



Fraser River Peacemakers

Extra Ordinary Meeting

June 17, 2014

The British Columbia Wildlife Federation (BCWF) Boardroom
101-9706 188th Street
Surrey, BC

Attendance:

Rod Clapton, President – BC Federation of Drift Fishers (BCFDF)	Co-Chair
Ernie Crey, Councillor - Cheam First Nation, FBC Director,	Co-Chair
Sidney Douglas, Chief - Cheam First Nation	
Kim Charlie, Fisheries Manager - Sts'ailes First Nation	
Murray Ned, Executive Director – Lower Fraser Fisheries Alliance (LFFA)	
Don Simpson, Program Coordinator – LFFA	
Dave Barrett, President – Fraser River Salmon Table (FRST)	
Dave Moore, Executive Director – FRST	
Terry Tebb, Vice President of Operations – Pacific Salmon Foundation (PSF)	
Tim Susic, Director of Finance and Admin – PSF	
Leigh McCracken, BCFDF Area Director, Langley	
Kevin Estrada, Director Fraser Valley Angling Guides Association (FVAGA)	
Ed George, Vice President, BCWF	
Cheryl Johnson, Director of Operations – BCWF	

Draft Notes:

Rod Clapton convened the meeting with greetings, introductions, and a review of the agenda.

Recap of Five (5)-year accomplishments

- Dave Moore provided a PowerPoint presentation covering Peacemakers activities and accomplishments from 2009 through 2014.
- Those present commented regarding Peacemakers and its value to those on and off the river.
- Those who first gathered at the table in 2009 are all still attending were noted and applauded.
- Dave Moore was acknowledged for his service to the Peacemakers group.
- The origin of the Extra Ordinary meeting stemmed from the FBC proposal that was prepared and sent out recently and causing.
- Those present agree with the list of accomplishments as presented by Dave Moore that will also be presented at Cheam First Nation June 18, 2014.

Re-establish priorities & current summer priority

- It was noted that Peacemakers is the only “Tier 3” – First Nation to other than Federal

Government relationship activity in the region.

- Rod Clapton and Dave Barrett on behalf of the Peacemakers met with DFO C&P Area Director and RCMP Superintendent recently with favourable results. It was suggested that a referrals understanding be established that would work both ways rather than escalating to Law Enforcement only, authorities would refer parties to a situation to the Conflict Resolution Committee if and where appropriate.
- Inclusion of any relevant priorities resulting from the June 19, 2014 Cheam First Nation “Harmony on the River” meeting should be considered as priorities also.
- Funding and related constraints should be considered in preparing a list of priorities.
- While FBC and David Marshall are seeking funding opportunities, Peacemakers should not let FBC do all the heavy lifting. Peacemaker’s participating organizations could contribute at whatever level appropriate and fiscally feasible for their respective organization.
- FRST is sun-setting and the timing for another organization such as LFFA to take over is now.
- BCWF has expressed interest in administering funds for Peacemakers pending the outcome of an internal Finance Committee meeting scheduled for the near future.
- PICFI process is ready for proposals now, and time is of the essence to have a proposal submitted as soon as possible.

Priority 1) Peacemakers are to explore feasibility, dates, locations, and resources for two (2) ½-day sessions with RCMP and DFO C&P for collaboration and orientation activities.

Priority 2) Communications with public and internal distribution lists on current issues, upcoming fisheries, and announcements impacting fisheries activities in 2014.

Priority 3) Fraser River Festival for 2014 to be considered and explored for location, dates, and opportunities for collaborating with other events such as the Annual Cheam First Nation BBQ.

Priority 4) Peacemakers or host organization to prepare a PICFI proposal as soon as possible and submit to DFO. Prepare a letter from Rod Clapton and Ernie Crey on behalf of the Peacemakers to DFO/RDG Sue Farlinger with the summary of today’s Peacemakers Extra Ordinary meeting that will preclude a PICFI proposal.

Review of structure changes required to ensure full autonomy, transparency & accountability

- Rod Clapton provided a background and overview of the events leading up to today’s meeting resulting in the need to review the structure of the Peacemakers in the future.
- Options include Registered Society, Charity, Trust, among others. A Protocol with another organization is also an option to be considered.
- There was a meeting (caucus) of the Sports Fishing organizations such as BCFDF, FVAGA, BCWF, etc. that determined Peacemakers should evolve to be an autonomous, stand-alone entity.
- LFFA is close to establishing itself as a Society and expressed willingness to explore hosting the Peacemakers organization once Society status has been ratified. LFFA and Peacemakers can

develop a Protocol for collaboration and a work plan that reflects the goals and objectives of both organizations

