



## INDIGENOUS TECHNICAL ADVISORY NETWORK (ITAN)

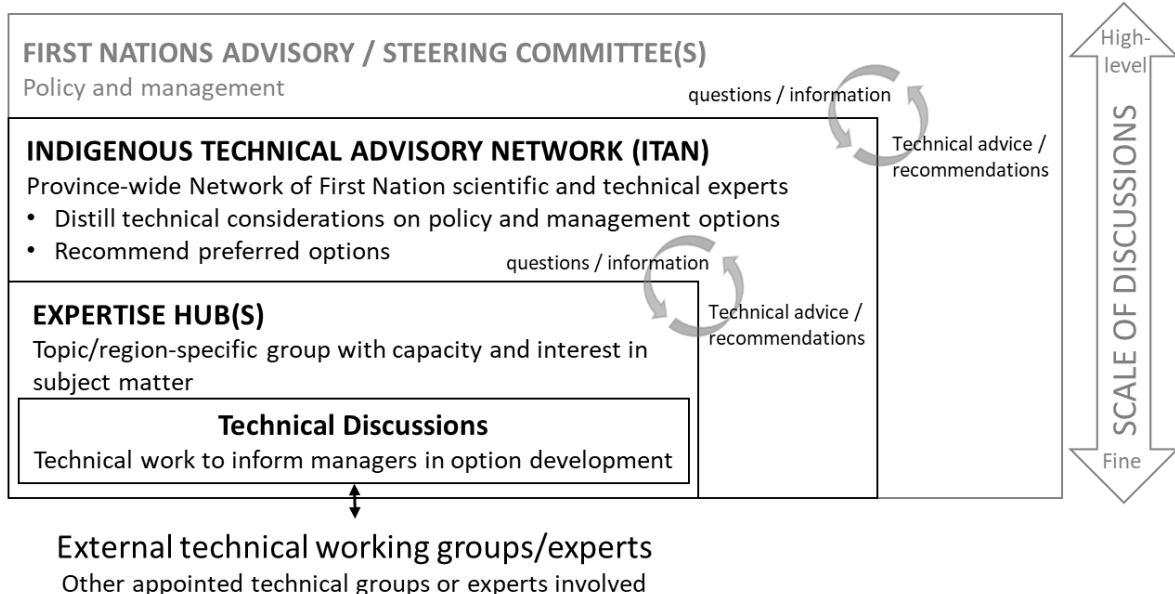
### Context

First Nations organizations are often asked to engage in or respond to a high volume of fisheries meetings and related processes; therefore capacity, time, and resourcing are some factors that can limit effective and meaningful participation. The First Nations Fisheries Council of BC (FNFC) has heard concerns from many First Nations organizations or representatives about meeting fatigue, challenges to provide timely responses, lack of funding to support First Nations interests, and associated capacity limitations. FNFC has developed the Indigenous Technical Advisory Network (ITAN) intending to address this gap.

### Purpose

ITAN aims to provide a platform for First Nations in BC to connect with Indigenous-centered scientific expertise, information and resources regarding priority technical processes while helping to build providing for strategic communications, connections or the convening of experts from First Nations organizations. The intention is to increase collaborative science capacity by promoting the inclusion of First Nations' science and Indigenous Knowledge in management and technical processes.

An example of ITAN's workflow can be seen below. ITAN is designed to be an adaptive collective of identified and interested First Nations-centered participants with a wide range of expertise, knowledge, skills, and interest across the province. To engage in the diverse set of potential scientific and technical topics, hubs (a sub-group of ITAN participants identified with similar and complementary expertise) in specific topic/regional discussions are identified. FNFC uses these hubs to convene technical discussions with experts to share information, collaborate, and generate First Nations-centered technical advice and recommendations to ITAN. ITAN can then inform larger management bodies.



### Questions?

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