

**APPENDIX 5**

**ABORIGINAL AQUATIC RESOURCE AND OCEANS MANAGEMENT  
(AAROM)**

**CONTRIBUTION PROGRESS REPORT  
COLLABORATIVE MANAGEMENT**

**January 31 2010**

Agreement Number: ACM2009-1006-1

Fiscal Year: 2009/2010

Name of Aboriginal Organization: Fraser River Aboriginal Fisheries Secretariat

Amount of Approved Contribution: \$750,700 (AAROM: \$582,500)  
(PICFI: \$168,200)

Funds Received to Date:

a) AAROM funds: \$142,000 (June 16) + \$65983.17 (Aug 18) + \$35,355.04 (Sept 16) + \$20,413.40 (Oct 14) + \$36,084.27 (Nov 4) + 59,467.71 (rec'd Dec 7, credited to Nov 30 report) = 359,303.59 + 41,791.26 (Dec 21) + 48,002.76 (rec'd Feb 2 credited to Jan 31 report) = \$449,097.61

b) PICFI funds: 48,669.71 (rec'd Dec 7, credited to Nov 30 report) + 6,537.62 (Dec 21) + 32,567.48 (rec'd Feb 2 credited to Jan 31 report) = \$87,774.81

TOTAL FUNDS RECEIVED TO DATE: \$456,302.18

**Reporting Period: January 1-31, 2010**

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| <b><u>TYPE of Report (check one):</u></b><br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Monthly Progress Report<br>- complete Appendix 5<br><input type="checkbox"/> Quarterly Progress Report<br>- complete Appendix 5<br><input type="checkbox"/> Supplementary Report<br>- complete Appendix 5<br><input type="checkbox"/> Final Report<br>- complete Appendices 3 and 5<br>- complete an audit (if required) | <b><u>PURPOSE of Report (check one):</u></b><br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Request for reimbursement<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Request for advance<br>- for agreements over \$250,000, Monthly reports required<br>- for other agreements, Quarterly reports required<br><input type="checkbox"/> Release holdback<br>- Final report required<br><input type="checkbox"/> Other. Please specify _____ |
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**1. FINANCIAL SUMMARY**

| <b>Funding Source</b> | <b>Year to Date Expenditures</b> | <b>Commitments</b> | <b>Forecast to Year End</b> | <b>Total Forecast for Activity</b> |
|-----------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------------|
| DFO - AAROM           | \$454,177.28                     | \$                 | \$128,322.72                | \$582,500                          |
| PICFI                 | \$65,963.46                      | \$                 | \$102,236.54                | \$168,200                          |

| <b>Type of Expenditures</b>                                    | <b>Funds Received Current Reporting Period</b> | <b>Eligible Expenses for Current Reporting Period</b> | <b>Amount Required for Next Period</b> |
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| <b>AAROM:</b>  |  |   |  |
| I. Aquatic Resource Management and Stewardship                 |  | \$60,079.57   |  |
| II. Economic Opportunities                                     |  | \$N/A   |  |
| III. Aquatic Resource Management Compliance and Accountability |  | \$N/A   |  |
| <b>Agreement Total</b>   | <b>\$48,002.76</b>                             | <b>\$60,079.57</b>                                    | <b>\$55,079.67</b>                     |

AAROM required next period: spent to date (454,177.28) minus rec'd to date (449,097.61) plus advance (February 50,000) = \$55,079.67

| <b>Type of Expenditures</b>                                    | <b>Funds Received Current Reporting Period</b> | <b>Eligible Expenses for Current Reporting Period</b> | <b>Amount Required for Next Period</b> |
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| <b>PICFI</b>   |  |   |  |
| I. Aquatic Resource Management and Stewardship                 |  | \$11,188.65   |  |
| II. Economic Opportunities                                     |  | \$N/A   |  |
| III. Aquatic Resource Management Compliance and Accountability |  | \$N/A   |  |
| <b>Agreement Total</b>   | <b>\$32,567.48</b>                             | <b>\$11,188.65</b>                                    | <b>\$13,188.65</b>                     |

PICFI required next period: spent to date (65,963.46) minus rec'd to date (87,774.81) plus advance (February 35,000) = \$13,188.65

**TOTAL FUNDS REQUIRED NEXT PERIOD: AAROM + PICFI = \$68,268.32**

**2. DETAIL OF WORK OR ACTIVITIES COMPLETED TO DATE**  
(Itemized by Activity category)

**I. AQUATIC RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AND STEWARDSHIP**

**Category Summary:** All activities of the Secretariat fall within the Management and Stewardship Category. The Category is divided into two sections: A. Program Management; and B. Collaborative Planning, Consultation, and Engagement.

The CMA was significantly amended at the beginning of November. Appendix 2 now contains a total of 14 Activities within Section B, as opposed to seven prior to the Amendment. Overall, the Agreement funding has been increased from \$440,000 to \$750,700.

Reports for each Activity are contained under "Project Deliverables".

**PROJECT DELIVERABLES**

**Section A. Program Management**

**1. Executive Committee**

The January 2010 monthly meeting of the Executive Committee was held in the offices of the Inter-tribal Treaty Organization in New Westminster on January 19. In attendance were Thomas Alexis, Gord Sterritt, Ken Malloway, Ernie Crey, Barry Huber, Saul Terry, Saul Milne (phone), and Neil Todd. Guests were Doug West (ITO Communications) and Chief Marilyn Camille (ITO). Marcel Shepert chaired the meeting and Aimee Arsenault recorded the minutes.

**AGENDA**

Opening

1. Roll call
2. Agenda review
3. Introductions/guests

Updates

1. Financial review and update; potential need for re-profiling?

New Business

1. DFO RHQ response Jan 5 2010 to FRAFS EC request for Pete Nicklin to be placed on the Chinook Technical Committee – discussion re: funding options, implications for FRAFS workplan, EC response?
2. Aimee Arsenault – transfer of employment from NTA to FNFC – LOU w/FNFC
3. FRAFS/ITO – report from the Transition Working Group -- discussion
4. EC and Transition Working Group meeting schedules for the last two months of the fiscal year.
5. Money for mid-fraser AAROM
6. Judicial inquiry

**RESULTS (key discussion items)**

1. Expenditures are mostly on track, but the EC may have to reallocate some funds at the activity level within the program. Overall, total expenditures are now running behind forecast for this time of the fiscal year. Decisions re the necessity for reallocation within the program, and potential for un-expended dollars by fiscal year end, will be made at the February meeting.

2. Report from the Transition Working Group: the group arrived at three potential options for the FRAFS EC and the ITO to consider in regard to evolution of the relationship between the Secretariat and a watershed wide Tier 1 group:
- Option 1: one year funding agreement; current FRAFS EC to be replaced by a management team consisting of DFO and ITO representatives, or replaced by the ITO Board of Directors; the work plan and services to Fraser First Nations and DFO would be transferred to the ITO.
  - Option 2: one year agreement; ITO replaces NTA as host organization of FRAFS effective April 1, 2010; current FRAFS EC and Chair stay in place; current work plan and services to Fraser FNs and DFO stay in place.
  - Option 3: one year or multi-year agreement; status quo – NTA remains as host organization; current EC etc. all stay in place; current work plan and services to Fraser FNs and DFO stay in place.

The FRAFS EC expressed support for Option 2 with the following conditions: that the ITO must provide a financial plan that would show how ITO, as host organization, could ensure consistent cash flow to the FRAFS program; and that current FRAFS personnel would remain in place. It was agreed that the Transition Working Group would meet again prior to the February EC meeting to discuss more details regarding potential implementation of Option 2.

