

Action Status following November, 12 FRP small group meeting November 13, 2009

Item	Action Status
1. Distribution of Fraser River Aboriginal Fishery Exemption (AFE) (pre-season and in-season)	Agreed draft of paragraph 3(d) completed November 12, 2009. The AFE allocation approach described was tested in 2009 and will undergo further technical review to ensure there are no outstanding issues with implementing the agreed approach.
2. Management groups	Composition of current 4 management groups can be changed by Panel agreement without Annex revision. Changes to number of management groups require Annex revision. Current composition of management groupings is causing issues for management. Changes to the composition and number of management groups could affect the implementation of Canada's escapement plan and change the harvest patterns on specific stock components. Thus, any proposed changes would require consultation and DFO science review. It is unlikely that such review could be completed prior to February 2010. Canada has developed a work plan to address technical issues related to potential changes to the composition of management groups.
3. Proportional sharing across management groups	Canada and the United States are considering a proposal to address this issue.
4. Review all occurrences of phrase "unless otherwise agreed" and its variants	Resolved February 9, 2009.
5. Incorporate Commission Guidance and any proposed changes into Annex	Agreed draft finalized September 30, 2009. A work group has been established to ensure that the new paragraph 8 is consistent with existing language in Chapter 4 (paragraph 3(a)).
6. Term of agreement	To be resolved at Commission level as per their instruction.
7. Test fishing policy	Final agreed document formally approved by Fraser Panel and the Commission.
8. Document PSC staff and Party responsibilities	Staff completed a draft which lists PSC staff, Fraser River Panel and Party duties and responsibilities. Most of the language was drawn directly from the Aug. 13, 1985 Diplomatic note (p. 126-130 in Treaty). A working group lead by the co-chairs of the Fraser River Panel Technical Committee will review the draft to ensure it is complete and consistent with current practices. The final product will be a new Diplomatic note to accompany the revised Annex IV, Chapter 4
9. Treatment of Alaska Catch in TAC calculations	To be resolved at Commission level as per their instruction.