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Subject: FW: science & FM

John: I am copying this for your information and, as well, have passed this to Don, Rebecca and Laura. Paul

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From: Chamut, Pat
Sent: July 16, 2003 10:39 AM
To: Sprout, Paul
Cc: Bevan, David; Watson-Wright, Wendy
Subject: RE: science & FM

Paul; I agree with your response. I have spoken to Wendy and Laura about the significant tensions between staff of the two sectors. This is not just a rumour that circulates among members of the industry, and who then dismiss it as something more perception than reality. It has been raised frequently, most recently by members of the industry who met the DM yesterday. There are differences of view about some fundamental policy issues, and a strong concern that there is a lack of coordinated direction on many issues associated with conservation of the resource. We need to come to ground on issues associated with Wild Salmon Policy, but there are also divisive views on the Precautionary Approach, and how to implement, and on relative roles and responsibilities. A discussion to address differing views is overdue, and cannot be ignored. I think that the session we have discussed for early August to talk about WSP will be a good starting point.

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From: Sprout, Paul
Sent: Wednesday, July 16, 2003 1:17 PM
To: Richards, Laura
Cc: Watson-Wright, Wendy; Chamut, Pat; Davis, John (Pacific); Radford, Don
Subject: RE: science & FM

Laura: I think if you had asked Garnet Jones or some others on this point they would have been more specific. My understanding is that there is a difference in thinking and philosophy between some members of science and others in the region on fisheries impacts and direction. These differences reflect, I think, confusion around SARA and the Wild Salmon Policy and uncertainty over DFO direction relative to conservation and fisheries economic development. I expect that these differences have been exacerbated by staff changes, budget problems and the growing pains of the new area model. All of this I think is not news to you - in fact you raised several of these same points at our meeting last week. In the end though it is certainly the perception of a number of people I have spoken with that there are differences in thinking between science and others. The question now is explore the source of the differences and then move forward with an action plan to address the gap and find ways of improving the situation. With this in mind I want to start by discussing the progress on the Wild Salmon Policy, better understand how SARA complements departmental direction rather than leads the direction and consider how to bridge differences in thinking or at a minimum clarify roles and responsibilities. My expectation is that you and I will work with others, including Ottawa, to move this ahead. Paul

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From: Richards, Laura
Sent: July 16, 2003 9:01 AM
To: Sprout, Paul
Cc: Radford, Don; Watson-Wright, Wendy; Davis, John (Pacific)
Subject: science & FM

Paul - During the July 11 meeting with the Canadian members of the Fraser Panel, Tom Bird made a comment about a "perception of a disconnect" between fisheries management and science. I talked to him after the meeting and asked for clarification. He said first, that the issue was one of "perception" that was "out there". I had the impression that he did not really believe that the issue was real. Secondly, he attributed the perception to the turnover of staff within fisheries management, such that the clients (and also science staff) were uncertain about who to talk to. I pressed him for additional details or issues, but he could not offer any additional concerns. I thought you would appreciate this clarification. Laura