## 2. EC Chairperson – meeting and travel summary January 2010

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| <b>Meeting #1: FRAWG Meeting (s)</b>   |   |   |
| <i>Date:</i><br><b>January 12, 15, 18, 29, 31</b>  | <i>Location:</i><br><b>Teleconferences,<br/>And individual phone calls with FRAWG members</b> | <i>Participants included:</i> FRAWG members, Island and approach First Nations, DFO staff and managers.                                 |
| <i>Purpose/Issue(s)</i><br>The purpose <b>January - teleconference</b>   |   |   |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review outcomes from past Workshops incl: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Planning and follow-up from Watershed Wide &amp; Approach Workshop on Dec 9&amp;10</li> <li>○ Plan agenda and structure for upcoming “forum” meeting, January 21, 22.</li> <li>○ Develop report card concept for Forum and Roadmap processes</li> <li>○ Review various FN consultation protocols</li> <li>○ Planning tables</li> <li>○ Outputs from 2009 season incl: Chinook and E. Stuart sockeye</li> <li>○ Update TOR</li> </ul> </li> </ul> |   |   |
| The purpose <b>January 29, 31</b>  |   |   |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prepare for Roadmap session planned for Feb 3, 4 dealing with comprehensive watershed wide agreement.</li> <li>• Vision, Mandate Structure and Scope, Capacity and Structural Options for the future.</li> <li>• To workshop the next steps for focus and development.</li> <li>• Consultation protocols review</li> <li>• Legal reviews</li> <li>• Brenda Gaertner report(s)</li> <li>• Possible Governance models</li> <li>• Communications overview</li> </ul>   |   |   |
| <b>January 21, In-person FRAWG meeting (evening) to prepare for Feb 3-4 Roadmap meeting (M.Shepert Chair)</b>  |   |   |
| <b>Meeting #2: Fraser Forum on Conservation &amp; Harvest Planning for Fraser Salmon–2010 Planning</b>   |   |   |
| <i>Date:</i><br>Jan, 21. 22  | <i>Location:</i><br><b>Abbotsford</b>   | <i>Participants included:</i> Fraser and approach First Nations, & DFO (Jan 21. FNs only; Jan 22 FNs & DFO) Marcel Shepert -Facilitator |

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| <p><i>Purpose/Issue(s)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For First nations &amp; DFO to jointly develop and agree upon a fisheries consultation process, and rules for engagement, and to clarify and evaluate the forum process to date. Technical information exchange to develop 2010 fisheries plans – principles/framework for FSC fisheries. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review Nicola TC letter</li> <li>• Review current consultation guidelines</li> <li>• FSC interests incl: contingency planning (alternative solutions)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Planning cycle table <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Develop recommendations for changing the process to deliver to DFO day 2<br/>What is the plan?</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Salmon Management Outlook 2010 (Mike Staley) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➢ 2009 post season update – all salmon</li> <li>➢ 2010 sockeye</li> <li>➢ 2010 Chinook</li> </ul> <p>Discuss Chinook within the context of the current process i.e. decision making vs. info sharing.</p> </li> <li>• PST-Fraser Annex Update – Barry Rosenberger</li> <li>• Coordinated FN Fisheries, including options for dealing with salmon stock situations where all FSC harvest needs cannot be met (open dialogue) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➢ Fisheries planning processes</li> <li>➢ Principles</li> <li>➢ Frameworks</li> </ul> </li> </ul> |   |   |
| <p><i>Decisions / Next Steps / Outcomes:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A letter to the FRAWG members was sent from the NTA. The letter provided the Forum process with a list of concerns and an option to consider for making the process more transparent and understandable from a FN perspective. The letter led to a long discussion of options for moving the Forum process forward.</li> <li>• The second of expect four “Fraser Forum” meetings will be held in March, 2010</li> </ul>  |   |   |
| <p><b>Meeting #3: FRAFS - EC</b></p>   |   |   |
| <p><i>Date:</i><br/>January 19</p>   | <p><i>Location:</i><br/><b>ITO office – New Westminster</b></p> | <p><i>Participants included:</i> FRAFS - EC</p> |
| <p><i>Purpose/Issue(s):</i> To chair the monthly meeting of the FRAFS Executive Committee.</p>   |   |   |
| <p><i>Decisions / Next Steps / Outcomes:</i> All agenda items were accomplished by the target time for ending the meeting. See EC meeting report by the Operations Manager in Executive Committee section above.</p>   |   |   |

**Work Review**

- Fraser Annex Renewal – Technical discussions with Barry Rosenberger, Mike Staley, Pete Nicklin, and UFFCA project managers in relation to technical analysis required to present to Fraser First Nations.
- Review meeting minutes from past EC meeting, Jan. 19 and provide feedback to Aimee.
- ITO discussions with Saul Terry, Pat Mathews, Barry Huber.
- Develop synopsis/summary table of issues comparing and contrasting the differing aspects of Vision, structures etc...and progress to date on IFRAWG Forum, and Roadmap process.
- Review consultation guidelines documents
- Review Brenda Gaertner reports
- Extensive use of email, and telephones to promote, FRAWG and Forum meeting, scheduled for January 21, 22
- Telephone calls to senior DFO personnel responsible for PSC appointments.

**3. Operations Manager**

The Operations Manager carried out the following tasks and activities in January:

*Administrative*

- Received and reviewed the Vancouver Island reports
- Wrote the December Appendix 5 monthly report and sent it to DFO (Jan. 13)
- Accounts payable processing

- Venue payment arrangements for Vancouver Island meeting in Nanaimo, and meetings in Abbotsford

*Operational*

- Assist with drafting letter (requesting information and meeting) to Justice Cohen on behalf of the First Nation caucus of the FRAFS Executive Committee
- Reviewed and revised (updated) the introductory information on the FRAFS website, and forwarded it to Aimee for making the changes
- Participated on the FRAFS/ITO transition working group: drafted “straw dog” scenarios, attended two meetings held at the ITO office in New Westminster (January 6 and January 18)
- Produced and distributed two draft agendas (preliminary and final draft) for the EC meeting, and attended the meeting at the ITO office (January 19)
- Liaison with FNFC and NTA re change of employer for Aimee; and drafted a LOU between FNFC and FRAFS EC
- Attended the FNFC update teleconference (Jan 13), and the planning teleconference call to prepare for attending the Focus Group meetings in Ottawa
- Prepared for and attended the Focus Group meetings in Ottawa (Jan 25-28) to review and discuss coming changes to the suite of aboriginal Contribution Agreements that DFO enters into across Canada.

**4. Communications Coordinator**

January was a busy month with the change in employment status for the Communications Coordinator. Aimee’s employment at the Nicola Tribal Association ended on January 15 as a result of some internal reorganizing within the NTA. She immediately became an employee of the First Nations Fisheries Council on January 16. Previously, as an NTA employee, she worked for the FNFC under an arrangement between NTA and FNFC where NTA charged out her time to the FNFC. (This is similar to the arrangement between NTA and FRAFS for Aimee’s services). Now, the FNFC will be charging out her services to FRAFS.

Aimee’s FRAFS activities in January:

- Recovery and storage of all communications files from the NTA;
- Begin the process of email change and set-up;
- Updated her email distribution lists;
- Overhauled her own filing systems;
- FRAFS EC meeting (New Westminster): made the catering arrangements, attended the meeting (Jan 19), recorded the proceedings, and drafted/distributed the draft minutes;
- Fraser Watershed Joint Technical Forum meeting(Abbotsford): venue and catering arrangements, meeting notices, travel to and attend the meeting (Jan 20), record the proceedings, and draft the minutes for review;
- Forum on Conservation and Harvest Planning (Abbotsford): venue and catering arrangements, meeting notices, attend the meeting (Jan 20 & 21), record the proceedings, and draft the minutes for review;
- Produced one issue of Watershed Talk;
- Entered updated information into the FRAFS web site, and did a complete web site back-up.

