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## FRASER & APPROACH SALMON FISHERIES

# FORUM 2

**DATE:** FEBRUARY 24 – 26, 2026

**PLACE:**

**IN PERSON:** DELTA HOTEL

540 VICTORIA ST. KAMLOOPS, BRITISH COLUMBIA

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### Purpose and Objectives of this Event

The intent of this meeting is:

- for the FSMB and DFO to further share their considerations for the 2026 fisheries planning and host a discussion on priorities, options, and approaches to inform such planning; and
- to support Tier 1 dialogue amongst First Nations with interests in Fraser Salmon on technical information, perspectives, options, and priorities for fishery planning.

## EVENT OUTLINE

### TUES Feb 24<sup>th</sup> – DAY 1 PROCEEDINGS

- There will be a social session from 8:30AM- 9AM
- Tier 2 Focus: Fraser Chinook
- Tier 1 Focus: 2026 Pre-Season Planning – Fraser Chinook

### WED Feb 25<sup>th</sup> – DAY 2 PROCEEDINGS

- There will be a social session from 8:30AM- 9AM
- Tier 2 Focus: Fraser Sockeye, Southern BC Chum, and Coho
- Tier 1 Focus: 2026 Pre-Season Planning - Fraser Sockeye Escapement

### THURS Feb 26<sup>th</sup> – DAY 3 PROCEEDINGS

- There will be a social session from 8:30AM- 9AM
- Tier 1 am Focus: Forum 2 Reflections for DFO
- Tier 2 Focus: Key priorities, next steps, decision timelines; Key Messages from Participants; Future Forum suggestions

### New to This Forum

- Increased Tier 1 time
- Tier 1 – Forum 2 Reflections for DFO



### UPCOMING FORUMS

**Forum Three | March 30 – April 2, 2026 (Nanaimo)**

**Day 1: Tuesday February 24, 2026**

	#	Time	Topics	Lead(s)	Objective(s)
Tier 2	1	08:30 – 09:00	<b>Social</b> 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"> <li>• Connection &amp; relationship building</li> </ul>
	2	09:00 – 10:00	<b>Getting Started   Day 1 – Tier 2</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Welcome, Opening Remarks &amp; Traditional Blessing</li> <li>• Introductions</li> <li>• Agenda Review</li> <li>• Setting the Stage &amp; Timeline Review</li> </ul>	Marcel S Greg W (FSMC) and Robin (DFO)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Set the stage &amp; provide an overview of the day</li> </ul>
	3	10:00 – 10:50	<b>2026 Management   Southern B.C. Chinook</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• IFMP timeline</li> <li>• Chinook management objectives</li> <li>• Management considerations</li> <li>• Mark Selective Fisheries</li> <li>• Southern Resident Killer Whales</li> <li>• Set the stage for FSMB Fraser River Summer 5<sub>2</sub> Chinook scenarios discussion</li> </ul>	Mike H (DFO)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Share information to support informed feedback on the 2026 management of southern B.C. Chinook</li> <li>• Confirm DFO objectives &amp; the means available to achieve those objectives</li> <li>• Describe how DFO aims to achieve existing food, social, &amp; ceremonial, &amp; Section 35(1) targets</li> <li>• Describe how DFO incorporates First Nations recommendations &amp; advice from Forums into management plans and approaches</li> </ul>
		10:50-11:05	<b>Break</b>		
	4	11:35 - 12:00	<b>2026 Management   Summer 5<sub>2</sub> Chinook</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ FSMB present on potential management scenarios, &amp; considerations</li> <li>○ Questions for participants</li> </ul>	Jeff G (DFO-FSMB), Pat M (FSMC-FSMB), Tony R (FSMC-FSMB)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Share information on potential management scenarios to support informed feedback on the 2026 management of Summer 5<sub>2</sub> Chinook</li> </ul>
	5	12:00-12:30	<b>2026 Management   Fraser Chinook</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Questions and facilitated discussion</li> </ul>	Marcel All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Question and answers related to the 2026 Fraser Chinook, including Summer 5<sub>2</sub> management</li> </ul>
		12:30-1:30	<b>Lunch (DFO and First Nations)</b>	All	
Tier 1	6	1:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Tier 1 2026 Fraser Chinook Pre-season Planning – agenda to be provided</b></li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Presentation &amp; regional breakouts</i></li> </ul>

