



## RECORD OF MEETING

**Date:** May 20, 2010

**Location:** Cypress Boardroom 401 Burrard St., Vancouver

**Purpose of Meeting:** Update on Wild Salmon Policy (WSP) Implementation

**Group/Advisory Committee:** Regional WSP Implementation Team

**Attendees:** Lisa Wilson (Chair), Kim Hyatt, Deborah Phelan, Wellsley Hamilton, Corey Jackson and Brent Hargreaves

**Regrets:** Neil Schubert, Raymond Lauzier, Carrie Holt, Richard Bailey, Ann-Marie Huang, Diane Lake, Paul Ryall, Sandy Johnston, Melody Farrell, Mark Saunders, Wilf Luedke, Shaun Davies, James Irvine and Carol Cross

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### **Materials Distributed (list):**

- Agenda
- Draft Meeting Minutes from April 15, 2010
- WSP Implementation Timelines Gantt Chart
- Draft Work Plan for 2010-11 and Report on WSP Implementation for 2009-10

### **Key Issues Discussed:**

- **Minutes**
  - More time was required to review minutes.
- **Strategy 1: Standardized Monitoring of Wild Salmon Status**
  - Strategy 1 work group meeting on June 9<sup>th</sup> to discuss and finalize 2010-11 WSP Strategy 1 work plan.
  - M. Saunders has the initial and latest version of the classification and ranking for identifying priority CU's. This will be helpful for the pilot discussion.
  - M. Saunders doing a WSP Stock Assessment Update Presentation for Salmon Enhancement and Habitat Advisory Board (SEHAB) on May 28<sup>th</sup> in North Vancouver.
- **Strategy 2: Assessment of Habitat Status**
  - WSP Salmon Habitat Indicators Report can be found on the shared drive under: <R:\Policy\WSP\Strategy 2\ WSP Salmon Habitat Indicators MS 2859.pdf>
- **Strategy 3: Ecosystem Values and Monitoring (K. Hyatt)**
  - Ecosystem Paper considered a key priority for Science with an anticipated Fall/Winter 2010 completion date.
  - Riparian Scavenger/Predator work in Barclay has been expanded to include 12 infra-red camera stations over the past year. This is giving a sense of the number of animals and their spatial distribution, which will inform energy-nutrient flux models, key for future ecosystem work. Parks Canada is very interested in this information and there is very little cost to DFO. Transferability of process will be considered.
  - Contract biologist hired to look at temperature/ water mass interactions with Chinook and Sockeye.
  - At present not considering sardine IFMP and other species within the salmon ecosystem.

- **Strategy 4: Integrated Strategic Planning (C. Jackson)**
  - Corey recently did a review of Sandy Fraser's planning document from <R:\Policy\WSP\Strategy 4\Identifying-planning-units-SandyFraser-draft3-jan2-2009.doc>. Aggregation of planning units based on Joint Adaptive Zones (JAZ)/ Freshwater Adaptive Zones (FAZ). This concept was also presented to SDC and the Integrated Salmon Harvest Planning Committee by Paul Ryall, in 2009. Corey to continue in this vein for guidelines related to the content of integrated plans, unsure about timelines for completion at this point in time.
  - Sue Farlinger, Brent, Lisa and Jennifer Nener attended a meeting to discuss the Barclay Sound pilot. There is a need for someone from South Coast to facilitate integration of the various Strategies and provide "on the ground" support for the Barclay pilot.
  - Nuuchah-nulth Tribal Council (NTC) has hired Dave Lightly to do work related to Barclay Sound.
  - New Integrated Fisheries Management Plan (IFMP) template to be adopted for salmon next year.
  - C. Jackson will be working with Graham Long on Skeena to develop and apply a structured decision-making process, identify species and CUs with information needs and gaps, which will eventually lead to a test-case integrated plan.
  - Barclay Chinook production model S-E Analysis by Gardiner-Pinfold is not quite complete. They will be re-engaged in a nother contract to finish the work by the end of June.
- **Strategy 5: Annual Program Delivery**
  - Presentation to SDC on May 6<sup>th</sup> by L. Wilson on 1) WSP Pilots, 2) ATK inclusion in WSP implementation, 3) WSP 5-year Review (See Strategy 6).
  - Support to expand "pilots" more broadly than just Barclay Sound. Acknowledgement that Strategy 4 is not just about the FAM integrated planning piece.
  - No support to do a one-off ATK piece for WSP. TAPD nationally looking at the development of guidelines for ATK. SARA also doing a significant work on ATK, therefore no need to pursue a WSP specific project.
  - Draft Annual Consultation Plan discussed and reviewed. Group indicated that a more focused approach might be worth considering going forward. There was little uptake last year using the consultation calendar and providing ad hoc presentations.
  - In general the 2010-11 consultation plan was good. Attendance at the Lower Fraser First Nation Meeting on June 4<sup>th</sup>, being organized by Sheldon Evers was also discussed. The group agreed they were not prepared to do presentation, however could send print material.
- **Strategy 6: WSP Performance Review (L. Wilson)**
  - Direction to postpone the 5-year Review. WSP is not a program; therefore a program evaluation approach is not appropriate. The Team needs to review how the policy is being implemented and how it has changed how the Department manages wild stocks. Areas are likely to have a lot of good examples. The Team was asked to return to SDC in September with a presentation that outlines how WSP is changing how the Region conducts its business e.g., Process changes: assembling information using a CU filter and moving away from stocks, mixed-stock fishery management, content changes updates to indicators and benchmarks, streamlining and framing our engagement with other governments and ENGO participation and decision changes. Additionally, there is a need to improve our communication internal and external communication about the WSP.

#### **Action Items:**

Carried over from last meeting:

- **L. Wilson** to continue trying to reschedule Blair Holtby Yukon CU presentation.
- **M. Saunders** to confirm with Blair Holtby whether the COSEWIC benchmarks can be used as an interim approach. Areas should then be engaged regarding the feasibility of this approach.

- **Policy** to work with Strategy leads to update WSP gantt chart and work plan.
- **M. Saunders, C. Jackson, and M. Farrell** to discuss the development of a habitat monitoring framework with Science and Dave Carter from Habitat Compliance and Monitoring (HCM), with the caveat that OHEB funding challenges exist.
- **C. Jackson** to follow-up with Area staff, M. Farrell, Joy Hillier and Adam Silverstein regarding proposed habitat work on the Skeena.
- **W. Luedke** to share one-pager update to Senior Management on the Cowichan before next WSP meeting.

New Action Items:

- **W. Hamilton** to share Strategy 4 presentations with C. Jackson R:\Policy\WSP\Strategy 4\OpsCittee Strat4 Update Jun 25 2009.ppt and R:\Policy\WSP\Strategy 5\WSP Updates, Fact Sheets & Newsletters\WSPUpdate Nov 2009.ppt
- **W. Hamilton and D. Phelan** to work with Strategy leads to review and update consultation plan.
- **C. Jackson** to work on the content guidelines for an integrated plans.
- **C. Jackson** to follow-up with C. Masson to determine if PACFISH is able to organize information in a CU-basis.
- **C. Jackson** to provide more detailed work plan and reporting for Barclay Sound, Cowichan and FRISSI "pilots".
- **L. Wilson** to follow-up and inform the Team re: South Coast Barclay Sound pilot Area representative.
- **L. Wilson** to follow-up with Communications to develop media lines re: postponement/delay of WSP review.
- **L. Wilson and W. Hamilton** to provide Sheldon Evers with WSP print material for the Lower Fraser First Nation meeting on June 4<sup>th</sup>.

**Deferred:**

- Review of the meeting minutes from April 15, 2010.

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