## 5. Corporate Service Fees

The NTA provided services in January 2010 (accounts payable processing and paying, reception, etc.), and associated infrastructure (office space, desks, computers, etc.), to the Secretariat. Effective January 16 2010 the NTA no longer employed Aimee Arsenault as a result of some internal changes within the NTA (see Communications Coordinator report above).

### **Section B. Collaborative Planning, Consultation, and Engagement**

#### **1. Fraser Fisheries Biologist 1 – meeting and travel summary January 2010**

##### Meeting #1

Date: January 19

Location: DFO RHQ Vancouver

Participants: Fraser River Sockeye Spawning Initiative technical Working Group

Purpose/issues: Review FRSSI Model proposed revisions and PSARC Preparations

Decisions & next steps: Model Revisions and Work Planning

##### Meeting #2:

Date: January 20

Location: Super 8 Hotel Abbotsford

Participants: Fraser Watershed Joint technical Forum Participants

Purpose/issues: Post Season Review and preliminary preseason information exchange

Decisions & next steps: Count on Salmon Projects review for March 3

##### Meeting #3

Date: January 21 and 22

Location: Super 8 Hotel Abbotsford

Participants: First Nations Fishery Council Staff and Staff from First Nations Fisheries Organizations

Purpose/issues: Fraser and Approach Conservation and Management Forum

Decisions & next steps: Post Season Review and preliminary preseason information exchange

##### Meeting #4:

Date: January 27 and 28

Location: Friendship Center Price George

Participants: First Nation's participants and DFO staff from the Upper Fraser

Purpose/issues: FRSSI Regional engagement workshop

Decisions & next steps: Continue to improve understanding and engagement in FRSSI

In addition to attending meetings I reviewed documents, undertook data analyses, prepared presentations and provided advice and analysis to First Nation and DFO staff.

#### **2. Fraser Fisheries Biologist 2 – meeting and travel summary December/09 and January 2010**

The Fraser Fisheries Biologist's work for December and January focused on the following activities:

- Participation in Fraser Annex update and "Roadmap" workshops
- Preparation, coordination and chairing of the JTWG meetings in December and January. Completion and distribution of JTWG meeting notes for December and January.
- Participation in PSC and FN Caucus Post-season meetings in January (including participation in Chinook Technical Committee meetings and work tasks)
- FWJTF coordination, planning, and presentations for the January 20th meeting.
- December EC teleconference meeting to provide a technical update to the FRAFS EC in relation to FWJTF and JTWG activities
- Participation, preparation and presentation at the January Conservation & Harvest Planning Forum in January
- Discussions and review of the Sentinel Stock Program proposal completed and submitted by DFO for the Chilko Chinook Mark & Recapture project
- Discussions and review of the Terms of Reference for the IHPC Mark Selective Fishery subcommittee (not participation in the subcommittee)
- Technical information review and discussions regarding 2010 chinook management.

**Meeting and Travel Summary: December 2009**

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| <b>Meeting: Fraser Annex Negotiation update</b>   |                                      |  |
| Date: December 8, 2009  | Location: Sheraton, Richmond         | Participants: Fraser First Nations, DFO, FRAFS technical personnel                     |
| <i>Purpose/Issues:</i> To receive an update on the negotiation of the Fraser Annex  |                                      |  |
| <i>Decisions/Next Steps/Outcomes:</i><br>DFO provided an update of discussions related to Fraser Annex renewal, covering the main issues of negotiation between Canada and the US. Discussion will continue on the "Small group" with some technical work being completed with a "Tiny group" tasked with reviewing some of the technical work associated with the issue of proportional sharing across stock groups.   |                                      |  |
| <b>Meeting: "Road Map" Strategic Workshop</b>   |                                      |  |
| Date: December 9, 2009  | Location: Sheraton, Richmond         | Participants: Tier 1 (First Nations) from Approach and Fraser Watershed                |
| <i>Purpose/Issues:</i> To begin the process of developing a joint FN/DFO strategic "roadmap" of where fisheries management might be going for Approach and Fraser watershed First Nations and DFO.  |                                      |  |
| <i>Decisions/Next Steps/Outcomes:</i> Approach and Fraser First Nations met on the First day of the two day "roadmap" workshop. At this point it is not clear what technical work might be associated with this process, and a large part of the day was spent describing the complexities and pitfalls of the development of a joint strategic process: for example – mandated representation for inclusion of input, consultation, etc.   |                                      |  |
| <b>Meeting: "Roadmap" Strategic Workshop</b>  |                                      |  |
| Date: December 10, 2009   | Location: Sheraton, Richmond         | Participants: Approach and Fraser Watershed First Nations, DFO, FN technical personnel |
| <i>Purpose/Issues:</i> Tier 2 discussions to exchange information between DFO and FN to begin the process of "mapping out" a joint strategic fisheries management planning process  |                                      |  |
| <i>Decisions/Next Steps/Outcomes:</i><br><ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Discussions included an overview of the Tier 1 outputs, and DFO's presentation on the role of the FRAWG process from departmental perspective.</li> <li>▪ The group agreed that the process of "roadmap" discussion is worthwhile and it is necessary to maintain a separation of the "roadmap" process from the "Conservation &amp; Harvest Planning" process, which is considered more operational than strategic</li> <li>▪ At this point there has been no technical work identified with the "roadmap" process from a FRAFS Biologist point of view</li> </ul>   |                                      |  |
| <b>Meeting: Joint Technical Working Group</b>   |                                      |  |
| Date: December 11, 2009   | Location: UBCIC Boardroom, Vancouver | Participants: FN and DFO technical personnel   |
| <i>Purpose/Issues:</i> To continue discussions regarding the 2008 ET Chinook document (Limitations and Assumptions). To discuss the DFO Consultation Presentation for 2010 Chinook Management Planning.   |                                      |  |
| <i>Decisions/Next Steps/Outcomes:</i><br><ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The Joint Technical Working Group continued discussions on the 2008 ET Chinook Review document</li> <li>▪ Data pieces to be included in the Limitations &amp; Assumptions section of the 2008 Final report were presented and discussed</li> <li>▪ DFO provided a detailed presentation for 2010 Fraser Chinook information and planning. Background data were provided to supplement the presentation</li> <li>▪ The presentation contained some of the recommendations brought forward by the JTWG, including a discontinuation of post-season reporting in the framework conducted post-2008. Management of Fraser Chinook will begin to align with assessment and evaluation similar to that of the Chinook Technical Committee (life history and timing groups)</li> <li>▪ A follow-up meeting was planned for January 15<sup>th</sup>, subsequent to the PSC post-season meetings in Vancouver</li> </ul> |                                      |  |
| <b>Meeting: FRAFS EC</b>  |                                      |  |
| Date: December 15, 2009   | Location: Teleconference             | Participants: FRAFS EC and FRAFS technical personnel                                   |
| <i>Purpose/Issues:</i> To provide a technical update to the FRAFS EC  |                                      |  |
| <i>Decisions/Next Steps/Outcomes:</i><br><ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The FRAFS FFB(2) summarized the work of the JTWG and outlined a schedule of technical meetings for January. The FFB(2) also discussed major technical information with respect to Fraser chinook relevant to 2010 management and planning.</li> </ul>   |                                      |  |

### Meeting and Travel Summary: January 2010

#### Meeting: PSC Post Season Meetings/FN Caucus Meetings/JTWG meeting/FWJTF planning meeting

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| Date: January 9 – 15, 2010 | Location: Sheraton Vancouver Wall Centre | Participants: PSC staff, FN Caucus, DFO |
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*Purpose/Issues:* To attend the PSC Post Season meeting as member of Chinook Tech Committee. To attend and participate in FN Caucus meetings associated with PSC meetings. To plan and coordinate the Jan 20 FWJTF meeting with the DFO co-chair. To chair and participate in the JTWG meeting on January 15<sup>th</sup>.

