



# Fraser River Peacemakers

**Sumas First Nation  
July 29, 2014  
Building 1 Boardroom  
2:00 pm – 5:00 pm**

## Summary Notes:

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### Attendance:

Rod Clapton, President – BC Federation of Drift Fishers (BCFDF)	Co-Chair
Ernie Crey, Councillor - Cheam First Nation, FBC Director,	Co-Chair
Terry Tebb, Pacific Salmon Foundation (PSF)	
Tim Susic, PSF	
Leigh McCracken, BCFDF Area Director, Langley	
Don Simpson, Program Coordinator – LFFA	
Wayne Saito, Pres., Family Fishing Society of BC	
Sgt. Gerald Hansom (RCMP)	
Rick Bailey, (Katzie First Nation)	
Robert Gladstone (Shxwha:y Village)	
Dr. Craig Orr, Executive Director, Watershed Watch Salmon Society	
Saramae Tran, (Christopher Vang Fund)	
Mike Epp, Fresh Water Fisheries Society of BC (FWFSBC)	

Welcome and opening comments from Chief Dalton Silver followed by general introductions.

### 1) Financial position as at July 29, 2014

Rod provided an overview of the current financial situation and acknowledges the contributions from the Fraser Basin Council (FBC) and the Pacific Salmon Foundation (PSF). The summary is as follows:

FBC -	\$2,500
Total funds available	\$6,340.15

### 2) Harmony on the Fraser River initiative: Aug 9<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> (Partners, communication objectives etc.)

Theresa Fresco provided an overview of the “Harmony on The Fraser River” Initiative plans and objectives from a Fraser Basin Council (FBC). Rod provided an overview of the handout and announced that the associated media package is now available.

### Discussion:

- Rod and Theresa are continuing with communications.
- Rod and Dave Moore are working on website development and criteria for email verification.
- The “Banner” is in final stages and estimated costs are approximately \$940.80 plus \$60.00 for

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design and professional services.

- FBC budget items are discussed and consist of more than the one-day event at Cheam and signage for key access points along the river. Estimated costs are \$129 each for 8 – 10 signs and 4x4 posts for each sign for an estimated total cost of \$1,300 - \$1,500.
- There are concerns that the lists of participants and funders are different on Peacemakers brochure and “Harmony on the Fraser River” banner.
- “Fly the Flag” event is scheduled for Island 22 on Saturday August 9, and Saturday August 16, 2014 from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm approximately.
- It was noted that the clientele at Island 22 is much different than that of Peg-Leg.

### 3) Proposed funding & contingency plans

Don provided an overview and description of the PICFI proposal process and status to date. Ernie Crey also provided an overview of the role of LFFA at the Tier 3 (First Nations relationships to other than Government of Canada stakeholders) level.

#### Discussion:

- Terry suggests a draft of a PICFI proposal be made available to Peacemakers for review.
- A business and funding sub-committee would be best option to proceed with funding development activities.
- A summary of funding amounts and sources is as follows:

○ FBC -	\$ 2,500
○ FVAGA -	\$ 3,500
○ Sumas First Nation -	\$ 430
○ <b>Total funds available</b>	<b>\$6,340.15</b>
- All funds available and/or A/R must be verified and consolidated to one account in the near future with signatories and access by co-chairs for the interim.

**Action:** Peacemakers table to identify and commission a budget and funding (Business Committee).

**Note:** Tim Sucic, Wayne Saito, Rod Clapton, Ernie Crey, and Don Simpson have volunteered to take on the Business Committee role on an interim basis until further notice.

### 4) Phone app update

Rod provided a brief overview of the Recreational Phone Application and its respective handout sheet. The core driver of the creation of the phone application is the perception of lack of confidence in each other’s numbers (in reference to catch monitoring and relevant catch numbers of recreational and First Nations’ fisheries).

#### Discussion:

- FVAGA and in particular Tony Nootbos has available approximately 22 guided boats for a trial run of the phone app in conjunction with Arnold Smith of the IQMI Group.
- A reference to the handouts that will coincide with the launch of the trial run.

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- All of the collected data is the property of the Peacemakers' trial sub-group participants.
- The phone app is an attempt to introduce a new tool to the process of management of fisheries.
- 2014 is a trial only and the data is to be compiled and analyzed in the future.
- The Monitoring and Compliance Panel (M&C Panel) had a meeting in June 2014 and were made aware of the phone app development for the recreational sector and received the notion with some interest. At what point will both First Nations and the recreational sector be comfortable with each other's numbers?
- First Nations' fisheries are the most comprehensively monitored fishery in BC. In the Lower Fraser Area, every fish is counted and verified by Fraser Valley Aboriginal Fisheries Society (FVAFS) monitors and DFO staff.
- Has Peacemakers approached the Province of BC and/or the Government of Canada for licencing, impacts of the language of the phone application, and the possibility to link the use of the phone application to the conditions licencing requirements?
- Sports Fishing Advisory Board (SFAB) has a catch monitoring committee group and the pending two (2) meetings scheduled for the Fall 2014 to collaborate on common solutions to catch monitoring issues. The chart of information needs more work.

## 5) Communication Strategies 2014

Website

Brochures

**Decision:** Deferred to another meeting

## 6) PFD's (Katie loaner program)

Rick Bailey provided an overview of the event that took place in the marine waters with canoes. There were 19 Peacemakers PFDs made available, however, only some were actually worn. Some were too small for the larger participants.

**Discussion:**

- Leigh M. provided a review of the PFD inventory as being 40 original inflatable PFDs with Peacemakers logo.
- There were nine (9) actually used in the canoe event through Katie First Nation and others. Those same nine are to be used, loaned or distributed at the Aug. 9 and 16 Fly the Flag events.
- Saramae from the CVF has whistles and will make available for attaching to PFDs or distribution at their table on August 9 and 16, 2014. Also has Harmony on the Fraser River on their website.
- Saramae to do a revised version of the PFD survey and a "ticket system" for a prize draw and submit for review in the near future.
- Brad Wattie draws attention to the definition of a PFD and a Certified Life Preserver in response to Rick's suggestion of a Grand Prize Draw for a Certified Life Preserver.
- The PFD as a concept is a tangible suggestion of a greater awareness of safety.

## 7) Cheam Salmon Festival details

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Ernie Crey provided an overview of the pending annual Cheam BBQ.

## Discussion:

- June Quipp is the lead for this year. While hopeful for a good turnout, June needs a rough estimate of how many people is expected to show.
- August 11<sup>th</sup> or 15<sup>th</sup> are dates for consideration. Neither date has been decided on and up for discussions. Cheam Beach is the preferred location and may coincide with the August 16, 2014 Fly the Flag “Harmony on the Fraser” event. The August 11 and/or 15 is in addition to the scheduled August 9 and 16 Fly the Flag “Harmony on the Fraser” events.
- Ministry of Highways is not on board with the existing signs and suggest a redo and are willing to help.
- It was re-stated to focus on August 9 and 16 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm for Island 22 for the Fly the Flag “Harmony on the Fraser” events and keep Cheam BBQ separate as a key opportunity to be available with handshakes and brochures.
- “Harmony on the Fraser” poster and invite is to be posted on as many websites as possible. A reference was made to the Peacemakers website.

**8) Other business** a) \_\_\_\_\_ b) \_\_\_\_\_ c) \_\_\_\_\_

No other business discussed.

## 9) Next Meeting

September 9, 2014 - The British Columbia Wildlife Federation (BCWF) Boardroom  
101-9706 188th Street Surrey, BC  
2:00 pm – 5:00 pm

**Adjournment – 17:00**