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Subject: Proposed Port Mann to Sawmill Comprehensive Fisheries Agreement

This is further to the proposed 2011/12 Comprehensive Fisheries Agreement with the bands from the Port Mann bridge to Sawmill Creek area.

While the Department was looking for 20 bands to sign the agreement, only eleven signatures were received from: Kwaw-kwaw-Apilt, Peters, Popkum, Shxw'ow'hamel, Skowkale, Skwah, Sumas, Tzeachten, Union Bar, Yakweakwioose and Yale. Therefore we are unable to move forward on this agreement.

There is still a requirement for a sound management process to plan FSC fisheries, to ensure sustainability for salmon stocks and also to meet our obligations to other First Nations throughout the Fraser River watershed. The Department proposes to continue weekly planning calls with all bands through the summer to discuss in-season information provided by the Pacific Salmon Commission, run sizes adopted by the Fraser Panel, specific fishing arrangements, and fisheries monitoring and catch reporting.

Our next meeting will be held this Wednesday at 11:00 a.m. Sheldon is away from the office this week but please contact Ingrid Anand at ingrid.anand@dfo-mpo.gc.ca or Debra Sneddon at debra.sneddon@dfo-mpo.gc.ca or myself if you have any questions.

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