*Decisions/Next Steps/Outcomes:*

- The week prior to the PSC meetings in Vancouver, the FN Caucus received a letter from DFO offering full membership status for Pete Nicklin on the Chinook Technical Committee. At the time of this report, a reply has not been sent from the FN Caucus or FRAFS, pending workplanning to ascertain the level of engagement FRAFS and the FN Caucus is willing to fund (the offer of membership did not come with additional funding from DFO). Meanwhile the FRAFS FFB(2) is proceeding with work as a full member of the CTC for the remainder of the fiscal year (attendance and participation in work tasks associated with the PSC Post-season meeting in Vancouver and Annual meeting in Portland in February).
- The FRAFS FFB(2) participated in all CTC meetings in Vancouver, including an orientation workshop to the CTC, and introduction to the workgroups of the CTC.
- Attendance and participation in FN Caucus meetings during the PSC Post-season session occurred throughout the week.
- In addition to the PSC and FN Caucus meetings the FRAFS FFB(2) met with the DFO co-chair of the FWJTF to coordinate and plan the January 20<sup>th</sup> meeting.
- The FRAFS FFB(2) prepared for, chaired and participated in the JTWG meeting January 15<sup>th</sup>, subsequent to the PSC/FN Caucus meetings.
- JTWG notes for December were completed by the FFB(2) and distributed to participants prior to the January 15<sup>th</sup> meeting.
- The JTWG meeting focused on completion of the Assumptions and Limitations section of the 2008 ET Chinook Review document (nearly complete), as well as another review of the technical information related to planning for 2010 Fraser Chinook Management.

#### Meeting: FWJTF/Conservation & Harvest Planning Forum (Tier 1 and Tier 2)

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| Date: January 19 – 22, 2010 | Location: Super 8, Abbotsford | Participants: FN reps, FN technical personnel, FRAFS technical personnel, DFO, SFU Sockeye Modeling team |
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*Purpose/Issues:* FWJTF meeting January 20<sup>th</sup>. Conservation and Harvest Planning Forum (Tier 1 and Tier 2) January 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>.

*Decisions/Next Steps/Outcomes:*

- The FFB(2) completed the JTWG meeting notes and distributed to participants prior to the FWJTF meeting.
- The FFB(2) co-chaired the meeting and presented a JTWG summary for the FWJTF participants
- The FFB(2) prepared and gave a Chinook presentation for the Tier 1 session of the Conservation and Harvest Planning Forum on January 21<sup>st</sup>. During and after the Chinook presentation the FFB(2) provided an opportunity for Questions and Answers from FN at the Forum in preparation for discussions at the Tier 2 session on January 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- The FFB(2) participated in the Tier 2 C & H Planning Forum, with a focus on engagement in the 2010 chinook presentation provided by DFO.
- The amount of information presented to FN with respect to Chinook is substantial, and continued discussion and information distribution will be necessary as the fishing season approaches. The process for information exchange continues to improve from where it was 2 years ago, however, it is apparent that the data exchange and presentation of information from DFO needs to continue to improve as the management of Chinook becomes more complex due to conservation and access priority issues. This issue is particularly important to avoid situations where DFO is presenting information that has not yet been seen and reviewed by FN technical personnel prior to those meetings. Although the JTWG process has alleviated some of this concern, there is room for improvement.

### 3a. Joint Technical Working Group

The Joint Technical Working Group (JTWG) met on December 11, and again on January 15 in Vancouver. In the December 11 meeting, discussions continued on the 2008 early timed Chinook management document, including the data pieces that were to be included in the Limitations and

Assumptions section of the 2008 final report. DFO provided a detailed presentation for 2010 Fraser Chinook management planning; background data were also provided to supplement the presentation. The presentation contained some of the recommendations that had been developed by the JTWG during previous meetings, including a cessation of post-season reporting in the format used for the post-2008 reporting. Instead, management and reporting of Fraser Chinook will begin to align with assessment and evaluation processes similar to those of the PST Chinook Technical Committee (groups based on life history and timing characteristics). The January 15 meeting focused on completion of the Assumptions and Limitations section of the 2008 ET Chinook Review document (nearly complete), as well as another review of the technical information related to planning for 2010 Fraser Chinook Management.

### **3b. Fraser Watershed Joint Technical Forum**

Approximately four Forum meetings are held throughout the year. The focus of these meetings has evolved somewhat from attempting to discuss and debate technical issues to a more information sharing orientation, with time for discussion and clarification of the information itself. Notes from the Forum meetings are reviewed and finalized by the Forum Co-chairs prior to posting them on the FRAFS web site.

A Fraser Watershed Joint Technical Forum (FWJTF) meeting was held on January 20 in Abbotsford. The agenda was packed:

- Review of action items from the October Forum meeting
- Fraser sockeye and pink salmon – post season information presentations including the 09 pre-season forecasts, in-season summary, harvests, escapements, and a management summary
- Simon Fraser University sockeye modelling presentation
- Fraser Chinook – post-season information presentations similar to the sockeye/pink ones
- Joint Technical Working Group update
- Pre-season planning update and discussion (Chinook, sockeye)
- Fraser coho and Fraser chum salmon post-season information presentations

Wrap-up discussions included thoughts on the agenda for the next FWJTF meeting (early March).

### **4a. Tier 1 Structure/Process Development (ITO)**

The Inter-tribal Treaty Organization (ITO) has completed its series of workshops to examine, discuss, and recommend ways in which to form its organizational structure and processes. The last workshop, held in January, focused on “organizational relationships”, i.e. the ITO’s relationships with government agencies and other First Nation organizations. In addition, the ITO continues to equip its offices and begin to build its capacity in the areas of management/administration and communications with the recruiting of an operations manager and a communications coordinator. The ITO hosted meetings of the Transition Working Group and the FRAFS EC in its New Westminster offices in January, and is currently discussing the evolution of its relationship/capacity transfer with FRAFS (see FRAFS EC report above).

### **4b. ITO representation at the following engagement activities: Interim Fraser River & Approach Working Group; Forum on Conservation & harvest planning for Fraser Salmon; and process for development of a Formal watershed fisheries management structure agreement**

No participation at these meetings to report on in January. ITO representative Chief Saul Terry, participated at earlier meetings (now labelled FRAWG, Forum, Roadmap).

## **5. Visions Conference**

Completed in June 2009 (09/10 fiscal year).

### **6a, 6b, and 6c. Forum on Conservation and Harvest Planning for Fraser Salmon**

The first in this year's series of Forum on Conservation and Harvest Planning was held in Abbotsford on January 21 and 22. The first day was a Tier 1 (First Nations only) session, with the second day being Tier 2 (First Nations and DFO). Agendas for these meetings are developed by the FRAWG (see FRAWG report below). Notes from the Forums are eventually summarized and posted on the FRAFS web site.

