but potentially a useful branding tool and “wear your PFD” as a tag line

Action: Dave M. Will send Peacemakers address to Tony for submissions

6. Initiating a conversation around salmon shares approach in Fraser River salmon context

- Consider a presentation from Somas (Port Alberni)
- Consider the clear context in the Harrison River useful as a case study
- Discussion with the group looks back at mandate of this group for direction on how/if to proceed – not within Peacemakers mandate but of interest to all around the table. May put Peacemakers at risk if hosted by them, so best to pass on to the Salmon Table to lead
- Need to have a “safe place” to begin the conversation – address potential conflict by educating and informing – Sts’ailes keen to lead discussion given frustrations with access and sharing benefits from their adjacent fisheries
- Where to go from here:
 - Hosted by Sts’ailes
 - Collaborating with Fraser Salmon table lead
 - Why do we want to have this conversation (all)
 - What are experiences elsewhere that can inform our discussion
 - What does this say about where we go from here in the Harrison sockeye fishery (and elsewhere?)
 - Goal to explore processes around share-based fisheries

Action: Fraser River Salmon Table will work with Sts’ailes and this table to assess the potential for such a workshop - this group would receive invitation to participate.

7. Fraser River Festival

- Appears that it will be difficult to secure resources to plan the Fraser River Festival
- Proposed to refocus our energy on assisting Cheam with their BBQ
- Ernie Crey and Sid Douglas lead contact (Lincoln Douglas now chief) – to inquire within

Action: Dave M. To follow up with Ernie

8. Conflict Resolution

- No conflicts reported yet this year but there has been limited fishing
- Fishing guides have noticed a positive change in attitude on both sides
- Consider that pink salmon fishery is the next likely potential point of conflict
 - Consider putting together an information package to distribute in advance of the fishery – consider this an opportunity to advance the branding of Peacemakers
 - Provide a package for posting on websites

- Make sure that adequate pamphlets and cards for Ernie and Rod
- Note that the BCWF is hosting an information session on Wilderness Watch on August 22 (See notice)

Action: Conflict Resolution Committee needs to have cards to give out to folks to let them know the e-mail address to send referrals – Dave B. will develop cards for Ernie and Tony.

9. Next meeting (suggestions)

- Salmon bbq
- Cheam community

Action: refer proposal to LFFA Executive for location for future meeting recommendations and Dave Moore/Dave Barrett to work with Ernie to explore interest in Cheam hosting next meeting