



Fraser Salmon Management Council



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FRASER & APPROACH SALMON FISHERIES

FORUM 1

DATE: JANUARY 27 – 29, 2026

PLACE:

IN PERSON: EXECUTIVE HOTEL VANCOUVER AIRPORT
7311 WESTMINSTER HWY, RICHMOND, BC

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Purpose and Objectives of this Event

The intent of this meeting is for:

- DFO to provide available 2025 post-season fishery and stock assessment information for Fraser salmon stocks;
- DFO and Fraser Salmon Management Board (FSMB) to share initial expectations and priorities for Fraser River salmon management approaches in 2026, and host a discussion on priorities, options, and approaches; and
- Tier 1 dialogue amongst First Nations regarding technical information, perspectives, options, and priorities for Fraser salmon fisheries planning.

EVENT OUTLINE

<p>TUES Jan 27th – DAY 1 PROCEEDINGS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Morning social and refreshments from 8:30AM- 9AM • Tier 2 Focus: 2025 Forum Actions Summary & FSMB summary of what was heard in 2025, Post-season reviews of Fraser Chinook, Coho, Chum, ECVI and WCVI • Tier 1 Focus in the PM: Joint Tech Working Group Debrief & Discussion
<p>WED Jan 28th – DAY 2 PROCEEDINGS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Morning social and refreshments from 8:30AM- 9AM • Tier 2 Focus: Post-season review of Fraser Sockeye, FSMB Updates, 2026 Management Approach & Priorities • Tier 1 Focus: Discussion & Recommendations for Day 1 & 2 Topics
<p>THURS Jan 29th – DAY 3 PROCEEDINGS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Morning social and refreshments from 8:30AM- 9AM • Tier 2 Focus: Key priorities, next steps, decision timelines • Tier 1 Focus: Discussion & Recommendations on Review, Additional Priorities, Next Steps & Topics
<p>New this Forum</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Forum discussions recorded by Oh Boy Productions. Daily transcripts and FSMB’s ChatGPT will be used to produce discussion summaries • Greater detail in agenda 	



UPCOMING FORUMS

Forum Two | February 24 – 26, 2026 (Kamloops)

Forum Three | March 31 – April 2, 2026 (Nanaimo)

Day 1: Tuesday, January 27, 2026

#	Time	Topics	Lead(s)	Objective(s)	
1	8:30 – 9:00	Social A chance to sign in, make sure your system is working, say hello and update your profile with your name and affiliation	All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Connection & relationship building 	
2	9:00 – 10:30	Getting Started Day 1 – Tier 2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome, Opening Remarks & Traditional Blessing • Introductions • Agenda Review • 	Marcel S Greg W (FSMC) and Robin H (DFO)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Set the stage & provide an overview of the day 	
3	10:30 – 11:00	2025 Forums What We Heard Overview <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Summary of actions and work undertaken • First Nations Regional perspectives of 2025 – highlights • Fraser Salmon Management Board – Review what FSMB heard during 2025 engagement and IFMP outcomes 	Robin H (DFO) Greg W (FSMC) Jeff G (DFO-FSMB), Pat M (FSMC-FSMB), Tony Roberts Jr. (FSMC-FSMB)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establish common understanding of status of key action items, perspectives from 2025 Forums, and IFMP outcomes 	
11:00 – 11:15		Break	All		
Tier 2	4	11:15 - 12:00	2025 Post-season Review Fraser Chinook <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Management objectives <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Summer 5₂ • Test fishery results • Stock assessment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Escapement estimates • Fishery summary <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Catch ○ Fishery Mortality Index • Discussion 	Nicole P (DFO)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Share information and outcomes that will inform 2026 planning and draft 2026 IFMP responses.
	12:00 - 1:00		Lunch	All	
	5	1:00 – 1:20	2025 Post-season Review West Coast Vancouver Island <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AABM Chinook preliminary catch summaries • Area G Troll preliminary catch summary • WCVI Chinook recreational AABM catch/effort • Discussion 	Peter H (DFO)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Share information on stock assessment and fishery summary
6	1:20 – 2:00	2025 Post-season Review East Coast Vancouver Island <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First Nations Fisheries: Sockeye, Coho, Pink, Chum, ISBM Chinook summaries • Commercial Fisheries: Inside Southern Chum preliminary catches • Recreational Fisheries: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Chum regulations ○ Coho summaries ○ Chinook measures & summaries ○ Chinook MSF regulations, effort, catches & releases • Chinook Reference Fisheries: summary in MSF areas • Discussion 	Maxime V (DFO)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Share information on stock assessment and fishery summary 	