This meeting was highlighted by the receipt and discussion of a letter from the Nicola Tribal Association to the FRAWG. The letter outlined a number of problems and issues with the FRAWG and FORUM "process" as seen through the eyes of the Nicola Tribal Association, and offered a simple solution that involved recognition of the Forum as a basic step in a multi-step consultation process that could occur at a watershed wide level to start (information sharing, discussion, and clarification), then move to more localized bi-lateral consultation meetings that would meet the needs of First Nation groups within their portions of the watershed.

As the notes from the Forum have not yet been produced, it is not yet known what outcomes – if any – resulted from the Nicola Tribal Association letter and related discussions.

### **7. Development of a Salmon Management Framework for the Fraser River**

No activity in January 2010.

### **8. Fraser R & Approach Working Group (FRAWG)**

The FRAWG is a bi-lateral committee that sets the structure and agendas for two different Department initiatives: the Forum on Conservation and Harvest Planning (referred to as the "Forum process") and the Salmon Management Framework Workshops (referred to as the "roadmap process"). The group meets by teleconference call and in-person meetings. The group continues to function without a Terms of Reference endorsed by the majority of First Nations throughout the watershed and approach areas. Notes from FRAWG meetings, while slow in coming, do get posted on the FRAFS web site.

### **9. Evaluation of the Forum Process including IFRAWG**

This Activity has now been completed. The draft final report has now been provided as a Word document for filing and posting on the FRAFS website.

### **10. Research Initiative on Leadership and Salmon – two case studies**

No progress to report at this time. It is expected that this Activity will not be completed until the end of this fiscal year.

### **11. PST Chapter 4 Consultations**

No activity in January. Apparently there may be some potential effects of the Cohen Commission judicial inquiry on the Chapter 4 negotiation process, as well as some new complexities resulting from “small group” discussions. At this time, no further DFO/First Nations consultation sessions are scheduled. Informally, First Nations have been informed that the Fraser River Panel Chapter 4 will be operating “under Commission guidance” for at least the 2010 fishing season. It has not been widely explained just what that term means, and how the current Chapter wording might be affected by that “guidance”.

#### **12. Mid Fraser AAROM Capacity Development in a Co-management Structure**

Nothing to report.

#### **13. Professional Service Support for Salmon Management Framework Development**

Nothing to report.

#### **14. Vancouver Island – AAROM agreement Program Administration Support**

Reports covering the period September to December 2009 were received from the VI AAROM coordinator in mid-January:

##### **September/October/2009 Report:**

The Vancouver Island IFRAWG Coordinator did this in September/October 2009:

##### **Administrative:**

- Preliminary discussions with Barry Huber and Neil Todd about Vancouver Island funding and expected amendment to FRAFS agreement.
- Continuing discussions with DFO South Coast Division staff about their processes and procedures in terms of contacting and interacting with Island and Approach First Nations.

##### **Communications:**

- Maintained the ongoing notices of all conference calls re Fraser inbound salmon to all Vancouver Island and Approach First Nations. This continued until the last Chum opening was completed in October.
- Distributed Watershed Talk to a number of First Nations who do not subscribe...encouraged all to register to receive WT regularly.
- Added other First Nations to the email list at their request, new in Sept/October were Lil'wat, Kyuquot Council and more staff from Squamish First Nation
- Began Chum call process, including getting marine calls included in Watershed Talk
- Added balance of Vancouver Island and Approach FN's to email list, and set up fax to email service so all Band Offices could receive notices directly by fax as well as email
- Set up email/fax list for all First Nations involved in Crab and Prawn Sectoral Committee and Crab Working Group.
- Ongoing discussions around linkages between FNFC, Local FN elected officials, FN technical staff, and emerging organizations.

##### **Operational**

- Attended all FNFC bi-weekly calls,(except September 2<sup>nd</sup> when we were in Bridge River ) also PICFI Working group meetings and participated on FNFC Assembly Planning Committee conf call (Sept 10)
- Daily liaison with Chief Claxton and FNFC ED re ongoing issues.
- Correspondence and liaison with Vancouver Island FN Working Group (FRAWG) members, including conference calls and individual conversations as well as email. Extensive discussions with FN elected and technical folk re various fisheries issues.
- Correspondence and liaison with all the members of FRAWG, including planning conference calls and individual conversations as well as email.

- Attended both the Crab and Prawn Sectoral Committee meetings Sept 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> 2009 for Tsawout/ Island FRAWG members re: FSC in crab and prawn
- Liaison with Neil Todd of FRAFS/NTA re process/procedures/approvals for Vancouver Island accounts payables. Communicated this to FN Island members.

**Meetings, Conference Calls, Planning Sessions, and Similar:**

**Face to Face Information Session on Fraser Annex Renewal:**

**Date: September 2 2009: Location: Bridge River**

**Attending:** Inter Tribal Treaty Organization/FRAFS with Van Isle reps Susan AB/Jeff Thomas and Ernie Crey/Ken Malloway

**Purpose/issues:** Discuss Renegotiation of the Fraser Annex of the PST

**Next Steps:** Noted the need for more information for Vancouver Island FN's.

**In Season Salmon Conference Calls:**

Sent out notices for and participated in all of the following:

- Fraser Panel Calls- FN have observer status only
- Northern Van Isle Current Status Sockeye Calls
- FRAFS – Mike Staley Updates/ Discussions weekly after Fraser Panel
- Vancouver Island and Fraser Watershed First Nations in-season calls
- Northern Vancouver Island Current Status Chum calls
- Salmon industry calls for various sectors when info requested.

**General: Background on Teleconferences:**

| <b>Meeting: PSC - Fraser River Panel (FRP) teleconferences</b>  |                          |  |
|---|--------------------------|--|
| August- September 2009  | Location: Teleconference | Participants: PSC staff, DFO, NGOs, various observers                        |
| <i>Purpose/Issues:</i> To observe the discussion of the FRP and PSC staff related Fraser sockeye in-season information and management.  |                          |  |
| <i>Outcomes:</i><br>Island and Approach First Nation were first able to listen in to FRP meetings via teleconference in order to receive the latest in-season information and gain a better understanding of Fraser Sockeye and pink salmon in-season management.<br><br>In-season technical information from the teleconferences formed a component of the information compiled for the weekly FRAFS Watershed Talk newsletter. This is the second year that an Observation line has been set up to observe the FRP meetings, and is a very useful tool added to the in-season information dissemination for First Nations.<br><br>Although First Nations are only permitted to listen into these calls, it provides a very useful snapshot of how the process works in season to First Nations. |                          |  |
| <b>Meeting: FRAFS In-season Teleconference meetings</b>   |                          |  |
| August/September  | Location: Teleconference | Participants: Fraser and Marine Approach First Nations, FRAFS personnel, DFO |
| <i>Purpose:</i><br>Mike Staley hosted weekly in-season technical updates through the majority of the sockeye and pink salmon migration in the marine-approach and Fraser First Nations catch areas. The same teleconferences format was used to allow FN to discuss in-season management (moderated by Marcel Shepert).   |                          |  |
| <i>Outcomes:</i> The Technical teleconferences provide the latest in-season information related to Fraser sockeye, and allow First Nations to discuss the information provided by with Mike Staley. This forms a major part of the information compiled for the FRAFS Watershed Talk newsletter. The opportunity to discuss the issues with Mike Staley is often the only technical information available to First Nations without in house fisheries staff.  |                          |  |
| The final FRAFS in-season teleconference was September 3 <sup>rd</sup> .  |                          |  |

**SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER ACTIVITIES BY DATE:**

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| September 11 <sup>th</sup> 2009                                       | Island FN Working Group members met at Snuneymuxw to identify Island and Approach issues for future discussion. |
| September 18 <sup>th</sup> , 2009                                     | FRAWG Conference Call   |
| September 29 <sup>th</sup> 2009                                       | FRAWG Conference Call   |
| October 6 <sup>th</sup> 2009  | FN - FRAWG pre-meeting in Vancouver   |
| October 7 <sup>th</sup> , 2009  | FRAWG Face to Face DFO Office Vancouver   |
| October 14 <sup>th</sup> , 15 <sup>th</sup> , 16 <sup>th</sup> , 2009 | First Road Map Workshop Richmond  |
| October 21 <sup>st</sup> 2009   | Conference Call – FRAWG   |
| October 25 <sup>th</sup> 2009   | Administrative activities – printing and faxing   |
| October 26 <sup>th</sup> , 2009                                       | End of Calls/wrap up for 2009 season  |
| October 27 to 30 <sup>th</sup> 2009                                   | FNFC meeting at Chehalis  |

**1. Tier 1 Development for Vancouver Island & Approach FN's.**

First request for a full Tier One process for Vancouver Island was made at the July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2009 PST Fraser Annex Renewal Meeting held in Naniamo.

