

**Regional Management Committee Meeting
October 14, 2008**

Record of Decisions

Attendees: Terry Davis; Sue Farlinger; Ron Faust; Paul Macgillivray; Randy Nelson; Rebecca Reid; Laura Richards; Greg Savard; Paul Sprout; Diana Trager

Absent: Trevor Craig; Siegi Kriegl; Sharan Johal; Julie Poirier

Alternates Jeff Johansen (*for Kaarina McGivney*); Duke Snider (*for Vija Poruks*); Jason Hwang (*for Barry Rosenberger*); Angela Bate (*for Allison Webb*); Sandy Johnston (*for Frank Quinn*); Gordie McEachen (*for Don Radford*); Hugh MacAulay (*for Sarah Kelleher*)

Guests: Item #1 – Heather Stalberg and Dwight McCullough
Item #4 – Roy Neighbor

1. Wild Salmon Policy Web Mapping Application (*Decision*) – R.Reid (H. Stalberg and Dwight McCullough)

Issue: OHEB presented an update on the work they have done in creating a web mapping portal for the WSP. The presentation included a request for three-year funding, to be shared equally by OHEB, Policy, FAM and Science.

Next Steps: RMC felt that while the initiative is useful, it is difficult to make a funding decision out of context and that it would be helpful to have a broader understanding of other WSP work and initiatives that might require funding.

Policy was asked to lead on a discussion of the array of WSP initiatives, especially those that require funding outside of the lead branch, with the objective of setting priorities for funding. This discussion should occur at the appropriate RMC Committee.

Responsibility: A. Webb

Deadline: December 15, 2008

2. Implementation of the Operations Committee (*Decision*) – A. Bate for A. Webb

Issue: Although it was approved in January 2007, the Operations Committee has yet to be formally implemented. The purpose of this item was to seek approval of the Terms of Reference.

Next Steps: The proposed Terms of Reference were approved with minor changes and do not need to return to RMC. The list of proposed subjects for discussion at the Operations Committee was also approved, with the understanding that it would be revisited on an annual basis. The RDG noted that judgment of RMC members would be required to determine which RMC sub-committee would be the appropriate forum for discussion.

Responsibility: A. Webb

Deadline: n/a

3. Guidelines and Process for Appointments to the Pacific Salmon Commission Panels (*Discussion*) – P. Macgillivray

Issue: Pacific Region is developing a new process and guidelines for appointments to the Pacific Salmon Commission (PSC) Panels.

Next Steps: RMC members agreed on the approach with some minor adjustments to clarify the process and accommodate differences with the Transboundary Panel in the Yukon.

P. Macgillivray was asked to return to RMC at a later date with an approach to managing Technical Committee memberships.

Responsibility: P. Macgillivray

Deadline: n/a

4. Mandatory Use of Automated Section 52 Licence Issue System (*Information*) – S. Farlinger (Roy Neighbor)

Issue: Licences issued under Section 52 of the *Fishery General Regulations* require close control and monitoring to ensure they are issued consistent with the Court's guidance in *Larocque* and *APPFA*. In Pacific region, most Section 52 licences are issued manually, reducing control and oversight opportunities and potentially increasing legal risk for the region. A process to automate issuance of these licences is proposed. A working group has been established to develop the process.

Next Steps: Questions were raised about the expected cost of this initiative, but it was accepted that there is no choice but to continue due to the legal requirements. Once the tool is developed, it could potentially be used for other applications, e.g., issuance of communal FSC licences.

Responsibility: S. Farlinger

Deadline: n/a

3. Standing Items

- *Record of Decisions & Action Log September 16th*: Approved.

- **RMC and SDC Planning Agendas:** Reviewed and changes noted.
- **Regional and International Calendars:** Reviewed.
- **High Profile Litigation:** H. MacAulay provided an update on two cases: the challenge led by Alexandra Morton against the Province of BC regarding constitutional authority to manage aquaculture; and a challenge against the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans, led by a coalition of Environmental groups, on listing critical habitat for killer whales under SARA.
- **Area Directors' Minutes of Meeting:** No new update.
- **RMEC:** Written update on a meeting of the Pelagic Subcommittee of PSARC.
- **DMC:** RDG provided an update on issues related to transition to a new Minister, BASR Phase 2, and the Government of Canada Workplace Charitable Campaign.
- **Regional Issues:** No new update.
- **Roundtable:** RMC members reported on key recent and upcoming events in their areas/branches.

Approved: _____

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