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Sent: Monday, May 16, 2005 1:53 PM
To: Hobbs, Mary <HobbsM@pac.dfo-mpo.gc.ca>; Saunders, Mark <SaundersM@pac.dfo-mpo.gc.ca>
Subject: FW: WSP update

Flattering comments being tossed around at NHQ about the WSP consultation process if they only knew!

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From: Lamirande, Robert
Sent: May 16, 2005 1:45 PM
To: Tatlock, Michel; Hawkins, Keren
Cc: Hartling, Jay
Subject: FW: WSP update

Michel, Keren...I thought I would pass on the attached e-mail on the successful consultations undertaken on the WSP by PYR. We should consider having the approach taken in the WSP as a possible case study/lessons learned piece for broader consideration. perhaps it can be discussed at tomorrow's meeting. Hugh McCauley spoke to this at our workshop and, by all accounts, it was a successful process. regards, rob.

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From: Clemens, Marc
Sent: May 9, 2005 12:01 PM
To: Lamirande, Robert
Cc: Balfour, David; Stanfield, Max
Subject: FW: WSP update

Rob: You asked for an update on the First Nation consultations and the Wild Salmon Policy. A second First Nation forum was held on April 29, followed by a second multi-interest forum on April 30, which some First Nations also attended. Both sessions went quite well, I'm told. The vast majority of participants supported the Policy as revised. No major revisions were requested. Overall, participants were pleased that DFO made the effort to meet with them a second time as a group, and that the range and nature of the revisions demonstrated that DFO had listened to their earlier comments. Having the different sectors together also forced participants to hash out differences amongst themselves. By all accounts, a lot of goodwill was built during the last month or so of the consultation process on the WSP. A number of First Nations had asked for bilateral meetings to be scheduled after these two sessions. Those have taken place or are being planned. It is not expected these bilaterals will lead to significant changes to the draft policy. Some FNs may reserve full endorsement of the draft Policy (i.e. pending a review of its impacts on Aboriginal rights, for example) but it appears that the Region is on track to have the draft finalized shortly. The Region has made the point that consultation will continue on implementation of various parts of the Policy. At the April 29&30 sessions the RDG committed to an open, consultative process for developing the implementation plan, finalizing Conservation Units, developing a strategic planning process, etc., once the Policy was finalized at the end of May. (Note: bilaterals were also held with some First Nations before the first multi-interest forum, March 2 & 3). The Minister is to be briefed on the Policy the week of May 16, leading up to the announcement of its finalization in late May/early June.

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From: Clemens, Marc
Sent: May 2, 2005 4:22 PM
To: Stanfield, Max; James, Heather
Cc: Stringer, Kevin
Subject: WSP update

The April 29 & 30 First Nation and multi-interest session went quite well. The vast majority of participants supported the Policy as revised. Harry Nyce, the Nis'ga rep, said he could now recommend acceptance of the Policy without reservation. The ENGOs asked for stronger language about the risks of aquaculture, which will be reviewed. The major concern raised by participants was funding support for the policy. They would like to see a commitment from the Department, and we can expect some letters and calls on this subject. As a next step, the Department committed to drafting an implementation plan and then consult with the participants on it. RMC is being briefed tomorrow and the

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Region is on schedule to bring the Policy forward for finalization by the end of May. Several bilaterals with different First Nation groups are being held over the next week to address previous requests to meet, but it's not expected these will have implications for the current draft of the policy. Planning for implementation (although work is already underway in some areas, e.g. CU identification) and moving into the implementation phase will be no less challenging, and probably much more so.

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