

**Regional Management Committee Meeting  
May 3, 2005**

**Record of Decisions**

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**Attendees:** Boland, J.; Craig, T.; Einarson, D.; Farlinger, S.; Faust, R.; Hobbs, M.; Johal, S.; Kotyk, M.; Luedke, W.; Norris, J.; Radford, D.; Richards, L. (conf. call); Rosenberger, B.; Sprout, P. (chair); Tebb, T.; Webb, C.; Zealand, G. (conf. call)

**Absent:** Phelan, D.; Wild, J.;

**Guests:** Item #3 – P. Chamut; S. Fraser; C. Cross; H. MacAulay; B. Riddell; M. Saunders; A. Thompson

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**1. Great Central Lake Dams: NorskeCanada Divestiture – (Decision) – W. Luedke**

**Issue:** Ownership, maintenance and operation of two dams at the outlets of Great Central Lake (GCL) near Port Alberni.

**Action:**

- What are the implications if we were to embrace this proposal? Legal advice to be sought on this issue.
- Whatever analysis is conducted on this proposal should be applied to other areas of legal liabilities.
- Wilf and Sue to put together a proposal based upon today's discussion and resubmit to RMC for further consideration.

**Responsibility:** W. Luedke/S. Farlinger

**Deadline:** August 9, 2005

**2. RMC Membership – (Decision) – T. Tebb**

**Issue:** Membership of RMC has traditionally made up of all Regional Directors and Area Directors. Prior to Canadian Coast Guard becoming an SOA, the Regional Director of CCG was the only executive from CCG who was a member of RMC. In the interests of strengthening the relationship between DFO and CCG, it is recommended that the composition of the RMC be re-visited.

**Recommendation:** Expand the membership of RMC to include two executive members from CCG at each meeting which would normally include the Assistant Commissioner and one CCG Regional Director.

**Action:** Recommendation agreed upon by all members.

**3. Wild Salmon Policy – (Decision) - M. Hobbs/P. Chamut**

**Issue:** Finalize the Wild Pacific Salmon Policy

**Recommendation:**

- Approve any proposed changes
- Endorse the Wild Pacific Salmon Policy
- Initiate the National approval process

**Action:**

- Above recommendations approved by RMC members.
- It was noted that we need to identify a champion on the implementation side to ensure the WSP is coordinated and followed up on.
- Also it was noted how do the actions in habitat enforcement and fisheries support the policy? Arrangement to be made on the strategic aspects. Communications to lead.

**Responsibility:** M. Hobbs

**Deadline:** Immediate

**4. Modernizing PSARC-RMEC – (Decision) – L. Richards**

**Issue:** Changes to the PSARC – RMEC process are proposed to improve the quality in the peer-review process and the delivery of advisory products. Four key changes are proposed: 1) an open PSARC subcommittee membership that gives all invited scientific and technical experts full participatory rights, 2) a streamlined PSARC subcommittee process for assessments with an approved framework, 3) an increased emphasis on high priority issues with broad implications for conservation and sustainability, and 4) a re-formulated RMEC to consolidate client requests for science advice in a risk management context to identify high priority issues and receive high profile advisory products.

**Recommendation(s):**

1. Preserve the existing PSARC Subcommittee structure to maintain the alignment with the existing Science – Management structure in DFO and provide advice for specific species and Oceans – Habitat issues.
2. Engage in a process to develop a risk management approach to prioritize requests for science advice consistent with the developing National approach. Science Branch will be responsible for consolidating client requests and linking priorities with capacity to deliver. RMEC will approve assessment priorities for PSARC review (see Recommendation 5).
3. Focus on assessment and review of high priority assessments with broad implications. Hold PSARC meetings independent of the subcommittees for cross-cutting topics and themes of special interest.
4. Replace the standing PSARC membership structure. Invite all internal and external participants based on their expertise and objectivity and allow all participants full participatory rights. Selection of participants should be done in such a way that considers the balance among client groups.
5. Re-formulate RMEC with an emphasis on priority setting to identify high profile issues and to review subsequent advisory products. Delegate the review of routine advisory products from PSARC subcommittee meetings to sector management. In cases where the subcommittee advice goes beyond the initial request, RMEC review may still be required.
6. Revise the PSARC Terms-of-References and the Policy Governing Public Participation. The RMEC ToR are presently consistent with a more active role by RMEC in priority setting.