**Day 2: Wednesday February 25, 2026**

	#	Time	Topics	Leads	Objectives
<b>Tier 2</b>	1	08:30 - 09:00	<b>Social</b> 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"> <li>• Connection &amp; relationship building</li> </ul>
	2	09:00-09:10	<b>Getting Started   Day 2 – Tier 2</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Agenda Review</li> </ul>	Marcel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Set the stage &amp; provide an overview of the day</li> </ul>
	3	9:10 – 9:40	<b>2026 Expectations – Fraser Sockeye Forecast</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• High level forecast overview (detailed technical discussion will occur at JTWG on February 23)</li> </ul>	Kaitlyn D (DFO)	Share information on Fraser sockeye forecast to support informed feedback
	4	9:40 – 9:55	<b>2026 Management – Fraser Sockeye</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Draft escapement plan options</li> </ul>	Al M(DFO-FSMB), Pat M (FSMC-FSMB), Tony R (FSMC-FSMB), Aidan F (JTC co-chair)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Share information to support informed feedback on the 2026 management of Fraser Sockeye</li> </ul>
	5	9:55 – 10:45	<b>2026 Management – Fraser Sockeye</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• High level approaches, including escapement planning process, harvest control rule</li> <li>• Management considerations, departmental objectives and available options to achieve objectives</li> <li>• Window closure</li> <li>• Questions for participants</li> </ul>	Adam K & Colin S (DFO)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Share information to support informed feedback on 2026 Fraser Sockeye management, including management objectives &amp; approaches to achieving them.</li> <li>• Confirm DFO objectives &amp; the means available to achieve those objectives</li> <li>• Describe how DFO aims to achieve existing food, social, &amp; ceremonial &amp; Section 35(1) targets</li> <li>• Describe how DFO incorporates First Nations recommendations &amp; advice from Forums into management plans &amp; approaches</li> </ul>
	10:45-11:00		<b>Break</b>	All	
	6	11:00 – 11:30	<b>2026 Management – Fraser Sockeye</b> Questions and facilitated discussion	Marcel All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide feedback &amp; clarify understanding on 2026 management approaches for Sockeye</li> <li>• Provide feedback &amp; clarify understanding on 2026 escapement options</li> </ul>
	7	11:30 – 12:00	<b>2026 Management – Southern B.C. Coho &amp; Chum</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consultation timeline</li> <li>• 2026 Southern BC Chum management considerations &amp; expectations</li> <li>• 2026 Chum CSAF Demo Proposals</li> </ul>	Jeff R (DFO)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Share information to support advice on Fraser Coho and Chum management for 2026</li> </ul>

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2026 Southern BC Coho management considerations &amp; expectations</li> <li>2024 Modeled Interior Fraser River Coho Exploitation Rate</li> </ul> <p>Questions and facilitated discussion</p>	Marcel / All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Confirm DFO objectives &amp; the means available to achieve those objectives</li> <li>Describe how DFO aims to achieve existing food, social, &amp; ceremonial &amp; Section 35(1) targets</li> <li>Describe DFO incorporates First Nations recommendations &amp; advice from Forums into management plans &amp; approaches</li> </ul>
	12:00-1:00		Lunch (First Nations & DFO)	All	
Tier 1	6	1:00 – 4:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Tier 1 2026 Fraser Sockeye Escapement Planning Discussion</b></li> </ul>	Marcel	Regional breakouts & plenary discussion

**Forum #2 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 February 26, 2026**

	#	Time	Topics	Lead(s)	Objective
Tier 1	1	08:30 - 09:00	<b>Social</b> A chance to sign in, make sure your system is working & say hello	All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Connection &amp; relationship building</li> </ul>
	2	09:00-1030	<b>Tier 1</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Preparation for Forum #2 Reflections to DFO</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li></li> </ul>
Tier 2		10:30-10:45	Break	All	
	3	10:45 - 11:15	<b>Closing the Loop   DRAFT What We Heard</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Key priorities identified at this Forum</li> <li>Identifying next steps for addressing priorities</li> <li>Highlighting key planning &amp; decision deadlines</li> </ul>	Robin H (DFO) Greg W (FSMC)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Share the key themes of what FSMC and DFO heard in day 1 and 2.</li> <li>Provide opportunity for clarification of key points/action items captured or missed</li> </ul>
	4	11:15-12:30	<b>Tier 1   Reflections for DFO</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Key Messages 2026 Preseason Messages from Forum Participants</li> <li>Suggested next steps &amp; topics for Forum 3</li> </ul>	All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Share First Nations perspectives on 2026 Pre-Season planning for Fraser Chinook &amp; Sockeye Fisheries</li> </ul>

## 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 Canadian Co-chair Fraser River Panel Canadian Co-chair
Speaker	Jeffrey Radford (DFO)	Jeff is an acting Regional Salmon Manager with the Regional Salmon Team, responsible for Chum, Coho, and Steelhead
Speaker	Kaitlyn Dionne (DFO)	Kaitlyn is an Analytical Biologist
Speaker	Adam Keizer (DFO)	Adam is the Canadian Chair of the Fraser River Panel and Senior Salmon Advisor
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 the 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	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	Al Magnan (DFO)	Al is the Area Director for the Fraser and Interior Area
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

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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 ( <a href="http://www.psc.org">www.psc.org</a> )
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)