

First Nations-DFO Co-Management Working Group – ROLLING DRAFT WORKPLAN – October 31, 2010

Key Activities	Outcomes / Deliverables	Lead	Timeline	Existing Capacity	Required Resources
OBJECTIVE A: Support the engagement of First Nation communities to inform the development of a joint vision, tools, resources and/or approaches to co-management					
1. <i>Presentation at the FNFC Fall Assembly.</i> The theme of the 2010 Fall Assembly is Co-Management, and the agenda has been designed to explore specific elements of co-management with the participants. The Co- Working Group will present the draft workplan for review and input from First Nations. The discussions and input received via the Assembly will then be used to further inform and/or refine the workplan.	Delivery of a Powerpoint Presentation	Working Group Co-Chairs	November 2010		
2. <i>Work with FNFC staff and First Nation communities to organize a series of Tier 1 Community Dialogue Sessions on Co-Management .</i> The Working Group will help plan and inform a series of Community Dialogue Sessions to facilitate broader discussions among First Nations around co-management and ultimately inform the development of common perspectives, vision, principles and/or approaches. Activities for the Working Group will include planning the sessions, compiling materials (including papers listed below), and developing questions to help guide in-depth dialogue with First Nations (<i>note: the Community Dialogue Sessions will be co-developed with the First Nation members of the other FNFC-DFO Working Groups: Food Social and Ceremonial Fisheries, Economic Access and Aquaculture</i>). Suggested documents for the community dialogue sessions will include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FNFC Co-Management Discussion Paper (distributed to First Nations in summer 2010) • Ratcliffe & Co. review of Co-Management Mechanisms (distributed to First Nations in summer 2010) • J. Gardner Discussion Paper on Co-Management Capacity (distributed to First Nations in summer 2010) • DFO foundational Piece (see below - DFO to develop by January 2011) 	Summary Report on First Nation Community Dialogue Sessions	FNFC / First Nation Working Group Members	Planning: Nov – Dec 2010 Dialogue Sessions: Jan - March 2011		
3. <i>Support and inform engagement of First Nations on co-management through the development of further tools, resources and/or analysis.</i> In addition to planning dialogue sessions and compiling existing documents, the Working Group may develop additional resources, tools and analysis that will support engagement of First Nations related to co-management. This could include producing additional papers, discussion documents or analysis to respond to high-priority issues identified by First Nations or DFO.	Plan, coordinate and host on-going First Nation engagement session	CMWG / FNFC	Planning: March – April 2011 May 2011 – March 2012		

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OBJECTIVE B: Develop foundational understanding of both First Nations and Fisheries and Oceans Canada's Perspectives on Co-Management					
<p>1. <i>Outline DFO Perspectives on Co-Management</i></p> <p>DFO will draft a background document that outlines the Department's perspectives on co-management, potential elements of a vision or principles, as well as key issues and priorities for advancing co-management with First Nations. Elements of the paper may include: the factors driving DFO's approach to co-management, the expectations or potential outcomes for the Department from co-management processes, linkages between Tier 1, 2 and 3 processes, and DFO's capacity to engage in co-management.</p>	Background/ Discussion Paper on DFO Perspectives on Co-Management	DFO Working Group Members	November 2010 – January 2011		
<p>2. <i>Outline First Nation Perspectives on Co-Management</i></p> <p>The FN members of the working group will draft a background paper that outlines the First Nations understanding of co-management, a vision for co-management, and First Nation priorities and expectations for advancing co-management with DFO (to be informed by the Tier One community dialogue sessions). Elements addressed may include: the factors driving First Nations engagement in co-management, the expectations and outcomes of First Nations through co-management processes, First Nation rights and responsibilities to manage fisheries, and First Nations capacity to engage in co-management.</p>	DRAFT discussion paper on First Nations Perspectives on Co-Management	FN Working Group Members	March – May 2011		

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OBJECTIVE C: Undertake specific activities related to high-priority issues identified by First Nations and/or DFO (e.g. scales, decision-making)					
1. Further joint analysis regarding co-management activities at various scales <ul style="list-style-type: none"> What needs to be considered when implementing scale based models for co-management from DFO and FN perspectives. What types of management are best accomplished at which scale? Report opportunities, common areas, etc. Common understanding on the considerations affecting the various scales Compliance mechanisms (enforcement/authorities at various scales 	Joint Analysis and recommendation for Co-Management Models at Different Geographic Scales	First Nation and DFO Working Group Members	April 2011 – December 2011		
2. Further joint analysis to examine decision-making in a co-management context <p>What does co-management mean to communities? To DFO? How do we link disparate process are we learning from each other's lessons? What would be an effective outcome of reviewing existing processes? How do we link community jurisdiction upward to decision-making at broader geographic scales? Recognition and accommodation of strength of authority in the decision-making process Understanding of the various existing forms of co-mgmt , gather examples of co-management</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Look for best practices, locally and internationally Future and existing Marine Use Planning initiatives Shared program delivery (stock assessment, catch monitoring, etc) 	Joint analysis and recommendation Decision-making in Co-Management Models	First Nation and DFO Working Group Members	April 2011 – December 2011		
3. Identification and analysis of co-management case studies to identify best practices and opportunities for improved co-management arrangements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify potential case studies that have dealt with some aspect of co-management that the working group is able examine in further detail. Analyze case studies to highlight lessons learned and successes in dealing with challenges and opportunities related to co-management between DFO and First Nations. Develop the guidelines / scope of works for how the case study analysis will be completed 	Joint analysis of Case Studies to highlight best practices/lessons learned in co-management	First Nation and DFO Working Group Members	May – September 2011		

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OBJECTIVE D: DRAFT of a Co-Management Framework that has been developed with the inputs from First Nations, Fisheries and Oceans Canada Co-Management Framework Development					
<p>1. Build on and incorporate information collected under Objectives A, B and C in the development of a joint DFO-First Nations Co-Management Framework or Strategic Plan. This element will be refined based on dialogue with First Nations through the 2010 Assembly and Community Dialogue Sessions; however, the longer-term objective is to incorporate the input, information and direction provided by First Nations and DFO into a joint document which guides the efforts of DFO and First Nations related to co-management moving forward. Key questions to be addressed through this element of the process may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What did we hear and learn from the Tier 1 and Tier 2 community dialogue sessions? • What did we learn from the joint analysis and case studies? • Have we been able to reconcile the various perspectives on co-management in a co-management framework that can potentially be supported by DFO and First Nations? • If there is no co-management, what is the status quo? 	DRAFT Co-Management Framework	First Nation and DFO Working Group Members	March 2012 (Draft date)		