

2010 POST-SEASON MEETING  
BRIEFING FOR THE CANADIAN COMMISSIONERS  
January 11-15, 2010  
Vancouver, BC

**Fraser River Panel**

MEETING PLAN

Session Objectives:

1. Conduct a detailed review of the 2009 Fraser River sockeye and pink salmon returns, fishery performance, special conservation actions and escapement levels and provide a summary of this information to the Commission.
2. During this session Canada will be providing updates on; 2009 Fraser River sockeye escapements and an update on Canada's escapement plans for Fraser River sockeye. Canada will not be providing the 2010 Fraser River sockeye salmon forecast.
3. Discuss management performance and accountability issues with respect to meeting bilateral conservation objectives.
4. Initiate pre-season planning process requirements and issues for 2010.
5. **Canada Evidence Act s.38**

Outstanding and Upcoming Issues:

- Extensive fishery management actions were taken to limit harvest of Fraser River sockeye in 2009 in order to meet spawning ground targets. The final in-season estimate of potential spawner abundance is 1.055M. Preliminary escapement data for the Early Stuart, Early Summer and Summer runs indicate escapements will be near expected. There are no indications of elevated levels of pre-spawn mortality. Late run data is expected to be available at the January meetings.
- Considerations for changes to Fraser River sockeye management groups will be discussed as part of the update Canada will provide on sockeye escapement planning .
- **Canada Evidence Act s.38**

Attachments:

- draft FRP agenda for the January 2010 meeting
- **Canada Evidence Act s.38**

- December 17, 2009

**DRAFT AGENDA  
PACIFIC SALMON COMMISSION  
FRASER RIVER PANEL  
January 11-15, 2010  
Starting Tuesday January 12 at 11:00am  
Sheraton Wall Center, Vancouver, BC**

1. Agenda.
2. Review of 2009 management season  
Staff
3. Review of preliminary post-season data for 2009  
Staff/DFO
  - a. Preliminary spawning escapement estimates for 2009  
DFO
  - b. Review of 2009 Qualark acoustic program  
H. Enzenhofer
  - c. Implications of post-season data for differences between estimates  
Staff
4. TAC calculations arising from 2009 management season  
Panel
5. SFU think tank on 2009 Fraser sockeye returns and summary statement  
Staff/Panel
6. **Litigation Privilege**
7. **Canada Evidence Act s.38**
8. Considerations for changes to Fraser River Sockeye Management Groups  
Staff
9. 2010 Pre-season planning items  
Staff/DFO
  - a. Schedule for review and release of 2010 Pre-season forecasts for Fraser River sockeye DFO
  - b. Future steps for development of 2010 Escapement plan and opportunities for Panel Input DFO

- c. Draft test fishing start and end dates for 2010  
Staff/Panel
- 10. Southern Endowment Fund topics  
Staff/Panel
  - a. Continuing projects funded in 2010 and funding prospects for the 2010 cycle M.  
Griswold or A. Mackay
  - b. Progress reports on some projects related to Fraser Panel management
    - i. Exploration of methods to estimate Mid-Channel abundance at Mission  
Y. Xie
    - ii. Review of 2009 Count on Salmon program  
K. English
- 1. Status of Marine Stewardship Certification of Salmon fisheries in BC  
DFO
- 2. Schedule for decisions regarding funding of 2010 test fisheries under Larocque  
DFO/Panel
- 3. Other Business
  - a. Status of Minutes and Annual reports  
Staff/Reviewers
  - b. Finalization of Pre-season meeting schedule  
Panel
  - c. Next Meeting

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**DRAFT AGENDA  
PACIFIC SALMON COMMISSION  
FRASER RIVER PANEL TECHNICAL COMMITTEE  
January 11-15, 2010  
Starting Monday January 12 at 8:30am  
Sheraton Wall Center, Vancouver, BC**

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2. Review of preliminary post-season data for 2009  
Staff/DFO
  - a. Implications of post-season data for differences between estimates  
Staff
1. TAC calculations arising from 2009 management season  
Panel
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Staff
3. Canada Evidence Act s.38
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  - a. Draft test fishing start and end dates for 2010  
Staff/Panel
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  - a. Next Meeting