- Options that have been discussed all have legal and administrative procedures that must be done. Some activities associated with establishing a legal entity can be challenging.
- The establishment of a Charity is not an easy exercise. I.E Agency Agreements with Canada Revenue Agency etc. Costs associated with reporting and administration of a Charity is costly \$4,000 to \$5,000 annually. Establishing a Society is much more affordable. Once on-going for a period of time such as five years, the evolution to a Charity could be easier.
- Setting up a Society is the easy part, maintaining the Society is much more challenging.
- Organizations that make up the Peacemakers Table must take ownership of the group and build on what has been achieved to date.
- Caution was expressed in the Peacemakers being alone outside of a First Nations' organization (such as the FRST) in the eyes of DFO. It was suggested that if formed under the umbrella of a First Nations organization (such as LFFA), the probability of short-term and long-term success of the Peacemakers could be considerably higher.
- How outside organizations and Government view the Peacemakers has an impact on how the Peacemakers should choose its direction.
- Discussions on what the LFFA/Peacemakers relationship would look like resulted in a suggestion that LFFA strike an agreement with BCWF and form the Peacemakers as a subsidiary as a joint venture under an MOU. Peacemakers through the LFFA have a chance for continued success.
- A proposed sequence would be to establish an advisory board, then establish committees, administrative staff, and metrics such as legal mailing address and primary contact information.
- PICFI has announced two more years of programming and with direct letters of support from existing Peacemakers organizations, a PICFI proposal could be successful. The chain of events then would look like proposal to DFO (PICFI) then LFFA to enter an agreement with BCWF by way of an MOU. A suggestion was tabled that Peacemakers will consist of original groups, be hosted by LFFA and administered by BCWF.
- Suggested that a working group or committee be struck to move the proposals/options forward pending the outcome of the BCWF Finance Committee meeting where Cheryl Johnson will present today's meeting.
- Chief Sidney Douglas offers that the Peacemakers group is a valuable exercise that should be continued. Cheam First Nation has had a Safety Protocol with DFO and RCMP in the past with personalities that worked well; however, current Government staff is not as engaged. There is a need for continued engagement from Government.

Current Peacemaker funds on hand & potential funding sources

- Dave Moore provided a brief review of existing funds available to the Peacemakers.
 - There is a residual from a cash flow grant from PSF of approximately \$5,000
 - There is a prepaid expense for meeting venue with Sumas First Nation for 2014
 - There is a 10% holdback from \$40,000 which is equal to \$4,000 from October 2013
 - Today's meeting is the final deliverable for the 2013-2014 fiscal year.

- Any Peacemakers funds are to be handed over to BCWF if and when approved.
- Terri Tebb offers \$2,500 to add to the Peacemakers funds above existing surpluses.
- BCFDF offers \$500
- Co-Chairs of today's meeting seek other contributions to the Peacemakers
- Dave Barrett announced that PICFI application processes are in place now and suggest Peacemakers prepare and submit a proposal soon.

Where are we with current projects?

- There are 38 of 40 PFDs in inventory (LFFA and BCFDF each have possession of 1)
- There are ~500 decals, ~1,000 pamphlets, PowerPoints, and other electronic materials
- There was discussion on the Sport fisher's cell phone catch reporting application. There is significant push-back from many DFO staff in the Lower Fraser Area, while other DFO staff are receptive to more discussion on the application/tool.
- A suggestion was to sit with Arnold Smith the creator of the application and prepare a version for rolling out on a trial. Ownership is that of the sports-fishers. No organization has direct ownership. FVAGA was suggested as the group to launch a trial project.
- Establish a date for future meeting re: FVAGA and cell phone application

Freeze on any further spending until restructuring.

Covered in previous discussions

Review of Fraser Basin Council (FBC) meeting & impact on Peacemakers – Positive or Negative?

- Ernie Crey provided an overview of the chronology that resulted in the FBC proposal and ultimately, this meeting.
- "Access to the River" study was the existing work as a starting point and acted upon by Cheam First Nation in the planning and development of a site on Cheam First Nations' territories.
- Canadian Pacific railway (CPR), Canadian National Railway (CNR), Department of Highways, RCMP, BC Parks, and other organizations are included in the collaboration with FBC to convene at Cheam First Nation for a gathering to explore the issues and determine action items.
- David Marshal of FBC requested a meeting with the stakeholders ASAP. Time lines were very tight, and progress was rapid leading up to the organizing and meeting dates at Cheam.
- Peacemakers' participants were disturbed as being slighted by not being consulted from the beginning of the process.
- FBC is adamant that they have no intention to usurp Peacemakers achievements or initiatives.
- Invitees were selected to reflect organizations, First Nations and parties that have interests in safe access to enjoyment of the river. Other First Nations that have river frontage were also encouraged to attend.
- It was mentioned that FBC does the financial accounting for FRST for third-party clarity.

- Essential that all concerned build on what has already been accomplished. Maintaining Peacemakers through 2014 and beyond is a key element to growing relations between sectors.
- Original breakdown of FBC proposal was discussed. It was clarified that amounts were for much more than in publication and that extended past the single day event at Cheam

Last thoughts:

- Dave Moore will hand over assets, materials and supplies of Peacemakers effective today. FRST is officially handing over controls to today's table participants namely Rod Clapton and Ernie Crey.
- Dave Moore and Dave Barrett will continue to stand as advisors in the transitional process if and when needed.

Adjournment: 16:42

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