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Sent: Thursday, June 2, 2005 2:02 PM
To: Farlinger, Susan <FarlingerS@pac.dfo-mpo.gc.ca>
Subject: FW: The Wild Salmon Policy - Current Status

I will need some help here as you can see

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From: Kirby, Sue
Sent: June 2, 2005 4:36 PM
To: Wex, Richard
Cc: Di Tota, Anna
Subject: RE: The Wild Salmon Policy - Current Status

Richard,

I think WSP has its own claim that has been dealt with.

I would take a lot of convincing on this as I think it is critical that we stick to what we told the Centre when relief was approved but we can discuss.

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From: Wex, Richard
Sent: Thursday, June 02, 2005 4:23 PM
To: Kirby, Sue
Cc: Di Tota, Anna
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Sue – there are important opportunities relating to monitoring and implementation of the habitat elements of the WSP, as you know. I think we should consider that some of the Operational Relief funds be considered for the implementation of this concrete and significant initiative. Can we discuss at one of our upcoming bilats thx

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From: Farlinger, Susan
Sent: June 2, 2005 1:51 PM
To: Wex, Richard
Subject: FW: The Wild Salmon Policy - Current Status

FYI re my previous email.

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From: Chamut, Pat

Sent: June 2, 2005 8:59 AM

To: Riddell, Brian (Pacific); Saunders, Mark; Irvine, James; Cross, Carol; Fraser, Sandy; Thomson, Andrew

Cc: Farlinger, Susan

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Ladies and Gentlemen; I wanted to summarize recent efforts to secure approval of the WSP, and to give you my views on where we will end up. As you recall, the Minister was briefed on the final version of the policy (which included revisions stemming from the two forums on April 29 and 30) on May 16. At his request, a briefing of his colleagues from BC (Senator Austin and staff representing Minister Emerson) was provided on May 25 to explain the WSP, and outline the expected public reaction. Following that briefing, contact was made with a number of organizations who had attended the two forums in April to ascertain their support for the WSP. The outcome of this assessment was provided to the Minister, along with a companion memo that assessed the implications of further consultation, and recommended against doing so. A Ministerial briefing was held yesterday (June 1) to review Departmental advice, and figure out next steps. I updated the Minister on the work done over the last 10 days, and was gratified that we had a very good story to tell about the degree of organization support for the WSP. The MCC remains opposed to the WSP in its current form. However, there is a long list of groups that support it; PFRCC, Province of BC, SFAB, BC Seafood Council, BC Wildlife Federation, Pacific Streamkeepers Federation, Pacific Salmon Foundation, Academics (Peterman and Pinkerton), and some FN's. Virtually all of these groups had a similar view - it is time to adopt the WSP and get on with implementation. They all also believe it is essential that sufficient resources be identified to ensure that the Policy can be implemented effectively. These messages were passed on to the Minister yesterday. At the conclusion of the briefing, the Minister indicated that he wanted to proceed to announce the Policy, later this month. He also wants to see resources attached to the announcement, as it is clear that an investment of additional resources will be required to guarantee a good public reception for the Policy. The final step before proceeding with printing is a discussion to occur today or tomorrow with officials from PMO. If I hear the outcome of that discussion before Friday, I will let you all know. If it is next week, Mr. Saunders will be advised, and he will let you know. I expect that the first opportunity for the Minister to travel to BC for an announcement will be once Parliament adjourns. This is yet uncertain, but is forecast to be around the 23rd, so my expectation is that an announcement is likely on the 24th.

There is one outstanding matter that needs attention, and that is the issue of funding. There is a need to pull together resources from Sector Heads in Ottawa to contribute to WSP implementation, and consolidate it into a lump sum that is adequate to demonstrate our intentions for implementation. The process of securing contributions is underway, and I intend to speak with the DM to

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reinforce the importance of additional resources in making for a successful public reception for the Policy. I have also asked Mr. Saunders to flesh out program needs, and to describe what the money is needed for and how it will be used.

I think that the exercise is just about done. I would like to have seen the Policy announced before my departure, but that will not be the case. I want to say how much I have enjoyed working with all of you, and express my appreciation to you for making the last 18 months so stimulating, and enjoyable. This is a real important piece of work for the Department, and holds the promise of regaining public credibility, and professional satisfaction. My final admonition is that you continue the investment that each of you has made in getting this Policy adopted. The adoption of the Policy is not the culmination of the job, but a beginning. Making the sort of changes contemplated by this Policy is not going to be easy. Successful implementation is going to require your continuing attention, and there is a lot of hard work ahead. Good luck with it. I will be watching.