



Fraser River Peacemakers

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May 31, 2016

Draft Summary Notes

2:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Sumas First Nation Boardroom – Abbotsford

Attendance: Dean Werk, Dave Barret, Ed George, Mark McDonald, Leigh McCracken, Mark Verrault (RCMP), Erin Mussel, Dale Joe, Don Simpson (notes), Bobbi Peters, Tim Susic,

1. Agenda review

Dave accepted a request to chair the meeting and reviewed the agenda.

Decision: Agenda was approved as presented.

2. Review of notes from April 19, 2016 Peacemakers meeting.

Dave provided an overview of the April 19, 2016 summary notes.

Discussion:

- A reference was made to night fishing and the initiative that was discussed in previous years as being updated to “effort continues” for some.
- A reference to the early 1990’s where Sandy Ritchie was involved as the then President of the FVSS.
- There was a reference to a situation where some “slippage” was identified in the First Nations’ catch monitoring organization (1990’s) and the offer for the First Nation monitors to monitor the recreational fishery for that year.
- A question arose that if there is slippage (now FVAFS) again this year would or could that be applied to monitoring a recreational fishery in the [Mid-Fraser] area.
- If there is a surplus of Chilliwack Lake Sockeye identified, it must be harvested correctly.
- Uncertain what the numbers were in 2012 for harvestable/allowable catch.
- A review of the 2016 synopsis for Fraser River salmon, draft IFMP items and planned and perceived constraints for 2016 were made.

3. Review of Identified considerations and requirements for establishing and incorporating a Society.

Dave provided a re-cap of the processes and requirements necessary to form a Society to date. It was determined that in the absence of many of the identified inaugural Board of Directors, the draft Constitution would be discussed, edited, and finalized as a final draft, then distributed for input from the broader distribution list.



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Discussion:

- Draft Constitution was discussed point by point.
- Number 4 seems to be an outlier from the goals and objectives of the Peacemakers.
- A call for the draft Constitution to be emailed to the broader distribution list for the allowance for review of wording in the final version.
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Action: Don to include the draft Constitution in future meeting Packages and distribute to the broader group for feedback..

Action: Mike Gass to bring hard copies of the Society documents to the next meetings for signatures

4. Review of next steps to comply with the above identified requirements including review of Board selection criteria and candidates as determined from January, March and April 2016 Peacemakers meetings. Sign BC Society Act Documents for submission.

This item was deferred to a future meeting when Mike Gass can facilitate and coordinate signatures and necessary processes.

5. Financial status review as at May 31, 2016.

- Don provided an overview of the financial status as at May 31, 2016. It was estimated that approximately \$11,196.11 is in the bank.
- \$10,000 is from the FWFS of which has a deliverable of a five-year strategic plan from last fiscal year (2015-2016).
- Don also provided a brief review of the May 6, 2016 PICFI proposal he submitted on behalf of the Fraser River Peacemakers.
- The bank administrative duties authorization is being sought for Don to access bank statements and also be an optional signatory for prompt issuance of cheques if and when required.
- There are only two signatories now and is a challenge to get both signatures in a timely manner.

Action: Business committee to prepare or have a commission to prepare, and compile existing documentation and related materials as a basis for the first draft of the five-year strat plan.



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6. Sports fishing Phone app (IQMI) update

Dave provided a PowerPoint presentation of the IQMI Sportfishing Catch monitoring application for cell phones. There is a need for a full time coordinator to promote, implement and manage the application to the broader recreational fishing community.

Discussion:

- Some professional guides do this on a daily basis anyway.
- There is a need for more salmon data to address the market for guided fisheries.
- A reference was made to the early 1990's and the recreational fisheries Log Book data program. The data was given to analysts for proper data analysis. DFO was and still is reluctant to recognize let alone use external data.
- There was some scepticism around how much data and how accurate data that actually is submitted by recreational fishers. Accurate and credible data can go a long way to reducing conflict that stems from uncertainty and suspicion.
- First Nations are subjected to rigorous and comprehensive catch monitoring.
- First Nations are connected to salmon in ways much deeper than just possessing a fish. Their cultural survival depends on full access to the river for fishing, cultural, and spiritual traditions for communities.
- Is there a way that DFO could find a way to monitor every recreational fisher and every fishery? No, they can't do it.
- Some examples of effort of recreational fishers does not equate to large numbers of fish.
- There were references to the Sport Fisheries Advisory Board (SFAB) and Sport Fishing Institute (SFI) models and phone or internet applications as well as the iRec system that is a mandatory random selection process.
- For the IQMI system to work, the credibility of the data and information is an absolute necessity for buy-in of the participants and users of the data. Promotion would be best if customized for the target market.
- The IQMI system intended to be in conjunction with the existing DFO creel survey not in conflict.
- Truth in data is also a key factor that can contribute to the credibility of the data. "0" is a number.
- There was a reference to the incentives given out for participation in the Head Recovery programs for CWT program.



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Action: Seek out and bring relevant data and revisit IQMI Cell phone app to future meetings.

7. Other a)

Leigh provided an overview of the background banners/panels. There is no significant update at this point but there are some price incentives that need discussion.

Discussion:

- The units are portable and roll up. they can be in conjunction with each other together, or separate depending on set up preferences.
- Peacemakers can supply their own pictures and graphics. (Saramae, Dean, Leigh)
- \$1,200 for four (4) units. There is \$300 savings if we do our own graphics. It was noted that \$1,200 for four units is a very good price.
- Two other companies were also given inquiries and noted that they are unsure how the company with the \$1200 quote can stay in business. Using exiting graphics and logos with pictures will save money.

Action: participants at the table to find funding for the background panel units and report back at the next meeting.

8. Next meeting?

June 28, 2016 at Sumas First Nation

9. Adjournment