In August, as the process around FSC became more complex, a first Tier One meeting was called August 21<sup>st</sup>, 2009 at Thunderbird Hall, Campbell River. On September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2009 an Island FN FRAWG meeting was held, to discuss and plan how to proceed with Tier One on Vancouver Island.

Since the Chum commercial fishery was not going to be complete until after October 20<sup>th</sup>, it was decided to wait until early November 2009 to take the next steps in Tier One.

In the meantime, communication around fisheries issues became a priority, and work continued on developing an interest in First Nations in Vancouver Island Tier One. At the October 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> Road Map Workshop in Richmond, several other FN from Vancouver Island expressed interest in being involved in Planning for Tier One.

**2. Conservation and Harvest Planning Forum/Road Map Initiative:**

Extensive correspondence occurred during September and October 2009, regarding an IFRAWG teleconference and potential schedule for a meeting in October. An IFRAWG teleconference on September 29 was held to discuss the next steps in the Forum process, and introduced what is now called the Road Map initiative, which will include three blocks of Workshops in this fiscal year.

The Forum will continue to be scheduled as in previous years, to begin discussing FSC and other in-season planning developments starting in January 2010.

The Road Map initiative is designed to respond to a request made last spring at Forum meetings, about the need to consider a more structured approach to the interaction between Watershed and Approach First Nations and DFO around fish management. It is important to keep these two separate while Tier One is developing for the Island and Approach First Nations.

October 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> 2009 were set as the dates for the First Road Map Workshop, to be held in Richmond. At the end of that session, First Nations wanted to continue with the discussion, and December 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>, 2009 were set as the next dates for a Road Map Workshop.

**November/December 2009 Report:**

**This Report covers activities from November 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup> 2009**

**Administrative:**

- Processing expense claims for non-NTC members of Island FRAWG.
- Adjusted forms, communicated changing rates, collated receipts, scanned, set mileage limits, and verified expense claims prior to sending them on to Neil Todd at NTC.

**Communications:**

- Maintained and updated the email and fax lists for all Vancouver Island and Approach First Nations. Once the in-season calls were over, there was time to cross-check and confirm contacts for each First Nation.
- Distributed Meeting Notices and Background Information to all FN's on the Island and Approach FN's lists on a regular basis. Continued to forward Watershed Talk and information on First Nations fisheries Court Cases to those who do not otherwise subscribe to other lists.
- Ongoing discussions around linkages between FNFC, Local FN elected officials, FN technical staff, and emerging organizations.

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- Wrote drafts, reworked documents, participated in editing various documents developed as part of the process setting up and holding the Road Map Workshops Oct 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>, and December 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> 2009.
- Similar work preparing and printing materials for Tier One Planning Session Nov 30<sup>th</sup> and Tier One meeting in Nanaimo Dec 3<sup>rd</sup> 2009.
- Secured time on agenda of Standing Committee on Poverty (HUMA) for presentation on effects of loss of Fraser Fish on First Nations, took direction from FN FRAWG members, drafted brief, once approved, had it translated into French, arranged for Chief Fred Sampson and Councillor Jeff Thomas to appear in Vancouver on Monday November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2009

#### Operational

- Participated in all FNFC bi-weekly calls, and continued to attend First Nations PICFI Working group meetings leading up to PICFI program review.
- Continued regular liaison with Chief Claxton and FNFC ED re ongoing issues.
- Correspondence and liaison with Vancouver Island FN Working Group (FRAWG) members, including conference calls and individual conversations as well as email. Extensive discussions with FN elected and technical folk re various fisheries issues.
- Correspondence and liaison with all the members of FRAWG, including planning conference calls and individual conversations as well as email.
- Organized office space at Tsawout, also set up UVic office space for January.

#### November and December 2009

##### Meetings, Conference Calls, Planning Sessions, and Similar:

|                           |   |   |
|---------------------------|---|---|
| November 2                | Conf call   | FRAWG charged as one half day   |
| November 10               | Face to Face meeting  | FRAWG at DFO  |
| November 17               | Face to Face meeting  | FRAWG at DFO  |
| November 18               | Island meeting  | FRAWG charged as one half day.  |
| November 20 <sup>th</sup> | Tier One Planning Committee   | Tier One Campbell River<br>All day in CR Hall setting up Planning Committee of 12 people to help set agenda's etc for all upcoming Tier One meetings on Vancouver Island. |
| November 25 <sup>th</sup> | Tier One Follow up  | Notes out, Notice circulated for Dec 3rd  |
| November 27               | HUMA Brief draft reworked and approved by Island FN's and Chief Fred Sampson of Siska. Ready for translation into French. |   |
| November 30               | HUMA Brief presented  | HUMA Standing Committee in Vancouver  |
| December 1                | Conf call   | FRAWG- ½ day  |
| December 2                | Evening - Nanaimo   | Working Group members before Tier One   |
| December 3                | Face to Face meeting  | Tier One- Dorchester Nanaimo all day  |
| December 7                | Conf call/Written work  | FRAWG – Road Map planning   |
| December 9                | Face to Face meeting  | Roadmap Workshop in Richmond  |
| December 9                | Create written report for AM session Dec 10 <sup>th</sup> 2009  |   |
| December 10               | Face to Face meeting  | Roadmap Workshop in Richmond  |
| December 18               | Conf call   | FRAWG   |

### 3. Tier 1 Development for Vancouver Island & Approach FN's.

Island FN FRAWG members invited all Van Isle and Approach FN's to send a representative to participate in a Planning Committee for upcoming Tier One meetings for Vancouver Island. The meeting was set for November 20<sup>th</sup> at Thunderbird Hall, Campbell River. At the end of the meeting there were a one page set of recommendations for circulation, and 12 individuals who wanted to participate on the Planning Committee for the future.

Currently there are 9 interested and active members, who have asked to be involved in a planning conference call for the January 19<sup>th</sup> Tier One in Nanaimo. The notice and agenda for the next meeting are in draft to be confirmed before circulation at the end of this week.

The December 3<sup>rd</sup> 2009 Tier One meeting was held in the Dorchester in Nanaimo. Highlights were the discussion with Chief Bob Chamberlin around the aquaculture initiative, and the presentation about the NTC fisheries case.

#### **4. Conservation and Harvest Planning Forum/Road Map Initiative:**

There was a good turn out from Vancouver Island at the December 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> Road Map sessions in Richmond, but we hope for a broader representation at the February meetings. The Island FRAWG notices for all the upcoming meetings in January and February 2010 were circulated before December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2009, and again on January 4<sup>th</sup> 2010.

