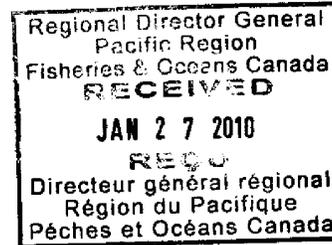




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Paul,

During our meeting on March 31, 2009, you requested that the Pacific Fisheries Resource Conservation Council (PFRCC) undertake stakeholder consultations in order to produce an evaluative framework that would assist in an independent review of the Wild Salmon Policy, as mandated under Action Step 6.2 of strategy 6 (performance review) of the *Canada's Policy for the Conservation of Wild Salmon (2005)*.

Today, I am pleased to deliver the PFRCC report: *Developing a Wild Salmon Policy Review Framework: Stakeholder perspectives on review components*. In brief, the report identifies ten steps that are needed to build a comprehensive review framework. These guiding elements reflect the ideas and views elicited from surveys and discussions held with nineteen major stakeholder groups and individuals representing commercial, labour, First Nation, recreational and regional interests not otherwise actively engaged in the Wild Salmon Policy's policy process.

Briefly, the survey suggests that these stakeholders are generally supportive of the Wild Salmon Policy but would like to be more informed on the policy itself and its current implementation status. There was a general feeling that collaboration among the department and stakeholders, including First Nations, would provide faster and stronger policy results. At the same time, participants were not sure if the Wild Salmon Policy would have the capacity to reverse the detrimental effects that climate change, and its residual consequences, have and will have on the fisheries resource.

The information contained within the report is informative and will provide those conducting the independent review with distinct guidelines on how modifications, if any, need to be undertaken on the Wild Salmon Policy.

In addition to the report, the Council determined that because the actual mandated review of the policy is so important to maintaining the integrity of the Wild Salmon Policy among stakeholders, they wished to attach a Council Advisory to the report. Council advisories are published to succinctly highlight Council's position on particular salmon conservation matters. In this Advisory, the Council places great emphasis on the maintenance of processes that encourage continual evaluation of the Wild Salmon Policy's objectives, complementary strategies, and associated action steps to ensure the Policy remains strong and focused on meeting its goal – conservation of wild Pacific Salmon.

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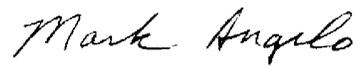
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We appreciate the trust that you have accorded the PFRCC to produce an initial and critical document in preparation for the 2010 mandated independent review of the Wild Salmon Policy. If the Council may provide additional assistance to your department with this review, we would be happy to assist.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mark Angelo".

Mark Angelo
Chair
Pacific Fisheries Resource Conservation Council (PFRCC)