

**DFO Aboriginal Aquatic Resource and Oceans Management (AAROM) Program
Fraser River and South Coast Groups
(with member Bands and INAC band numbers, as of August/2010)**

A-Tlegay Fisheries Society

622 - We Wai Kum (Campbell River)
623 - We Wai Kai (Cape Mudge)
624 - Komox
637 - Tlowitsis
628 - Kwiakah

Objectives:

- Support core technical and administrative capacity
- Facilitate the beginnings of a mid-Vancouver Island AAROM group to increase DFO engagement with First Nations.
- Anticipated participation in the following process: PNCIMA (Pacific North Coast Integrated Management Area), Area B Harvest Planning, FRAFS, Fraser River and Approach Working Group, Island and Marine Aquatic WG, Chum WG, Pacific Integrated herring harvest, Pacific salmon Integrated Harvest Planning Committee, and other DFO advisory meetings for various species

First Nations Marine Society

642 - Cowichan	634 - Ehattesaht
627 - Gwawaenuk	552 - Homalco
553 - Klahoose	646 - Lyackson
647 - Malahat	652 - Pauquachin
651 - Qualicum	554 - Sliammon
649 - Snaw Naw As (Nanoose)	648 - Snuneymuxw
555 - Squamish	653 - Tsartlip
654 - Tsawout	655 - Tseycum
657 - T'Sou-ke	622 - Wei Wai Kum
623 - Wei Wai Kai	624 - Comox
637 - Tlowitsis	628 - Kwiakah

Objectives:

- Provide core capacity to engage in technical discussion with DFO on fisheries matters related to the interest of their membership
- Coordination of the FSC fishery on behalf of member FNs (mostly east coast Vancouver Island) for Fraser sockeye

Fraser River Aboriginal Fisheries Secretariat] (FRAFS) (administered by Nicola Tribal Association):

694 - Cook's Ferry	Secwepemc (group listing on page 3)
693 - Coldwater	1049 - Carrier Sekani TC
696 - Nicomen	1153 - Sto:lo TC
697 - Upper Nicola	1126 - Sto:lo Nation
698 - Shackan	583 - Chawathil
699 - Nooaitch [Nuaitch]	615 - Saik'uz

706 – Siska
 600 - Splatsin (previously Spallumcheen)
 684 - Adams Lake
 691 - Simpcw (North Thompson Band)
 575 – Tzeachten
 576 – Yakweakwioose
 578 - Sumas First Nation
 581 - Seabird Island
 550 - Musqueam
 559 - Chehalis
 563 - Katzie
 577 - Tsawwassen First Nation
 589 - Yale First Nation
 695 - Lower Nicola
 703 - High Bar

617 - Tl'azt'en
 711 - Esketemc
 713 - Canim Lake
 716 - Soda Creek
 719 - Williams Lake
 720 - Nazko
 723 - Canoe Creek

Objectives:

- To continue to provide communications and biological/technical support services for First Nations in the Fraser Watershed to:
 - enhance FN knowledge of issues around management of fisheries on Fraser River salmon, and their ability to engage with DFO at the local level on a wide range of fisheries issues;
 - enhance FN ability to engage with DFO in the formation of watershed collaborative fisheries management and consultative processes; and

(Note: This is a large umbrella organization covering the lower, mid, upper Fraser First Nations. Overall direction is provided through an executive committee made up of both DFO and First Nation members.)

Lower Fraser Aboriginal Fishery Assembly (administered by Sumas)

1153 - Sto:lo Tribal Council (see listing below)
 550 - Musqueam
 565 - Matsqui
 559 - Chehalis
 1126 - Sto:lo Nation (see listing below)

Sto:lo Tribal Council

581 - Seabird Island	564 - Kwantlen
568 – Scowlitz	587 - Shxw'ow'hamel
572 – Soowahlie	583 - Chawathil
580 - Kwaw'Kwaw'Apilt	584 – Cheam

Sto:lo Nation

558 – Aitchelitz	570 - Shxwha:y
579 - Leq'a:mel	574 - Squiala
565 – Matsqui	578 - Sumas
585 – Popkum	575 - Tzeachten
582 – Skawahlook	576 - Yakweakwioose
571 – Skowkale	

Objectives:

- Provide basic support to re-establish a Lower Fraser Forum to facilitate Tier 1 (FN to FN) discussions on fisheries.
- Anticipated outcome is the development of an effective participation model for Lower Fraser River First Nations to address common issues while maintaining their individual watershed/sub-watershed AFS and AAROM groups.
- Initial focus will be at Tier 1 with anticipated plans to engage with DFO once the FN to FN model is firmly established.

(Note: This is a new initiative that started up in 2009/10 aimed at succeeding the Lower Fraser Aboriginal Resource Management organization. It is currently in the very initial stages of AAROM capacity building.)

Musgamagw Territorial Marine Mgt Society (MTMMS)

636 - Tswataineuk
625 - Kwicksutaineuk Ah-kwaw-ah-mish
627 - Gwawaenuk

Objectives:

- Focus has been on community dialogue to discuss the AAROM program and to secure interest and support.

