

**WSP Team Meeting Minutes  
September 14, 2009**

Agenda Item	Discussion Comments	Action Items
<b>Debrief from June 25 Ops Cttee</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Amy presented the 2009/10 WSP Workplan and Budget to Ops Cttee in June</li> <li>○ Ops Cttee recognized the impacts of budget constraints to WSP activities and acknowledged the importance on moving forward with key products</li> <li>○ Discussion on timing and process for WSP review – internal or external reviewer, collaboration with ENGOs and other stakeholders</li> <li>○ Some Sectors' budgets for WSP have been revised downwards (e.g. Science, Policy, OHEB)</li> <li>○ Paul also presented on the proposed planning units and rapid CU assessment process under Strategy 4</li> <li>○ Ops Cttee agreed on the planning unit approach although asked to develop principles to guide the identification of planning units</li> </ul>	<p>Follow up discussion on WSP review – discuss options and present to Ops Cttee; Amy to do a briefing note for decision on how to conduct the review.</p> <p>Paul to work on principles around planning unit selection</p>
<b>Strategy 1 Update</b>	<p>Strategy 1 Planning Workshop – August 18-19, 2009</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Core Science organized workshop with Area stock assessment staff to review workplan elements under Strategy 1</li> <li>○ Yukon CUs and discussion paper to be completed this Fall; Blair to travel to Yukon to consult on CUs</li> <li>○ Carrie has completed benchmarks methodology paper; now with CSAS for final formatting and translation; final draft to be posted online in October</li> <li>○ Blair discussed synoptic status assessment of CUs using COSEWIC criteria, which will be used to identify priorities for future assessment work; half of CUs are data deficient; of remaining half, two-thirds are in the red zone</li> <li>○ Next steps are for Core Science to work with Areas to identify priority CUs, based on synoptic assessments and other information, and then apply benchmarks</li> <li>○ New working group to be established for Strategy 1</li> </ul>	<p>Neil to follow up with Blair on timelines for Yukon CUs.</p> <p>Consultation Secretariat can provide support on consultation of Yukon CUs.</p> <p>Note: should consider how to engage stakeholders on benchmark work</p>
<b>Update on Strategy 2</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ ESSA has revised the habitat indicators paper, which is now under review by Ray and others</li> <li>○ Final draft aimed to be completed by early October</li> <li>○ Habitat status reports to be completed for Cowichan and Barkley (Margaret Wright)</li> <li>○ Further work under WSP web mapping application underway</li> </ul>	<p>Follow up with Bruce/Dwight on the web mapping work</p>

<b>Update on Strategy 4</b>	<p>Barkley Sound Planning Pilot</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Challenges in getting together members of the Steering Committee over the Spring/Summer months</li> <li>○ Barkley production planning model for Chinook underway (contracted Josh Korman); will form the basis of structured decision making model</li> <li>○ Contract underway with Gardiner-Pinfold for economic analysis of Barkley Sound salmon</li> <li>○ Patrick Mahaux from the Policy Branch now managing the SE analysis for Barkley Sound</li> <li>○ Some concerns raised on internal and external communications on Barkley Sound activities</li> </ul> <p>FRSSI</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ FAM has submitted two PSARC requests for Spring 2010: review benchmarks for Fraser sockeye, and review the Fraser sockeye model used to assess management strategies</li> <li>○ Working with Corey Jackson on developing co-management with Fraser First Nations; linkages to WSP integrated planning for broader engagement and seeking technical input; workshop planned for late October with First Nations</li> </ul>	
<b>Review of Strategy 3</b>	<p>Strategy 3 Review at Operations Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Kim to present deck on Oct 8, similar to draft presented to team last June</li> <li>○ Will seek direction on priorities looking forward</li> <li>○ Three components: (a) refine indicators and integrate with Strategy 3; (b) unpack objectives and integrate with Sectors' logic models/business plans; (c) integrate objectives into an assessment framework and collaborate with BC's work on EBM</li> </ul> <p>Barkley Sound Work</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Collaboration w/ Tom Okey of WCVIAMB on their work to develop a coastal zone management plan; AMB to develop an ecosystem overview report</li> <li>○ Report to be drafted on impacts of lake fertilization to Henderson sockeye (CU critical for conservation)</li> <li>○ Undertaking research to profile predator/ scavenger complex in Barkley Sound</li> <li>○ Developing overview report on Somass salmon to look at several factors, e.g. temperature, climate change and migration patterns</li> </ul>	<p>Kim to circulate Strategy 3 deck, prior to team mtg on Sept 28</p> <p>Ecosystem discussion paper will be reviewed through a PSARC workshop either in October or mid-November</p>

<b>Consultations Strategy</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Deborah reviewed draft WSP Consultations Plan</li> <li>○ Stakeholder forum will not be held this year due to budget constraints – instead, we will look to other activities</li> <li>○ Agreement that web tools are convenient and effective way to communicate out information</li> <li>○ Could focus on Barkley pilot as an area of interest since many stakeholders are interested in the pilot</li> <li>○ Raised idea of establishing a WSP advisory group; most thought we should take advantage of existing advisory groups/ consultation mechanisms instead</li> <li>○ Should look into tagging onto existing internal and external meetings to expand profile of WSP</li> </ul>	<p>Additional comments on Consultations Plan to be sent to Deborah</p> <p>Deborah to follow up about addition of the WSP to the A to Z index and search engine function of the DFO webpage</p> <p>WSP Consultation Calendar to be developed as a planning tool for engagement</p>
<b>Next Meeting</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Review Kim's Strategy 3 presentation on Monday, Sept 28 from 1:30 – 4 pm</li> <li>○ Postpone ATK presentation and discussion for future team meeting</li> </ul>	

**Attendees:**

Dave Carter, OHEB  
Wellsley Hamilton, Policy  
Carrie Holt, Science  
Leroy Hop Wo, South Coast  
Ann-Marie Huang, Lower Fraser  
Kim Hyatt, Science  
Sandy Johnston, Yukon  
Diane Lake, Communications  
Amy Mar, Policy  
Deborah Phelan, Policy  
Paul Ryall, FAM  
Neil Schubert, Science