An Update on progress with the Road Map Workshop is drafted, but will not be finalized until Marcel's materials from December 10<sup>th</sup> are complete and circulated.

#### **Addendum to September/October 2009 And December 2009 Vancouver Island and Approach FN Report:**

##### **Background:**

In January 2008 at the first meeting called by DFO in Abbotsford, to discuss how to share FSC fish in times of low abundance, a First Nations and DFO Working Group was set up. The Working Group was confirmed at the end of the meeting, and one of the requests from the facilitator Paul Kariya was that the First Nations representatives designated should not be "technical " but should be elected in their communities.

For Vancouver Island, those identified were Councillor Chris Cook from Namgis, Councillor Tony Roberts Jr from Campbell River, and Councillor Jeff Thomas from Snuneymuxw. This provides a representative for each of the three main areas on eastern Vancouver Island, and the adjacent mainland areas, serviced by South Coast Division DFO in Nanaimo.

Although a number of elected and technical individuals from Nuuchahnulth were at the first meeting, NTC established an internal process, and the NTC Chiefs asked Errol Sam, from Ahousaht, to be part of the Working Group.

This Working Group continued in this fashion, until December 2008, when it was decided to formalize the Working Group, as the "Interim Fraser River and Approach Working Group" (I-FRAWG).

In February 2009 at the AFN meetings in Nanaimo, Chris Cook suggested that Greg Wadhams, also elected, and carrying the fisheries portfolio at Namgis, should partner with him, in his role with I-FRAWG, since he, Chris, was going to skipper for Canadian Fish in season. Greg Wadhams then was added to our internal First Nations list for Vancouver Island as an IFRAWG member.

Although Greg eventually did also go north fishing, he did attend a number of sessions including ones in Kamloops, and had a specific interest in Fraser Annex Renewal. This kick-started us into calling a specific info meeting on that topic in Nanaimo. Essentially that meeting became the catalyst for Tier One on Vancouver Island.

##### **September/October 2009: I-FRAWG and FRAWG Activities:**

The Island First Nations members are primarily involved in commercial fishing, so have intimate and detailed knowledge of the issues that arise both for those trying to acquire FSC for their communities, and what problems arise for communities and their individual fishers who are struggling to maintain the ability to fish for a living.

Through the fishing season August/September/October 2009, the Vancouver Island I-FRAWG members individually worked to stay on top of the emerging problems....no sockeye, too many pinks too soon,...and what to do when DFO suggested that a FSC fishery on the abundant Chinooks might be good.

In some weeks there were five or more in-season Conference Calls around fish management. On a regular basis, the engagement of Chief, Councils and FN Fisheries Technical staff in those calls was remarkable. The Island held two First Nations only conference calls as well, to allow FN' from the Van Isle & Approach to discuss internally how to respond to some "sharing" initiatives which were being discussed by DFO, and with the First Nations from the Fraser Watershed.

Even though Chris Cook was fishing out of Prince Rupert, regular email contact was maintained, and he called in to discuss issues twice in this period.

Tony Roberts Jr was particularly active, organizing discussions in Campbell River, and providing information directly to groups of First Nations fishers who were waiting for an opening of ANY KIND. Tony also

explained directly to DFO both in person and on the in-season management calls, exactly why setting up an FSC fishery with seine boats on Chinook, without knowing WHICH Chinook stocks were passing through Area 12 and 13 was not acceptable, and on several occasions tried to get DFO to understand the constraints faced by Chief and Council by some of the suggestions made by DFO.

Tony Roberts Jr wrote specifically to Sue Farlinger of DFO, and followed up with a meeting. Although he did not expect a positive reply to any of the four issues he raised, he brought them up, and let her know that the issues would not go away, and that there should be some push from First Nations about these issues, in 2010.

Once the commercial openings for Pinks began, things settled down. The Chum fishery was limited, and again was not as good as anticipated. First Nations did what they could to get fish out to their communities, and many took Pink Salmon for the first time, since there have been no sockeye for several years.

#### **Direct Activities:**

Jeff Thomas and myself attended the ITO meeting on the Fraser Annex Renewal held in Bridge River September 2<sup>nd</sup>, both to get an update, and to hear how the BC Interior and Lower Fraser FN's were responding to the issues.

There were several conference calls around planning for what became known as the Road Map Workshops, the first being October 15 and 16<sup>th</sup>, 2009 in Richmond. Generally all the Vancouver Island FN's reps attended almost all the planning meetings, unless they were actively fishing. At the Road Map Workshop in October, the Working Group lost its "interim" status, and became the FRAWG ... Fraser River & Approach Working Group.

The primary activities for the Van Isle & Approach FN's through October, November and December related to organizing and planning for Tier One, entering into discussions around the NTC Court decision on fish and the Aquaculture transfer of jurisdiction, both of which are extremely important for the Van Isle and Approach FN's, and making sure the member FN's were aware of other initiatives organized by the First Nations Fisheries Council.

All the FN members of FRAWG, and most of the DFO members, attended some or all of the FNFC Fall Meeting at Chehalis October 28, 29 and 30<sup>th</sup>. It was a good opportunity to talk to FN's who have had extensive experience with Tier One and Tier Two, and how it improves both communication between First Nations, and between First Nations and DFO.

Road Map Workshop planning and meetings are detailed in the original report, as is the early planning for the First Forum meeting for 2010, now scheduled for January 21 and 22<sup>nd</sup>, in Abbotsford.

#### **Tier One for Vancouver Island and Approach FN's:**

##### **Background:**

There was a formal request to begin holding Tier One meetings for Vancouver Island First Nation in July, at the Fraser Annex Renewal meeting. The opportunity for that discussion occurred because Barry Rosenberger and Mike Staley had to take a break to be part of a Fraser Panel Conference call for two hours, in the middle of the session. This allowed for some very strong language from Island First Nations about the failure of DFO South Coast Division to fund and carry out the kind of detailed Tier One/Tier Two process around Consultation on fisheries issues, that they were now aware was part of the "Consultation" as practiced in DFO with Fraser Watershed First Nations.

No one from DFO was in the room, but there was also an acknowledgment that with the limited fisheries resources which most Island FN's have through AFS, there was no money to support more fisheries activities. First Nations listed those who actually had a Council member with responsibility for fish, or a fisheries contractor in place. There was detailed discussion on what could be done with the IFRAWG resources, to get more information around to as many of the Vanc. Isle & Approach First Nations as possible, about everything to do with fish, and any and all fisheries, including shellfish.

Based on that request for information and a better way of communicating among the First Nations not involved in the NTC AAROM or in the Fraser Watershed, a much broader email and fax list was set up, and is still in use, ( and is still under construction as things change)

#### **First Tier One Meetings:**

In August after many emails, and some direct discussions between the IFRAWG members and other First Nations members, a meeting was called for Campbell River Thunderbird Hall so that the problem of allocating what DFO had identified as 15K available FSC sockeye could be discussed face to face. That is now considered the first Tier One meeting for Vancouver Island.

Subsequently there was a planning meeting called, for all First Nations reps who might be interested in planning for Tier One meetings. The planning meeting was held on 20<sup>th</sup> November 2009, again in Campbell River. It set out the benefits of having Tier One meetings, and planned for a Second Tier One meeting 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2009, in Naniamo.

There are now 9 confirmed individuals involved in planning Tier One meetings, which include First Nations from the West Coast, as well as the original east side and mainland First Nations. Some have been designated, some chose to come.