7	2:00 – 2:30	<p>2025 Post-season Review Fraser Coho & Fraser Chum</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stock Assessment summaries <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Interior Fraser Coho survival, escapement, status • Fishery summaries <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Fraser River Coho - catch summary ○ Fraser River Chum - management, catch summary, preliminary reconstructed run size • Discussion 	Nicole P (DFO)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Share information on stock assessment and fishery summary
2:30 - 2:45		Break		
8	2:45 – 4:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tier 1 - Chinook, Coho, & Chum Management <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 2025 Review ○ 2026 and Beyond Planning 		Regional & plenary discussions

Day 2: Wednesday, January 28, 2026

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Tier 2	1 8:30-9:00	Social A chance to sign in, make sure your system is working, say hello and update your profile with your name and affiliation	All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Connection & relationship building
	2 9:00-9:10	Getting Started Day 2 – Tier 2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agenda Review 	Marcel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Set the stage & provide an overview of the day
	3 9:10 – 9:40	2025 Post season Review Fraser Sockeye & Pink <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-season forecasts • Escapement planning process • Escapement plan & harvest rule • Fishery planning • Preliminary catch estimates • Environmental conditions 	Adam K (DFO)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Share information on the Fraser Sockeye and Pink pre-season planning, in-season conditions, and preliminary fishery information.
	4 9:40 – 10:10	FSMB Updates - 2026 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updates on status of work and workplan focus • Discussion of process and timelines for work <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Summer 5₂ Chinook Management ○ Sockeye Escapement Planning 	Al M (DFO-FSMC), Pat M (FSMC-FSMB), Tony Roberts Jr. (FSMC - FSMB), Aidan F (DFO-JTC), Brittany J (DFO-JTC)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Share information to support advice
	10:10 – 10:25	Break		
	5 10:25 - 12:00	Fraser Sockeye <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ what happened in 2025, what were the challenges, management of openings, etc. 	Marcel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reflect on 2025 Sockeye Fishery
12:00-1:00	Lunch (First Nations & DFO)	All		
Tier 1	6 1:00 – 2:00	2026 Management Approach Priorities & Looking Forward <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of IFMP priorities & timeline • High level overview of 2026 considerations & expectations • Discussion 	Mike H (DFO)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduce DFO’s 2026 Management Approach and seek feedback
	2:00 – 2:15	Break	All	
7 2:15 -4:30	Tier 1 - Fraser Sockeye <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2025 Review 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional & plenary discussions 	

Day 2 Forum Meet and Greet Reception

Please join the Forum Planning Committee, FSMB members, and FSMC staff for light refreshments (and cash bar)

5:30 – 7:00 pm

Day 3: Thursday, January 29, 2026

	#	Time	Topics	Lead(s)	Objective
Tier 2	1	8:30-9:00	Social A chance to sign in, make sure your system is working & say hello	All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Connection & relationship building
	2	09:00-10:30	Closing the Loop What We Heard - DRAFT <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Key priorities identified at this Forum • Identifying next steps for addressing priorities • Highlighting key planning and decision deadlines 	Robin H (DFO) Greg W (FSMC)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide opportunity for clarification of key points/action items captured or missed • To share the key themes of what FSMC and DFO heard in day 1 and 2.
Tier 1		10:30-10:45	Break	All	
	3	10:45-12:00	Tier 1 Dialogue Review of What We Heard <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reflections • Next Steps • Action Items 	All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plenary

