

First Nations Fisheries Council

February 2011 Communiqué



FIRST NATIONS
FISHERIES COUNCIL

FNFC Working Groups Community Dialogue Sessions

Both the Co-Management Working Group and Food, Social & Ceremonial (FSC) Working Group will be hosting a series of community dialogue sessions in February and March 2011. The community dialogue sessions will be an opportunity for participants to provide direction to the Working Groups and the First Nations Fisheries Council on key questions and critical issues of importance for First Nations with respect to both Co-management and FSC fisheries.

The Co-management Working Group will kick-off the community dialogue sessions with a two-day Tier 1 and Tier 2 information session to facilitate broad discussions among First Nations and between First Nations and DFO on topics related to Co-Management. The FSC Working Group will 'kick-off' the community dialogue sessions with a one-day Tier 1 session in Nanaimo at the end of February. Following that, both the Co-management and FSC Working Groups will each have one-day Tier 1 (First Nations only) community dialogue sessions in Prince George and Terrace, where participants can have more focused discussion on the challenges, issues and priorities that First Nations face in their relationship with DFO on co-management and FSC fisheries.

Thursday, February 24th & Friday, February 25th, 2011 Co-Management Community Dialogue Session

Day 1: Tier 2 (FN and DFO) • Day 2: Tier 2 (morning) and Tier 1 (FN only, afternoon) • 9am - 4pm
Sheraton Vancouver Airport Hotel, 7551 Westminster Highway, Richmond BC

A block of rooms has been reserved at the Sheraton Vancouver Airport Hotel for meeting participants at a rate of \$109 + tax. To reserve a room, please call the Sheraton Hotel directly and ask for a room for the FNFC/DFO Fisheries Meeting. Rooms will be reserved at this special rate **until February 21st only**, so please book as soon as possible by calling 604-273-7878.

Community dialogue sessions are open to all First Nations and First Nations fisheries program staff. **REGISTRATION for this meeting is required.** To register for the co-management sessions, please use the online registration tool at: www.createsurvey.com/s/jrkb7Z/

Monday, February 28th, 2011

Section 35.1 FSC Community Dialogue Session

Tier 1 (FN only) • 9am - 4pm

Vancouver Island Conference Centre, 101 Gordon Street, Nanaimo BC

Participants will be responsible for booking their own accommodations. Recommended hotels are the Coast Bastion Inn at 11 Bastion St, Nanaimo (Tel: 1-800-663-1144) or the Dorchester Best Western Hotel at 70 Church Street, Nanaimo (Tel: 250-754-6835; Toll Free: 1-800-661-2449). These hotels have indicated that First Nations are eligible to receive a government rate if requested when making reservations (if asked if you have government ID, say yes; it will not be required at check-in). Rooms are subject to availability, so please book as soon as possible.

Community dialogue sessions are open to all First Nations and First Nations fisheries program staff. **REGISTRATION for this meeting is required.** To register for the FSC session, please use the online registration tool at: www.createsurvey.com/s/hxGIW2/

March 2011 Meeting Dates (Tier 1 Community Dialogue Sessions)

<u>FSC Community Meetings</u>	<u>Co-Management Community Meetings</u>
<p>Friday, March 11th, 2011: Community Dialogue Session Location: Prince George (Native Friendship Centre)</p>	<p>Thursday, March 10th, 2011: Community Dialogue Session Location: Prince George (Native Friendship Centre)</p>
<p>Wednesday, March 16th, 2011: Community Dialogue Session Location: Terrace (Kitsumkalum Community Centre)</p>	<p>Tuesday, March 15th, 2011: Community Dialogue Session Location: Terrace (Kitsumkalum Community Centre)</p>
<p><u>REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED</u> To register for FSC sessions: www.createsurvey.com/s/hxGIW2/</p>	<p><u>REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED</u> To register for Co-management sessions: www.createsurvey.com/s/jrkb7Z/</p>

For more information about the upcoming Working Group Community Dialogue Sessions, please contact Matthew Kinch, Working Group Coordinator, at matthew@fnfisheriescouncil.ca (Email) or 604-354-6193 (Tel) or visit the Fisheries Council website at www.fnfisheriescouncil.ca

Cohen Commission

A number of individuals have served as witnesses to the Cohen Commission, testified on behalf of B.C. First Nations, and provided technical, legal, and administrative support. The FNFC would like to express our sincere gratitude for the hard work that these individuals have undertaken to

ensure that the voices of First Nations are heard by the Commission. Thank you to those individuals listed below, and to any others who have supported, or will support, First Nations in this process. Your efforts are appreciated.