**Action:** There is support for the above approach; however, the priority setting process requires a feedback loop as priorities change. Modifications are to be made to the proposal to include the feedback process. Resubmit to RCM for approval.

**Responsibility:** L. Richards

**Deadline:** June 7, 2005

## 5. Standing Items

- **Record of Decisions and Action Log of April 19<sup>th</sup>:** Modifications required.
- **Review of Planning Agenda – RMC & SDC:** Reviewed and additions noted.
- **Regional & International Calendars:** Reviewed and additions noted.
- **High Profile Litigation:** written update provided.
- **Area Directors' Minutes of Meeting of April 19<sup>th</sup>:** verbal update provided.
- **RMEC:** Next meeting scheduled for May 10<sup>th</sup>.
- **DMC Debrief:** The focus of the last couple of DMCs has been the International Conference on High Seas Fisheries Governance & United Nations Fish Agreement. This is being held from May 1<sup>st</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> in St. John's.
- **Regional Issues:**
  - RDG met with Barbara Burns and her senior staff last week to discuss the services being provided by DOJ to the department.
  - Greg Savard to provide an update on the Williams Review to RMC members. To be coordinated.
- **Roundtable:**
  - **CCG - T. Tebb:** National Maritime Workshop taking place in Victoria on May 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>.
  - **FAM - D. Radford:**
    - Staff busy with Williams Review.
    - Have started to develop a risk based framework for L98 (Luna).
    - Salmon IFMP document should be ready by mid May for Ministerial Approval.
    - Integrated Groundfish group gave a positive presentation oriented towards Fisheries Renewal.
  - **North Coast - D. Einarson:** May open up troll fishery as early as June, depending on DNA approval. June 16<sup>th</sup> is the recommended date for the derby style fishery.
  - **South Coast - W. Luedke:** May 19<sup>th</sup> meeting on fishing plans for Barkley Sound.
  - **B.C. Interior - B. Rosenberger:** conducting a 1 day session, with staff, to look at implications of WSP and how it might work.
  - **Policy - M. Hobbs:** 2004 Cost & Earnings Survey the contract has been awarded. Questionnaire and communications package to go out next week. Survey to follow.
  - **Yukon - G. Zealand:** Dealing with the opening of Chinook on the Taku and Stikine Rivers.

Approved: original signed by P.E. Sprout

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# REGIONAL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

## DECISION PAPER

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**Title: Wild Pacific Salmon Policy**

**Issue: Finalize the Wild Pacific Salmon Policy**

**Background:**

- Minister Regan released the draft WSP December 2004.
- Since then consultations have been ongoing;
  - 246 electronic and written submissions have been received;
  - information briefings upon request with – PFRCC, MCC, PSC, BCAFA Policy Committee, SFAB-Main, SFAB-SC, City of Port Moody, Yukon Salmon Committee, SEHAB, Gulf Trollers Association.
  - 7 city FN information sessions coordinated by DFO and the BCAFC at– Prince Rupert, Prince George, Kamloops, Musqueam, Nanaimo, Port Hardy, Port Alberni;
  - FN bilateral – Haida FN;
  - FN only forum session – February 28-March 1<sup>st</sup>.
  - Multi-interest dialogue forum – March 2/3 with report posted on the DFO website.

**Current Status:**

- Draft revised in response to external input received through the process describe above and internal input from Steering Committee and RMC;
- On April 22, 2005, the revised draft was publicly released in advance of Forums. FN forum scheduled for April 29<sup>th</sup> and general public forum scheduled for April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2005.
- The purpose of forums is to provide opportunity for participants to better understand DFO rationale for direction taken and to provide reaction. Limited change will be considered.
- RMC will be briefed on outcome of forums and on any proposed changes to the document that may result from the final forums.

**Recommendation(s):**

- Approve any proposed changes; and
- Endorse the Wild Pacific Salmon Policy.
- Initiate the national approval process.

**Author:** Mary C. Hobbs

**Approved by:** Mary C. Hobbs

**Date:** April 26, 2005

**Date submitted to RMC:** May 3, 2005

**Press Lines:** (if necessary)

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