Forum 1: Key Contacts and Presenters

Role (s)	Name (Affiliation)	Details
Facilitator	Marcel Shepert	Marcel is the Independent Chair for the Fraser Salmon Management Board, Co-Chair of the Canadian Fraser River Panel, and our Forum Facilitator
Logistics & Coordination	Dave Feil & Kayla Pretti (FSMC)	Dave is the Community Coordinator, and Kayla is the Administrative Assistant for Fraser Salmon Management Council
Speaker	Mike Hawkshaw (DFO)	Mike is the Regional Salmon Manager and the Chinook Technical Committee co-chair
Speaker	Pat Matthew (FSMB)	Pat is a member of the Simpcw First Nation, the mid Fraser FSMC representative on the Fraser Salmon Management Board and a Fishery policy manager for the Secwepemc Fisheries Commission
Speaker	Tony Roberts Jr. (FSMB)	Tony is a member of the Wei Wai Kum First Nation, the Marine Approach FSMC representative on the Fraser Salmon Management Board and a member of the Canadian Fraser River Panel
Speaker FSMC – Joint Technical Committee	Aidan Fisher (LFFA)	Aidan is the FSMC-Joint Technical Committee Co-Chair, and Biologist with the Lower Fraser Fisheries Alliance (LFFA).
Speaker DFO – Joint Technical Committee	Brittany Jenewein (DFO)	Brittany is the DFO- Joint Technical Committee Co-Chair, and the Section Head for Fraser and Interior Area Resource Management.
Speaker	Alain Magnan	Al is the Area Director for the Fraser and Interior Area
Speaker	Adam Keizer (DFO)	Adam is the Canadian Chair of the Fraser River Panel and Senior Salmon Advisor
Speaker	Nicole Poole (DFO)	Nicole is the acting Chinook, Chum, Coho Biologist in the Fraser and Interior Area
Speaker	Peter Hall (DFO)	Peter is the Salmon and Herring Coordinator for the West Coast Vancouver Island
Speaker	Maxime Veilleux (DFO)	Max is a Resource Management Biologist for the East Coast Vancouver Island
Speaker Forum Planning Ctte Co-Chair	Greg Witzky (FSMC)	Greg is a member of the Adams Lake Indian Band, the Executive Director of the Fraser Salmon Management Council, and a member of the Canadian Fraser River Panel
Speaker Forum Planning Ctte Co-Chair	Robin Hawes (DFO)	Robin is DFO's Acting Senior Implementation Advisor for the Fraser Salmon Collaborative Management Agreement
Speaker	Jeff Grout (DFO)	Jeff is the Director of Salmon and Client Services and one of the Department's representatives on the Fraser Salmon Management Board.
Speaker Joint Technical Working Group Co- Chair	Kelsey Campbell (UFFCA)	Kelsey is a Stock Management Biologist for the Upper Fraser Fisheries Conservation Alliance (UFFCA), a member of Fraser River Panel Technical Committee for the Pacific Salmon Commission, and the First Nations Co-Chair of the Joint Technical Working Group
Speaker Joint Technical Working Group Co-Chair	Colin Schwindt (DFO)	Colin is a Resource Management Biologist, a member of the Fraser River Panel Technical Committee and the DFO Co-Chair of the Joint Technical Working Group

Acronyms & Definitions

Please suggest additions to robin.hawes@dfo-mpo.gc.ca or communications@frasersalmon.ca

AABM	Aggregate Abundance-Based Management
AAROM	Aboriginal Aquatic Resource and Oceans Management
AFS	Aboriginal Fisheries Strategy
ATP	Allocation Transfer Program
BBL	Big Bar Landslide
CCTAC	Canadian Commercial Total Allowable Catch
COHO ABM	Coho Abundance-Based Management
COSEWIC	Committee for the Status of Endangered Wildlife in Canada
CPUE	Catch Per Unit Effort
CRRRI	Chinook Rebuilding & Recovery Initiative
CSAS	Canadian Science Advisory Secretariat (DFO)
CSAB	Commercial Salmon Advisory Board
CWT	Coded Wire Tag
ER	Exploitation Rate
ESSR	Excess Salmon to Spawning Requirements
FNFC	First Nations Fishery Council
FRAM	Fisheries Regulation Assessment Model
FRIM	Fisheries Related Incidental Mortality
FMI	Fisheries Mortality Index
FRP	Fraser River Panel
FSC	Food, Social and Ceremonial
FSMB	Fraser Salmon Management Board
FSMC	Fraser Salmon Management Council
FSCMA, CMA	Fraser Salmon Collaborative Management Agreement
IC	Incident Command, FSMB's Independent Chair
ITQ	Individual Transfer Quota
IHPC	Integrated Harvest Planning Committee
ISBM	Individual Stock-Based Management
JTC	Joint Technical Committee
LAER	Low Abundance Exploitation Rates
LRP	Lower Reference Points
MM	Mass Marking
MSY	Maximum Sustainable Yield
MSF	Mark Selective Fishery
PICFI	Pacific Integrated Commercial Fisheries Initiative
PSC	Pacific Salmon Commission (www.psc.org)
PSSI	Pacific Salmon Strategic Initiative
PST	Pacific Salmon Treaty
RPA	Recovery Potential Assessment
SAP	Salmon Allocation Policy
SARA	Species at Risk Act
SFAB	Sport Fishing Advisory Board
SHMF	Selective Hatchery Mark Fishery
TAC	Total Allowable Catch
TAM	Total Allowable Mortality
WLRS	Water, Lands and Resource Stewardship – Provincial Ministry
WSP	Wild Salmon Policy (Canada's Policy for Conservation of Wild Pacific Salmon)