(Note: Scope of this group (Johnstone Strait area) is currently very limited as it is at a very early stage of AAROM involvement (initiated in 2009))

Secwepemc Fisheries Commission (SFC)

688 - Kamloops	600 - Splatins (previously Spallumcheen)
689 - Little Shuswap Band	684 - Adams Lake
690 - Neskonlith	686 - Bonaparte
691 - Simpcw (North Thompson Band)	687 - Skeetchestn
605 - Shuswap	702 - Whispering Pines/Clinton

Objectives:

- Participate in, and in some cases organize, internal and external consultations (Tier 1, 2 and 3).
- Provide technical assistance and information exchange for member First Nations.
- Build capacity through education, communications and provision of technical assistance for the three Columbia River First Nations.
- Identify and develop economic opportunities consistent with DFO programs and policies.(e.g. PICFI demonstration fisheries)
- Develop and implement 2010 FSC fishing plans for member First Nations.

(Note: This is a well established AAROM group (since 2003) with excellent administrative and technical capacity.)

Upper Fraser Fishers Conservation Alliance (UFFCA):

608 - Takla Lake	709 - Alexandria
611 - Lheidli T'enneh	710 - Alexis Creek
612 - Nadleh Whuten	711 - Esketeme
613 - Stelat'en	712 - Tl'etinqox-t'in
614 - Nak'azdli	713 - Canim Lake
615 - Saik'uz	714 - Xenl Gwet'in (Nemiah I.B.)
617 - Tl'azt'en Nation	716 - Soda Creek

619 - Burns Lake

717 - Stone
719 - Williams Lake
723 - Canoe Creek

Objectives:

- Participate in, and in some cases organize, internal and external consultations (Tier 1, 2 and 3).
- Provide technical assistance and information exchange for member First Nations.
- Maintain UFFCA infrastructure and operations to benefit member First Nations.
- Identify and develop economic opportunities consistent with DFO programs and policies.(e.g. PICFI demonstration fisheries)

Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council (NTC)

634 – Ehattesaht	662 - Ditidaht
630 - Mowachaht/Muchalaht	663 - Huu-ay-aht
638 - Ka:'yu:'k't'h'/Che:k:tles7et'h' F	664 - Hupacasath
639 – Nuchatlaht	665 - Tseshaht
658 - Pacheedaht	666 - Toquaht
659 – Ahousaht	667 - Uchucklesaht
660 - Tla-o-qui-aht	668 - Ucluelet
661 – Hesquiaht	

Objectives:

- Core capacity (administrative and technical) to effectively engage with DFO on matters affecting member FNs (west coast of Vancouver Island) related to policy, fisheries management, and resource management.
- Build individual and community capacity.
- Progress towards cooperative, multi-sectoral ecosystem management.
- Improve monitoring and compliance, including First Nation catch monitoring.

First Nations Fisheries Council

This is a province-wide group largely aimed at facilitating Tier 1 and 2 (limited) processes. Management and technical capacity are being developed. Currently in capacity building phase but with additional funding support from other DFO programs such as PICFI.

Objectives:

- Support existing organization, including administrative and technical capacity.
- Facilitate engagement opportunities between the FNFC and the approximately 200 First Nation communities in BC (Tier 1 support).
- Advance the FNFC role as a liaison between FN's in the Region and DFO in bringing forward FN perspectives and recommendations on issues of regional scope.
- Facilitate joint DFO-FNFC work planning through work groups, the newly formed Joint Coordination Committee, and Executive Council meetings.
- Implement the newly mandated Council structure of the FNFC.
- Support the annual BC First Nation Fisheries Assembly.
- PICFI support provided to engage FN and work with DFO toward co-management, including development of a joint DFO-FN Co-Management Framework.

Pacific Salmon Commission – FN Caucus support

Objectives:

- Continued participation of FN representatives in the Commission, Panel and Technical Committees.
- Dissemination of information from Pacific Salmon Commission meetings to FN organizations and feedback comments on priority issues.

(Note: The Pacific Salmon Commission is the international organization established in 1985 through the Canada/U.S. Pacific Salmon Treaty. Its primary goal is to carry out the obligations of the treaty with respect to the conservation and the equitable sharing of responsibilities and benefits flowing from the Pacific salmon resource.)

Okanagan Nation Alliance (ONA):

596 – Osoyoos	601 - Westbank
597 – Penticton	697 - Upper Nicola
598 - Lower Similkameen	616 - Okanagan
599 - Upper Similkameen	

Objectives:

- Continue the development of administrative and technical capacity
- Support Aquatic Resource Management and Stewardship (variety of stewardship and capacity building management activities). Examples include training, stock assessment, habitat assessment and restoration projects; develop transboundary partnerships to coordinate transboundary fisheries projects and information sharing.
- Participate in the Fraser River technical processes; participate in the development of inter-tribal processes in the Fraser watershed.

Canadian Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fisheries Commission/CCRIFC

602 - St. Mary's
603 - Tobacco Plains
604 - ?Akisq'nuk (Columbia Lake Band)
606 - Lower Kootenay

Lillooet Tribal Council:

595 - Tsal'alh
593 - T'it'q'et
591 - Sewk'elw'as
590 - Xwisten
556 - N'Quatqua

(Note: Initial capacity building phase with focus on local fisheries management.)

Nlaka'pamux Nation Tribal Council:

685 - Ashcroft	704 - Kanaka Bar
692 - Oregon Jack Creek	700 - Boothroyd
705 - Lytton	701 - Boston Bar
707 - Skuppah	708 - Spuzzum

(Note: Initial capacity building phase with focus on local fisheries management.)