

**WSP Team Meeting Minutes  
December 15, 2009**

Agenda Item	Discussion Comments	Action Items
<b>ATK Discussion (Wellsley)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Wellsley has not received comments on the ATK deck presented at the last meeting.</li> <li>○ Melody and Kim spoke about Local knowledge on the agenda for the Barkley Sound Knowledge Symposium, Feb 9-11, 2010 (<a href="http://www.westcoastaquatic.ca/barkleysymposium/">http://www.westcoastaquatic.ca/barkleysymposium/</a>)</li> <li>○ Possible opportunity to collaborative work on Barkley. Kim suggested Mark Saunders though this was a good opportunity to take advantage of. Contacts Tom Oakey and Katherine Wallace from the West Coast Aquatic Management Board.</li> <li>○ Mark may have \$ set aside for this type of collaboration on ATK.</li> </ul>	<p>Wellsley to discuss local Knowledge Symposium in more detail with Mark Saunders in early January.</p> <p>Wellsley to schedule Operations Committee meeting to discuss scope of WSP – ATK work by April 2010.</p>
<b>Consultations (Deborah)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Paul Ryall made a WSP presentation to the Integrated Harvest Planning Committee (IHPC), Nov 26<sup>th</sup>, 2009</li> <li>○ Kim Hyatt presented Ecosystem approach under Strategy 3 to the Salmon Advisory Group.</li> <li>○ Dave Peacock provided a Conservation Unit (CU) presentation to the Skeena Watershed Committee</li> <li>○ Based on the team's discussion the WSP team will continue with this approach to making presentations and gathering feedback from stakeholders</li> <li>○ Template for stakeholder feedback to be explored by the WSP Team at the next meeting.</li> <li>○ It is the responsibility of DFO staff making presentations on WSP to capture feedback from stakeholders, in writing, and submit it to the WSP team, by the next scheduled WSP meeting.</li> </ul>	<p>Wellsley to circulate notes from IHPC WSP presentation</p> <p>Kim Hyatt to provide written notes before the next WSP meeting. Kim to follow-up with David for written notes.</p> <p>Wellsley to send a copy of a suggested stakeholder feedback template to the WSP team before the next meeting.</p> <p>Policy to follow-up with Blair re: Yukon CU paper consultations in January.</p> <p>Deborah to update WSP consultation calendar prior to next meeting.</p>
<b>WSP Review (Wellsley)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Strategy 6 commits to independent review of WSP by June 2010</li> <li>○ No progress on evaluation note to the RDG due to policy team transition of WSP file</li> <li>○ Awaiting PFRCC evaluation framework (to be released in Dec 2009)</li> </ul>	<p>WSP Team to review PFRCC draft framework following its release</p> <p>Lisa/Wellsley to complete an evaluation decision note and send a copy to the team as an fyi by the end of February.</p>

<b>Judicial Inquiry (Wellsley)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Judicial Inquiry announced by the PM Nov 5<sup>th</sup>, 2009</li> <li>○ The Regional Judicial Inquiry team, in coordination with NHQ, is responsible for making sure that we are acting in accordance with the <i>Inquiries Act</i>.</li> <li>○ Judicial Inquiry team is drafting a TB submission to seek additional resources.</li> <li>○ Currently, the operational impacts to the WSP team are unclear and need to be discussed.</li> <li>○ At this time, we have been directed to continue with business as usual.</li> <li>○ Where our work involves stakeholder engagement and directly links to the inquiry we should seek guidance from the Judicial Inquiry team and Senior Management briefings may be required.</li> </ul>	<p>WSP workplanning session should be scheduled by Lisa for February. Team should review the WSP work plan with the Inquiry in mind</p> <p>Policy to keep the WSP Team informed of any challenges with completing WSP implementation tasks due to the Inquiry.</p>
<b>Web Mapping Application Presentation (Dwight McCullough)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Intended as a readily accessible website for all WSP products. To help improve government transparency.</li> <li>○ Linkages with other data sets, not a duplication of mapster or other data applications.</li> <li>○ OHEB staff received training. Interest in training for staff and external parties, more discussion should take place about this at the next WSP meeting.</li> <li>○ At present the application is a shell that needs to be populated with information.</li> <li>○ Barkley Sound information to be uploaded this year. Money put aside to upload 3 habitat status reports this year.</li> <li>○ Responsibility of Strategy leads to send the data for uploading to Dwight eg. Blair's Yukon CUs.</li> </ul>	<p>Heather to send Melody and Wellsley the original spreadsheet outlining the web application priorities in December.</p> <p>Status on budget proposal and estimate of cost for the Yukon CUs requested by the team. Melody to work with Dwight to glean this information by January.</p> <p>Group to discuss how often we update the webmapping application and understand the cost associated at the next Team meeting.</p>
<b>Strategy 1 Update (Ray Lauzier for Neil Shubert)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Hardcopies of Habitat Indicators paper being mailed today. Translation of abstract already completed</li> <li>○ No update on Yukon CU progress or new Strategy 1 working group</li> </ul>	<p>Ray to send Wellsley link for Habitat indicators paper to be posted on WSP website in January.</p> <p>Ray to distribute Habitat Indicators Paper to distribution list next week and include in next quarterly newsletter</p>
<b>Strategy 2 Update (Melody)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Melody Farrell followed up with Bruce Adkins in regards to ATK considerations for Habitat Status Reports</li> <li>○ Margaret Wright working on 1<sup>st</sup> habitat status report, a facilitator has been secured</li> <li>○ Discussions to involve First Nations, possible pilot</li> </ul>	<p>Melody to circulate the statement of work for the Sarita River to the group in advance of next meeting</p>

