

Fraser Salmon & Watersheds Program



Fraser Basin Council



2009/10 FINAL REPORT

FSWP File Number* LR 74

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1. Project Information

1.1. Project Title

Integrated Salmon Dialogue Forum – Year 3

1.2. Proponent's Legal Name

Fraser Basin Council Society

1.3. Project Location

Vancouver, BC

1.4. Contact for this report

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1.5 Funding Amount

Original Approved Grant Amount:	Total FSWP Expenditures:	Final Invoice Amount:	Final Non-FSWP leveraging, including cash and in-kind:
\$100,000	\$39,822.24	Refund of \$40,177.76 to be provided	\$247,000

2. Project Summary

Please provide a single paragraph describing your project, its objectives, and the results. As this summary may be used in program communications, clearly state the issue(s) that were addressed and avoid overly technical descriptions. Maximum 300 words.

The Integrated Salmon Dialogue Forum (ISDF) is a collaborative and inclusive forum for all interests to work towards a fully integrated and sustainable salmon fishery in ways that respects the Wild Salmon Policy and serves both people and salmon. Key outcomes this year included:

- Development of a draft *Guidebook*, a tool to assist managers and users and interests alike in improving decision-making processes associated with salmon, and their roles and responsibilities in these processes, and the core principles related to improved decision making and multi interest engagement.
- Development of a draft Framework that will be further refined in the coming year using the Chinook Fishery as an example.

A key new initiative in 2009/10 was the creation of the Monitoring and Compliance Panel, with cross-sectoral membership and independent process management. The Monitoring and

Compliance Panel aspires to promote fair, practical, and effective monitoring and compliance practices and policies critical to sound fisheries management. Specific outcomes of this panel this year include:

- The release of *Fishery Monitoring in the Pacific Region: Charting our Course*, a document that define principles, objectives and standards that will lead to the development of a more robust and inclusive monitoring and compliance framework and outline steps that Fisheries and Oceans and the M&C Panel believe are required to produce practical necessary changes.
- Fraser River Salmon Table / Integrated Salmon Dialogue Forum Field Trip: A field trip was conducted on the Harrison River/Lower Fraser gravel reach fisheries in October 2009 to observe FN and Recreational fisheries. It was then followed up by public workshop on Oct 22, 2009 on Monitoring and Compliance of salmon fisheries in the Fraser River hosted by the Chehalis First Nation at the Chehalis Healing House (Sts'ailes Lhawathet Lalem).

OPTIONAL Please give a short statement (up to 100 words) of the most compelling activity or outcome from your project.

3. Final Project Results and Effectiveness

3.1 Copy EXPECTED OUTCOMES from your detailed proposal and insert into this section. Add additional rows as needed. Then please list the FINAL OUTCOMES (the tangible end products resulting from this work) associated with expected outcome.

If FINAL OUTCOMES differ from the original EXPECTED OUTCOMES please describe why, and the implications for the project.

EXPECTED OUTCOMES	FINAL OUTCOMES
1. Deepening of relationships and understanding of diverse interests and perspectives, and areas of common ground for building a platform for shared action.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ISDF has been strengthened as a forum for dialogue on difficult fisheries management issues • Continued engagement from all sectors in three meetings of the ISDF as well as one "Widening the Circle" event
2. Establishment of a multi-sector monitoring and compliance panel to improve the level of trust and understanding – amongst sectors in M&C programs and their credibility; and among the public in proper management overall.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • M&C Panel established and functioning at a high level, with strong involvement from all sectors/interests other than provincial government • In addition to completion of "Charting our Course" report, the M&C panel worked to define a detailed workplan for coming year

	to complete specific projects that improve monitoring and compliance of salmon fisheries.
3. Inventory of existing fisheries related governance processes, their desired outcomes and effectiveness, evaluated by scale and opportunity for enhancement/rationalization.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draft governance guidebook developed by Governance Tools working group.
4. Initial framework and associated principles to support collaborative fisheries governance in BC.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draft governance framework developed by Governance Tools working group.

3.2 Please evaluate the EFFECTIVENESS of your project in achieving Project Objectives. Please identify the indicators you have used to measure the effectiveness of your project. Please include any notable successes or challenges.

Successes

- Participants from a broad range of sectors continue to engage in positive and useful discussions.
- Due to focused workplan, the Monitoring and Compliance Panel has completed specific products which members of
- Informal feedback from participants as well as interested members of sector groups indicates that they generally understand and support the work of the M&C Panel

Challenges

- The work of the broader ISDF and Governance Tools group has taken more time than anticipated to complete
- Because of the broad nature of this work, it has taken some time to focus the work. This year's focus on Chinook will hopefully assist in grounding the work of this group.
- Communicating the results of the ISDF and M&C Panel to the broader fisheries community remains challenging – those who participate understand and value the work, but it is challenging at times to keep those not at the table informed and on-board.

3.3 REQUIRED: attach all DOCUMENTATION of Final Outcomes, and LIST attachments here. These may include technical reports, maps, photos, evidence of communications, lists of meeting participants, etc.

Integrated Salmon Dialogue Forum

- Summary Notes for April 7, 2009 ISDF meeting
- Agenda/Outline for Oct 26, 2009 ISDF Meeting
- Summary Notes for Oct 26, 2009 ISDF Meeting
- Agenda for January 20, 2010 Widening the Circle meeting
- Draft Final Report for January 20, 2010 Widening the Circle meeting
- Agenda ISDF Meeting - Monday, March 29, 2010
- Draft Discussion Paper on Value and Benefits

ISDF Governance Tools

- Summary Notes for June 18, 2009 Governance Tools meeting
- Background: The Framework and the Guidebook (from December 4, 2009 Think Tank)
- Draft Guidebook and Framework (September 29, 2009)

- Framework Draft Status, March 31, 2010

Monitoring and Compliance Panel

- Monitoring and Compliance Panel Draft Rolling TOR (April 2010)
- Fishery Monitoring in the Pacific Region Charting Our Course Report – Final Draft for Distribution (April 2010)
- Notes from March 29, 2009 M&C Panel Meeting
- Working drafts still undergoing revision by the M&C Panel and working group
 - Working Restorative Practices for Engaging Communities
 - Incentives & Penalties to Ensure Compliance
 - Overall Compliance Recommendations
 - Principles of Restorative Justice-v1 Dec 2, 2009 Notes
 - Proposal for Community Based Peacemakers-pilot strategy

3.4 Please describe how the benefits of this project will be sustained and/or be built upon into the future. What are the planned next steps, or recommendations for further work, if applicable?

Continued work to be funded by DFO (PICFI) in order to build on next steps.

Specific next steps include:

- **Completion of Guidebook and Framework, using Chinook fishery as an example in order to provide recommendations for improved governance process.**
- **Focus of M&C Panel includes:**
 - **Piloting the application of best practices for monitoring as identified in “Charting Our Course” in a specific fishery (Project 1)**
 - **Development of a communications plan in order to better communicate the results of M&C Panel (Project 2)**
 - **Development of a Peacemaker Training program in order to build capacity within various sectors for improving compliance practices (Project 4)**
- **Putting modest resources into continuing broader discussion and information sharing, focusing on a Widening the Circle gathering in early 2011.**

3.5 What are the top three lessons learned from this project that could be useful to communicate to others doing similar work in the Basin?

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