Brenda Gaertner, Mandell Pinder Barristers and Solicitors
 Leah Pence, Mandell Pinder Barristers and Solicitors
 Chief Kim Baird, Tsawwassen
 Joe Becker, Musqueam
 Chief William Charlie, Chehalis
 Grand Chief Clarence Pennier, Stó:lō Tribal Council
 June Quipp, Cheam
 Thomas Alexis, Tl'azt'en Nation
 Dr. Ron Ignace, Skeetchestn
 Chief Fred Sampson, Siska
 Grand Chief Saul Terry, St'atl'imx
 Cpt. Gary Ducommun, Director of Natural Resources for the Métis Nation of BC
 President Guujaaw, Haida
 Chief Robert Mountain, Namgis
 Rod Naknakim, Laich-Kwil-Tach Treaty Society
 Chief Edwin Newman, Heiltsuk
 Brian Assu, Councillor of the We Wai Kai Nation; member of the Fraser River Panel
 Pat Matthew, Conservation and Stewardship Coordinator, Secwepemc Fisheries Commission
 Gord Sterritt, Northern Shuswap Tribal Council Fisheries Resource Manager
 Ken Wilson, Consulting Fisheries Biologist

First Nations Fisheries Council Executive

First Nations Fisheries Council members are appointed by First Nations around B.C. through processes that they determine at a region scale. There are 14 Council seats available. The intent of the Regions is that First Nations will work collaboratively to determine which area they participate in and how they wish to see appointments made. Below is a list of current Fisheries Council members.

Council Members

Jeff Thomas
 Cliff Atleo
 John Henderson
 Steve Carpenter
 Russ Jones
 Don Roberts
 Walter Joseph
 John Ward
 Howie Wright
 Thomas Alexis
 Hank Adam

Region

South Island
 Nuuchahnulth (West Coast Vancouver Island)
 Kwakwaka'wakw (Northern Vancouver Island & Mainland Inlets)
 Central Coast
 Haida Gwaii
 North Coast
 Upper Skeena
 Northern Transboundary
 Columbia Transboundary
 Upper Fraser
 Mid-Fraser 1

Vacant	Mid-Fraser 2
Ken Malloway	Fraser Valley
Wayne Sparrow	Lower Fraser/ Lower Mainland

Regional Fisheries Organizations Conference Calls

The First Nations Fisheries Council hosts Wednesday morning update conference calls for First Nations fisheries organizations on a bi-weekly basis. These calls are Tier 1, and are open to all First Nations and First Nations fisheries program staff.

Wednesday, February 23rd (9:00 am to 10:30 am)

Wednesday, March 9th (9:00 am to 10:30 am)

Wednesday, March 23rd (9:00am-10:30am)

Dial-in information and agendas are distributed prior to each conference call via our email listserve. Summaries of past conference calls are available on the Fisheries Council website at: www.fnfisheriescouncil.ca/index.php/mission-a-work-of-council/working-groups/regional-first-nations-fisheries-organizations

Please note that these summaries are internal to First Nations, and a username and password are required to view them. To get your username and password for our website, or to add your email to our listserve, please contact the Communications Coordinator, Aimee Arsenault, at aimee@fnfisheriescouncil.ca

News and Information

The First Nations Fisheries Council continues to maintain an up-to-date archive of media reports related to fisheries issues in British Columbia of interest to First Nations. Please visit www.fnfisheriescouncil.ca for the latest information about upcoming meetings, job opportunities, and other fisheries related news.

Contact Us

For more information about the First Nations Fisheries Council, please visit our website at www.fnfisheriescouncil.ca. For general inquiries contact us via email at info@fnfisheriescouncil.ca.