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Hi All,

As you may know the NSTC Fisheries Department has been indicating that they will be assuming responsibility for stock assessment in the Traditional Territories of the NStQ over time. We hope to work with DFO STAD to ensure that this happens in a collaborative manner. There is no reason that NStQ cannot be doing this work alongside DFO, funding as I understand it, is not really the issue, capacity issues if any can be quickly resolved. In addition this is not a issue for DFO to decide on alone so it will require effort from both sides to ensure a strategy is in place for transition and collaboration for the coming years. I recommend we start this fall to ensure greater NStQ involvement in sockeye assessment activities in their traditional territory in 2010.

That being said, we have been trying to engage STAD in pre-season discussions or at the least requesting information on DFO's planned activities in the NStQ Traditional Territories for several years, I believe my email records indicate since 2005. On the part of STAD this engagement has been minimal to say the least. So that being said, I am requesting that DFO provide us with a comprehensive plan on stock assessment activities planned for 2009 in the NStQ Traditional Territory and that we discuss these activities as well as NStQ involvement in those activities. We are well aware of the Procurement Strategy and would like to ensure that those persons that have applied from the NStQ Communities or local area have reasonable opportunity for employment with DFO in 2009.

In addition I would like to discuss with you the methodology for the Mark/Recapture program, namely the recapture component for the Horsefly and other streams that this may occur on in the 2009 in the NStQ Traditional Territory.

Thank you and look forward to hearing from you in a timely manner to establish a date and time for a meeting to discuss these issues.

Respectively,

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