	<p>opportunity for ATK on the Sarita River project.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Expecting significant resources for Sarita River Watershed Habitat Status Reporting</li> </ul>	
<b>Strategy 3 Update (Kim)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Response of the Salmon Advisory Group to the Strategy 3 presentation was generally positive and there seemed to be an overall understanding of the approach that was presented.</li> <li>○ Kim clarified to the Salmon Advisory group that we will not be able to implement the entire approach all at once.</li> <li>○ Sector specific implications of the Strategy 3 Ecosystems approach will need to be identified, as the WSP Team is not in a position to be prescriptive.</li> <li>○ Lisa, Kim, and Melody attended a Provincial <i>Water Act</i> Modernization meeting last week. Potential opportunity to link with WSP.</li> </ul>	<p>Kim to write Ecosystem discussion paper and deliver to WSP group in mid- January 2010</p> <p>Kim responsible for workshop similar to Strategy 1 Habitat Indicator Workshop to be set up for late February/early March</p>
<b>Strategy 4 Update (Corey)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Paul Ryall now working on Inquiry full time.</li> <li>○ Corey Jackson to fill in on WSP team for Paul. Corey responsible for PICFI co-management, links with work on pilot projects.</li> </ul> <p>Barkley Sound</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ At a recent knowledge symposium Don Hall from the Nuchah-nulth Tribal Council identified \$ for Barkley Sound harvest monitoring</li> <li>○ PICFI likely to provide additional \$ for a facilitator</li> <li>○ WCVI wants to see more of DFO, interested in clearer understanding of how WSP will affect the status quo</li> <li>○ Corey in communication with Ben Hoffman and Don Radford, re: ensuring flow of information about the Barkley Sound pilot</li> <li>○ Josh Korman has been contracted to start work on the Barkley production planning model for Chinook; obtaining data from internal staff has been a challenge</li> <li>○ Contract underway with Gardiner-Pinfold for economic analysis of Barkley Sound CUs</li> <li>○ Upcoming Barkley Sound Steering Committee next week.</li> <li>○ Barkley Sound Knowledge Symposium organized by Aquatic Management Board in early Feb. 2010</li> </ul> <p>Fraser River Salmon Spawning Initiative (FRSSI)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Joint DFO and First Nation group discussion regarding upcoming FRSSI Forum meeting.</li> <li>○ Paul Ryall may be able to participate.</li> </ul> <p>Skeena</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Corey attended meeting in Terrace.</li> <li>○ DFO is only one player in the Skeena Watershed process.</li> <li>○ Moore Foundation providing significant funding</li> <li>○ Good modeling taking place on the technical side</li> </ul>	<p>WSP team to discuss challenges related to developing benchmarks in data poor areas in further detail at the next WSP meeting.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Other issues exist regarding socio-economic implications</li> <li>○ Concerns with regards to Chinook methodology, short-term vs. long term modeling.</li> <li>○ A challenge existed since GIS maps for this area are dated and CU updates and changes aren't showing up on the current maps</li> <li>○ Also finding it difficult to develop benchmarks in areas that are data poor, there is a need to capture additional information.</li> </ul>	
<b>Next Meeting</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ To be scheduled for end of January</li> <li>○ Introduce Lisa Wilson as Amy's replacement while on maternity leave as of Dec 1<sup>st</sup></li> <li>○ Review Kim Hyatt's Ecosystem Approach discussion paper.</li> <li>○ Discuss Web mapping priorities and what we would like to see happen next.</li> </ul>	

**Attendees:**

Melody Farrell, OHEB  
Shaun Davies, North Coast  
Wellsley Hamilton, Policy  
Kim Hyatt, Science  
Deborah Phelan, Policy  
Corey Jackson, FAM  
Ray Lauzier, Science

**Guests:**

Dwight McCullough  
Heather Stahlberg