

Peacemakers



Kwantlen Boardroom – Lower Fraser Roving Meetings

January 23, 2014

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Les Antone, Kwantlen Councillor/LFFA Executive
Owen Bird, Sport Fishing Institute
Leigh McCracken, BC Federation of Drift Fishers
Rod Clapton, BC Federation of Driftfishers/Director Fraser River Salmon
Arnold Smith, Integrated Quota Management Inc.
Ernie Crey, LFFA Executive/Cheam Councillor/co-chair
Saramae Tran, Christopher Vang Memorial Fund (CVMF)
Scott Maloney, RCMP First Nations Policing Section
Dave Moore, Fraser River Salmon Table/Notes

1. Introduction from Kwantlen – Rod Clapton, Acting Chair

- Welcome from Kwantlen Councillor Les Antone/brief history of fishery conflicts faced by Kwantlen (centered around Kwantlen boat launch behaviours and conflicts between the Kwantlen drift fishery and sport fishers driving over nets or disrupting the adjacent drift net fishery (mostly based on public ignorance) – information sharing valuable for reducing this
- Welcoming song from Lekeyten

2. Summary notes/Actions from last meeting:

- **Peacemakers communications with Skeena** – Wayne Saito lead via M&C panel. When time is right the co-chairs of Peacemakers conflict resolution committee will likely visit with their process.
- **Access study** – Brian Jones (ED/advisor at Seabird FN) has been formulating a business plan around access development in that Band's territory, and currently Seabird is reviewing the study as to how it may inform them on development plans (parking, access, boatlaunch). Ernie has also been in a conversation with Cheam Band around elements of study. Perhaps useful to involve Chief Robert Coombs as the relationship among the adjacent Bands in access planning is important. David Barrett meeting pending.
- **Proposed toxic waste site** at end of Chilliwack Mountain – a proposed toxic waste disposal site received preliminary rezoning approval from the Chilliwack City Council. Coordination arose at the last meeting led to groups organizing a press conference on site in December, a public information forum was held in January with guest speaker Mark Angelo – standing room only. 18 organizations signed off against the proposed site. Proponent has not to date submitted a project proposal to MOE and hope is that such a site though necessary should not be on the banks of the Fraser River

- **Invitation to bring in Arnold Smith from IQMI and Sts'ailes** to discuss their pilot project with catch monitoring

3. Joint monitoring objectives review

- Reviewed history of joint monitoring discussions by Peacemakers dating back 3 years:
 - Peacemakers conceived a plan for joint monitoring but no funding available (June 2010)
 - Peacemakers monitoring and compliance workshop with DFO (Nov. 2010)
 - Peacemakers generate letters of support for joint monitoring to DFO (Feb. 2011)
 - M&C Panel draft TOR for Peacemakers and meeting with Lower Fraser DFO (March 2011)
 - Peacemakers workshop on new catch monitoring framework (April 2011)
 - Cheam Peacemakers meeting raised question of joint monitoring again and round table discussion refocused the objectives to finding ways to share catch information between the sport and First Nations fisheries (Oct. 2013)
- December 2013 Peacemakers reviewed catch information management pilot by Harrison Fisheries Authority (Sts'ailes and Scowlitz) – the conversation grew about a sport fishing pilot that would generate in-season information for/by sport fishery and offer potential to be governed/shared by the sport fishery (more utility that catch reports from creel surveys that are shared post-season)
- Discussed lack of progress since was due to the timing of new catch monitoring framework and need to figure out how the Peacemakers vision for joint monitoring fit

Presentation by Arnold Smith on Harrison Fisheries Authority monitoring pilot using cell phones

- Monitors were given call phones and had access to data platform from river to enter data from pink and chum fisheries
- Good connectivity provided for real-time data view as the fishery progressed
- Kim Charlie, Fishery Manager was able to close fishery very close to or right on allocation
- Provided tools to share information with DFO or others

Presentation by Owen fishery Bird, Sport Fishing Institute on plans to develop electronic regulations synopsis and tools for fishers to access detailed regulation by each area coast-wide

- Need for tools is apparent even though not everyone is ready for electronic synopsis/regulation dashboard
- Working with DFO and SFAB to determine scope of work and funding plan
- Linkages to submit e-logs being explored but some issues inside DFO about validity of a self-reporting tool for sport fishers
- Issue of self reporting has “high centered” this aspect of work for time being

- Open to project collaboration/lessons learned with a lower Fraser project with Peacemakers should this get under way

Action: both projects to keep each other informed/learn from each others work

4. Work Planning

- i) Monitoring – information sharing a much more focused project around monitoring activities for Peacemakers
 - Sport fishing for sockeye in the lower Fraser expected to be busy and full of conflict in 2014 – need to have an activity for Peacemakers at least to keep the communications channels open beyond conflicts
 - If the sport fishery for sockeye were able to generate in season harvest info it would provide a basis for sharing with Sto:lo

Action: Dave M. to include a small budget for pilot project for sport fishery in year-end work plan for the 2014 fishery in lower Fraser – cell phone app and task group to form around project led by sport fishing groups

- ii) Fraser River Festival

- Nothing done since last fall discussion about developing a business case for the festival
- The FVRD interested in discussing the festival again- Christina Vugteven (604) 702-5077 is the manager of Parks (Mathew Gadston contact so far)
- Tie into the Pilault as the local hosts
- Be prepared to go with or without FVRD but explore options well ahead of time
- Don't think PICFI will fund festival planning

Action: Dave and Dave to look into the status of FVRD interest in project/work with Erenie and Pilault to organize alternative with volunteer energy

- iii) Safety on the River/PFD's

- Dave was to bring in PFD survey forms to Saramae Tran to enter into Excel (forgot and will bring in next meeting)
- Although some debate about the fit of safety on the river in the mandate of Peacemakers it was reinforced by those in attendance here again that this is an important initiative to both the sport and First Nations fisheries
- Need to have the committee revived to explore how Peacemakers can get \$ for vests (vests should be branded with the Peacemakers logo and used to put out the good work on Peacemakers during the 2014 sockeye fishery)

Action: Dave and Dave will include PFD's in the budget proposal for year end programming for Peacemakers with PICFI \$, and Leigh McCracken will restart discussions with Mustang and look around for any possible means to get PFD's for Peacemakers on the river in 2014

Adjourn: 16:55