



# 2026 Fraser Forum #1

## Getting Started



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Presentation to Forum  
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# Fraser Forums

Critical for our shared learning and the co-production of knowledge to inform Fraser salmon conservation and decision-making

Evolving

Tool in the Fraser Salmon co-governance and co-management tool kit

Safe space to:

- Practice principles of collaboration; UNDRIP, and Reconciliation
- Integrate Indigenous Knowledge with western science
- Create feedback loops and explore adaptive management



# Fraser Forum Progression

## Forum 1



DFO 2024-2025 post-season information sharing

Introduced 2025-2026 FSMB plans and priorities before draft IFMP is released

## Forum 2



Informed dialogue between FSMB, DFO, and Nations on 2025-2026 Fraser salmon management approaches

Shared understanding to inform the development of IFMP responses before April 4th 2025, deadline

## Forum 3



FSMB & DFO share feedback on draft IFMP responses

Shared understanding of 2025-2026 management plans and actions



# Key Themes of 2026 Forums



- Chinook Summer 5(2)management approaches
- Sockeye Escapement Planning
- Pacific Salmon Treaty Renegotiations (Forum 2)

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# Forum Renewal

- Iterative and evergreen approach – small changes and additions over 2026-2027 Forum cycle
  - Increased Tier 1 time for regional breakouts and collective discussion
- Dependent on participant feedback



# New to Forum

- Oh Boy Productions will produce Forum transcripts for AI discussion summaries
- Greater detail in Forum agenda
- Forum Meet and Greet Reception: Wednesday 5:30 – 7:00 pm



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# Questions or Feedback

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Fraser Salmon Management Council website – all presentations and handouts from Forums can be found here - [» Fraser & Approach 2025 Salmon Fisheries Forums](#)

