

**Regional Management Committee Meeting
September 20, 2005**

Record of Decisions

Attendees:	Boland, J.; Craig, T.; Faust, R.; Hobbs, M.; Johal, S.; Kotyk, M.; Kriegl, S.; Macgillivray, P.; Norris, J.; Phelan, D.; Radford, D.; Richards, L.; Rosenberger, B.; Sprout, P.; Wild, J.
Absent:	Webb, C.;
Alternates:	D. Peacock (<i>for D. Einarson</i>); C. Cross (<i>for D. Innell</i>); G. McEachen (<i>for W. Luedke</i>); R. Nelson (<i>for G. Savard</i>); J. Rehal (<i>for T. Tebb</i>)
Guests:	Item #1: A. Lamar Item #2: M. Saunders

1. Role of Regional Science in COSEWIC and SARA Process – L. Richards

Issue: Review and make recommendations on the role that DFO science plays in the COSEWIC and SARA processes to increase understanding of the processes and challenges and provide direction on emerging issues.

Action: Overall direction is supported; however the 2nd bullet under the recommendations needs to be modified to reflect that these are departmental scientists and not “individuals” participating in the COSEWIC process.

Responsibility: L. Richards

Deadline: October 25, 2006

2. Wild Salmon Implementation Workplans (*Discussion*) – M. Saunders

Issue: Presentation of draft WSP Workplan for discussion.

Action: The workplans were discussed and it was decided that the Strategic Initiative Steering Committee should convene and discuss these workplans in greater detail. If necessary it will return to RMC.

Responsibility: M. Saunders

Deadline: Ongoing

3. Communications Outlook (*Discussion*) – A. Lamar

Issue: An overview of the last 18 months on taking a more strategic approach to strengthening communications in the department.

Action: n/a

Responsibility: n/a

Deadline: n/a

4. Standing Items

- ***Record of Decisions and Action Log of September 6th***: Approved.
- ***Review of Planning Agenda – RMC & SDC***: Reviewed and changes noted.
- ***Regional & International Calendars***: Reviewed.
- ***High Profile Litigation***: No new update.
- ***Area Directors' Minutes of Meeting***: Area Directors met on September 6th and had a general discussion by all on changes with the C&P organization and impacts/changes in the areas. ADs also held a brief discussion of the various consultation structures being developed and their impacts to the area operations. It was agreed there's a need to look for linkages and at what levels for harvest planning vs. watershed planning. **Action: M. Hobbs and B. Rosenberger to coordinate this initiative with the Planning, Advising and Consultation Process.**
- ***RMEC***: An updated provided on the assessment of Pacific Herring and Eulachon.
- ***DMC Debrief***:
 - RDG met with G. DaPont, ADM Human Resources and Corporate Services. Meeting focused on Business Planning; the A-Base budget process; update on HR Modernization; issues around Real Property costs and IT Sustainability.
- ***Regional Issues***:
 - Perch introduction to enter salmon bearing areas – need to ensure staff are generally aware of this issue and set up some sort of process for us to review this issue. This is a relevant issue for us and we need to do some work on it. **Action: B. Rosenberger to set up a small group consisting of Science, FAM, OHEB and Policy. Directors are to identify candidates to Barry. If necessary this group should return to RMC for discussion or decision.**

- **Roundtable:**

- **Fisheries Management:** Chum test fishery starting this week. Fisheries Act consultations starting this week and will be part of the fall consultation process.
- **Human Resources:** Staff have expressed concern about the training time for PSMA which covers 2.5 days on HR and Value and Ethics and 1.5 days on Finance. Staff need to understand that this mandatory training.
- **Science:** Will be focusing on Aquaculture and Sea Lice in the fall.
- **Treaty & Aboriginal Policy:** RMC members requested to forward any comments they may have on the Aboriginal Policy Framework to Mel by the end of the week.
- **Strategic Initiatives:** The Pacific Council members met with Wayne Wouters and Reg Alcock on the Governments Management Agenda. A written summary to be circulated to RMC members by J. Boland.
- **Conservation & Protection:** A comprehensive audit of fish plants will be commencing soon.
- **Communications:** Union of B.C. Municipalities conference is taking place on September 28th and 29th, the department will have a display booth present with an emphasis on “consultations”.
- **South Coast:** Moving into chum management in the Johnstone Strait. Planning for 2006 herring fishery and shellfish consultations.

Approved: original signed by P.E. Sprout

Date: November 2, 2005

EKME #558206v1
MECTS #2005-501-00758

Regional Management Committee (RMC) Action Log

Tuesday September 20, 2005

Item	Action Required	Responsibility/ Deadline	Status
Science – SARA	RD Policy to develop process as part of a broader work on Regional Framework for Managing Stocks of Concern to make sure staff engaged in related work are fully informed, regarding relevant departmental policies, initiatives and directions.	M. Hobbs December 2005	
Area Directors	Area Director Coordinate discussions re consultation structures into broader work being led by Policy on Planning/Advising/Consulting	M. Hobbs B. Rosenberger January 2006	
Regional issues	Setup small committee Science, FAM, OHEB and Policy to discuss issues around Perch.	B. Rosenberger December 2006	

Approved: original signed by P.E. Sprout

Date: November 2, 2005

EKME #558206v1
MECTS #2005-501-00758