

**DRAFT WORKPLAN - FOOD, SOCIAL & CEREMONIAL FISHERIES WORKING GROUP – January 20,2010**

KEY ACTIVITIES	OUTCOMES/ DELIVERABLE S	LEAD	TIMELINES	RESOURCES REQUIRED 2010/11	RESOURCES REQUIRED 2011/12
<b>OBJECTIVE A: Support the engagement of First Nation communities to inform the development of joint policies and approaches to planning, implementation and management of and access to Section 35 (1) Food, Social &amp; Ceremonial fisheries</b>					
1. Introduction of FSC Working Group and draft workplan at the FNFC Fall Assembly.	Engagement and feedback on workplan	Working Group	Completed		
2. Complete a survey / environmental scan of First Nation and DFO perspectives on FSC	Summary Report	FN Working Group / Consultant	February 2011	15,000	
3. Organize, deliver and report on Tier 1 and Tier 2 Community Dialogue Sessions with First Nations and DFO. The purpose of the sessions will be to ground truth / advance the information foundation and perspectives related to FSC fisheries and how they are managed with First Nations communities. The dialogue sessions will be informed by the collaborative work completed in 2010/11.	Engagement Plan and Budget	Working Group	January 2011		
	Tier 1 summary report	FN WG members	Winter/Spring 2011	50,000	
	Tier 2 summary report	DFO members of WG	Fall 2011		50,000
4. Develop supporting materials (discussion questions, background materials, and/or compile existing case studies, etc.) for Community Dialogue Sessions	Background Materials and Resources	Working Group <sup>1</sup>	January 2011	5,000	
<b>OBJECTIVE B: Case studies to analyze management systems currently in place in order to identify best practices and opportunities for growth</b>					
<b>1. Protocols between First Nations</b> Examine a case study that explores traditional First Nation protocols, which showcases where First Nations have shared fish resources and its relation to DFO policies by fishing area. Look for an example where First Nation protocols have/have not been accommodated in the management system	Develop the guidelines for case study analysis	Working Group			
	Completion of Case Study	FN WG members / Consultant	June 2011		20,000
<b>2. Additional research or case studies as needed if there additional or outstanding issues raised in Community Dialogue Sessions</b>					
<b>OBJECTIVE C: Gather and develop information to advance a common foundation of understanding on FSC/Section 35(1) fisheries and the information and data needs for fisheries management</b>					

<sup>1</sup> The plan for these engagement sessions will be developed in conjunction with the other DFO-FN Working Groups, as appropriate, given potential discussions on other issues and topics (e.g. FSC, aquaculture, economic access).

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<p>1. Draft DFO discussion paper on data and information needs for Fisheries Management. The paper may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Summary analysis on the collection and use of harvest and monitoring data (FSC, Commercial and Recreational) in fisheries management</li> <li>• An overview of FSC information needed for pre-season planning (numbers, anticipated fishing patterns, times, locations) and in-season decision making</li> <li>• An overview of how data is analysed for use in fisheries management decision-making processes and the current practices that DFO uses to manage data and decision-making</li> </ul>	Draft Discussion Paper	DFO	Completed in Summer 2010; DFO will be doing consultations on their draft framework in 2011.		
<p>2. Background Paper on information and data that meet First Nations meet fisheries management needs. The paper may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Data and information that First Nations collect for fisheries management and what is appropriate to provide to DFO for collaborative fisheries mgmt needs.</li> <li>• Successes and challenges with data collection and management</li> <li>• A discussion on FN perspectives on the incentives/disincentives for sharing data and information</li> <li>• Examples of how First Nations use data and information for their fisheries management planning</li> <li>• Analysis of data and information needs as it related to harvest areas (e.g. Marine, Lower River, Upper River)</li> </ul>	Draft paper to be developed with input provided by First Nations during the community dialogue sessions.	FN Working Group Also, work with PICFI FSC/Harvest Monitors to get an on-the-ground perspective on FSC fisheries management	Spring/ Summer 2011		<b>15,000</b>
<p>3. Draft a Discussion Paper that makes suggestions on how to reconcile First Nations and DFO perspectives on the data and information needs related to Food Social Ceremonial Fisheries and fisheries management. The Discussion Paper will be informed from perspectives provided by First Nations and DFO and the discussion paper topics may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To what extent is there agreement between DFO and FN on the data and info requirements for FSC Fisheries</li> <li>• Work together to synthesis gaps and opportunities for moving forward</li> <li>• Understanding of capacity needed to gather and use data</li> </ul>	Draft Discussion Paper	Working Group	Fall 2011		<b>10,000</b>
<b>OBJECTIVE D: Work towards the development of DRAFT policy recommendations and Operational Guidelines on FSC / Section 35(1) Fisheries.</b>					
<p>1. Background Paper: Overview of DFO policies and operational guidelines with respect to FSC with analysis to identify challenges and gaps. E.g. area and species management practices; area based FSC allocations; how FSC allocations are determined, Species</p>	Draft Discussion Paper	DFO WG Members	February 2011		

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Management Processes (e.g. IFMP) etc.					
2. Background: Develop a discussion paper on First Nation perspectives and approaches to Section 35(1) rights. To be articulated directly from FN people in the Tier One community dialogue sessions.	Draft Discussion Paper	FN Working Group Members	Summer 2011		<b>5,000 (FNFC in-kind)</b>
3. Review existing policies and recommend and/or propose changes to FSC policies and operational guidelines which subsequently can be presented and broadly ground truthed with B.C. First Nations and DFO. Developed using background documents on FSC perspectives, learning from case studies, and designed to meet information needs for fisheries management, the paper may include discussion on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Working toward a more consistent application of FSC policies and principles at a local level</li> <li>Explore linkages back to management planning processes and how 'decision rules' are currently formulated within existing processes</li> <li>Working towards building a series of practical steps that could support better engagement of First Nations in IFMP planning processes and for addressing FN issues within the IFMP *this is a cross working group issue</li> </ul>	Draft Paper	Working Group	March 2012		<b>25,000</b>
<b>OBJECTIVE E: Maintain the Working Group (Administration)</b>					
1. Develop performance indicators in which to track and measure success of the working group – 2. Research methods to foster student support and educational assistance to help with the group's workload 3. Develop Working Group Operational Guidelines – tracking issues, how agendas are set, how communities can have input, prioritizing issues, local vs. regional issues, drafting minutes, etc.	Draft Operational Guidelines	Working Group	March 2012		