The December 3<sup>rd</sup> 2009 meeting was attended by more First Nations than previous meetings....24 groups were represented, some by more than one person.. In general 55 First Nations are on the invitation list, the attendance is fairly stable at just over 30 individuals. In some cases the Chief attends regularly, but more often it's a Council member or a fisheries technical person. The next Tier One meeting date was set in December 2009. for 19<sup>th</sup> January 2010.

**Emerging Situation:**

There are several groups on Vancouver Island now considering AAROM agreements. At-legay is in its first year, and still has AFS agreements as well. It is possible that one or more of the others considering AAROM may move forward for next fiscal year, but so far there are other areas where neither AFS nor AAROM is attractive.

With a stronger Tier One, those First Nations will be able to participate with the other First Nations, and engage with DFO with more information about the current fisheries management issues, without having to engage with DFO over funding agreements.

*Operations Manager's note: a report on January activities is unavailable at time of submission of this Appendix 5 report. A January summary report will be included in the February Appendix 5 report.*

**Financial Details Relevant to this Category (Aquatic Resource Management and Stewardship)**

| AAROM Approved Budget | AAROM Year to Date Expenditures | PICFI Approved Budget | PICFI Year to Date Expenditures |
|-----------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------------|
| \$582,500             | \$454,177.28                    | \$168,200             | \$65,963.46                     |

**Variance Report / Rationale:** AAROM expenditures appear to be starting to lag behind the pace that was anticipated for this time of the year. PICFI expenditures are also appearing to lag behind what would be expected – largely because of no activity in two of the PICFI-funded Activities to date. A complete budget status review and end of fiscal planning exercise will be carried out at the February EC meeting to determine the need for reallocations within the programs, and to identify potential surpluses if any.

**II. ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES N/A**

**III. AQUATIC RESOURCE MANAGEMENT COMPLIANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY N/A**

- **REPORT ON ALLOWABLE COSTS** (Itemized In Relation To Each Type and Separated according to funding source):

**AAROM FUNDING**

| <b>LIST OF ALLOWABLE COSTS</b> |  | <b>AAROM CURRENT PERIOD</b> | <b>AAROM CUMULATIVE AMOUNT</b><br>(1 <sup>st</sup> to end of current period) |
|--------------------------------|--|-----------------------------|--|
| (i)                            | office lease or rent   | 0                           | 3,934.00   |
| (ii)                           | administrative expenses (e.g. phone, fax, internet, other utilities, bank fees, office supplies and materials) | 1758.39                     | 6,239.43   |
| (iii)                          | costs incurred in carrying out an audit associated with the Agreement  |                             |  |
| (iv)                           | human resource costs, including salaries and benefits (in-house)   |                             |  |
| (v)                            | contracted and professional service costs other than travel or litigation costs                                | 40,997.27                   | 310,312.13   |
| (vi)                           | travel and related expenses for contracted professional service providers or other non-employees               | 14,793.91                   | 96,038.03  |
| (vii)                          | insurance expenses related to Activities under the Agreement   |                             |  |
| (viii)                         | travel and related expenses for employees  |                             |  |
| (ix)                           | purchase of equipment, supplies and materials  | 0                           | 2,043.90   |
| (x)                            | lease or rental of equipment, supplies and materials   |                             |  |
| (xi)                           | repair and maintenance of equipment, facilities, vessels and vehicles related to the Agreement                 |                             |  |
| (xii)                          | meeting expenses (e.g. hall, rent, supplies, hospitality)  | 2530                        | 35,609.69  |
| (xiii)                         | consultation costs   |                             |  |
| (xiv)                          | GST or HST paid that is not eligible for reimbursement or exemption  |                             |  |
| (xv)                           | training fees and expenses, including materials  |                             |  |
| (xvi)                          | legal fees related to the Agreement (excluding litigation costs)   |                             |  |

| <b>LIST OF ALLOWABLE COSTS</b> |  | <b>AAROM<br/>CURRENT<br/>PERIOD</b> | <b>AAROM<br/>CUMULATIVE<br/>AMOUNT</b><br>(1 <sup>st</sup> to end of current<br>period) |
|--------------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|---|
| (xvii)                         | outreach materials (e.g. printing costs, web sites)  |                                     |   |
| (xviii)                        | bank interest fees if incurred where DFO is at fault   |                                     |   |
| (xix)                          | purchase or lease of equipment and equipment upgrades, vessels and vessel upgrades, commercial licences, vehicles and/or gear in support of the Agreement Activities                               |                                     |   |
| (xx)                           | operating expenses for equipment, vessels and vehicles for non-commercial enterprises  |                                     |   |
| (xxi)                          | purchase, lease, rent or construction of facilities (e.g. storage and mobile accommodation, but excluding rolling stock, wharfage and administrative buildings) in support of Agreement Activities |                                     |   |
| (xxii)                         | construction of new vessels and/or gear  |                                     |   |
|                                |  |                                     |   |
| <b>AGREEMENT TOTAL</b>         |  | <b>60,079.57</b>                    | <b>454,177.28</b>   |

| <b>LIST OF ELIGIBLE COSTS</b> |  | <b>PICFI – Expenses<br/>for the reporting<br/>Period</b> | <b>PICFI – YTD<br/>Expenses</b> |
|-------------------------------|--|--|---------------------------------|
| 1.                            | office lease or rent   |  |                                 |
| 2.                            | administrative expenses (e.g. phone, fax, internet, other utilities, bank fees, office supplies and materials) |  |                                 |
| 3.                            | costs incurred in carrying out an audit associated with the Agreement  |  |                                 |
| 4.                            | human resource costs, including salaries and benefits (in-house)   |  |                                 |
| 5.                            | contracted and professional service costs other than travel or litigation costs                                | 7,353.00   | 41,412.00                       |
| 6.                            | travel and related expenses for contracted professional service providers or other non-                        | 980.65   | 10,600.60                       |

| <b>LIST OF ELIGIBLE COSTS</b>  | <b>PICFI – Expenses<br/>for the reporting<br/>Period</b> | <b>PICFI –YTD<br/>Expenses</b> |
|--|--|--------------------------------|
| employees  |  |                                |
| 7. insurance expenses related to Activities under the Agreement  |  |                                |
| 8. travel and related expenses for employees   |  |                                |
| 9. purchase of equipment, supplies and materials   |  |                                |
| 10. lease or rental of equipment, supplies and materials   |  |                                |
| 11. repair and maintenance of equipment, facilities, vessels and vehicles related to the Agreement   |  |                                |
| 12. meeting expenses (e.g. hall, rent, supplies, hospitality)  | 2,855  | 13,950.86                      |
| 13. consultation costs   |  |                                |
| 14. GST or HST paid that is not eligible for reimbursement or exemption  |  |                                |
| 15. training fees and expenses, including materials  |  |                                |
| 16. legal fees related to the Agreement (excluding litigation costs)   |  |                                |
| 17. outreach materials (e.g. printing costs, web sites)  |  |                                |
| 18. bank interest fees if incurred where DFO is at fault   |  |                                |
| 19. purchase or lease of equipment and equipment upgrades, vessels and vessel upgrades, commercial licences, vehicles and/or gear in support of the Agreement Activities                               |  |                                |
| 20. operating expenses for equipment, vessels and vehicles for non-commercial enterprises  |  |                                |
| 21. purchase, lease, rent or construction of facilities (e.g. storage and mobile accommodation, but excluding rolling stock, wharfage and administrative buildings) in support of Agreement Activities |  |                                |
| 22. construction of new vessels and/or gear  |  |                                |
| <b>AGREEMENT TOTAL</b>   | <b>11,188.65</b>   | <b>65,963.46</b>               |