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Sent: August 7, 2008 8:50 AM
To: "Brenda McCorquodale"
Subject: RE: ATEK guidelines/ best practices
Hi Brenda,

I think we could work together with the Council's interests to support First Nations capacity and ensure accountability. We would be looking at the Pacific Region scope (BC/Yukon) and application for the Wild Salmon Policy.

I'll talk to Mark Saunders about possible funding through the FSWP. Perhaps we should set up a conference call in the next few weeks?

Thanks,
Amy

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From: Brenda McCorquodale [mailto:fishcouncil@bcfn.ca]
Sent: August 6, 2008 12:06 PM
To: Mar, Amy
Subject: RE: ATEK guidelines/ best practices

Hello Amy –

The Council has had some very preliminary discussions about sponsoring a Centre of Expertise for TEK/LEK, in which funding would be provided for a First Nations organization to develop a specialized expertise in this subject area. We recently had discussions with the new national DFO Oceans Centre of Expertise in TEK, which is also just getting up and running.

There is definitely interest in this field. I would imagine that the Council would likely be interesting in trying to move this forward (it is an item in the B.C. First Nations Fisheries Action Plan), but would want to do it in a manner that allowed capacity to be fostered and developed within the First Nations communities, and allowed First Nations to play a leadership role in developing the focus and outcomes for the initiative – probably looking at housing the effort within an existing AAROM group.

Speaking off the top of my head, I could see us canvassing our tech group, developing an RFP for First Nations at the same time maybe as we work on securing funding for the initiative. There would likely need to be a reporting relationship back to the Council as the effort would be B.C.-wide in focus and there would need to be accountability back to First Nations.

Do you think that would mesh with your approach?

Brenda

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**From:** Mar, Amy [mailto:Amy.Mar@dfo-mpo.gc.ca]  
**Sent:** August 6, 2008 10:46 AM  
**To:** Brenda McCorquodale  
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Hi Brenda,

At our WSP Forum last March, a number of First Nations raised the issue of incorporating ATEK into WSP implementation. We haven't had too many discussions internally as to how we would do this. I understand that a few years ago, Mark Saunders was working on a proposal to develop guidelines for the use of ATK in fisheries management, but this never materialized for various reasons (see attached.)

<<TEKProposal\_MS\_July4\_2006.doc>>

I'd be interested in looking into this again and was wondering whether the Fisheries Council would be interested in partnering on this. We could try to seek funding from the Fraser Salmon & Watershed Program. What are your thoughts on this?

Thanks,  
Amy

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