



2026 Fraser Forum #3

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

- Continuing to evolve
- Remain an important tool in the Fraser Salmon co-governance and co-management tool kit
- Striving to become a safe space to:
 - Practice principles of collaboration; UNDRIP, and Reconciliation
 - Integrate Indigenous Knowledge with western science
 - Create technical and policy feedback loops and explore adaptive management





Key Themes of 2026 Forums

- Chinook Summer 5₂ management approaches
- Sockeye Escapement Planning
- Pacific Salmon Treaty Renegotiations (Forum 3)

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Fraser Forum Progression

Forum 1

DFO 2025-2026 post-season information sharing

Introduced 2026-2027 FSMB plans and priorities before draft IFMP is released

Forum 2

Informed dialogue between FSMB, DFO, and Nations on 2026-2027 Fraser salmon management approaches

Shared understanding to inform the development of IFMP responses before April 10th, 2026 deadline

Forum 3

FSMB & DFO share feedback on draft IFMP

Shared understanding of 2026-2027 management plans and actions



Continued from Forum 2

- Tier 1 time for the entire afternoon of day 1 & day 2, day 3 starting in Tier 1
- Addition of Tier 1 Reflections to complement “What We Heard” on Day 3
- Increased detail in Forum agenda
- Oh Boy Productions and discussion transcripts
- AI to support production of Forum summaries
- Meet and Greet Reception
Wednesday 5:30 – 7:00 pm



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2026 Forums 1 & 2 Action Tracker – Updates

Action Item/Next Step	Update	Next Step(s) now
Get Steelhead on Forum agenda & Invite province	Forum Planning Committee discussed. A request was sent to the Province to share any updates via handout. No changes proposed; no substantial updates from Province. TNG will provide presentation of their Steelhead recovery work at Forum 3	complete
Request for information: data from MSF's (slide 18 of ECVI post season presentation)	Data shared with JTWG after Forum 2	complete
Request for coho assessment fishery genetic stock identification (GSI)	shared with IMAT on February 4. Data shared with FSMC for distribution to Forum participants on February 23, 2026	complete
Confirm Fraser chum escapement and if target was met	Fraser Chum escapement goal has been met for 2025 (escapement goal = 800,000)	Preliminary estimate pending. Will update tracker once available
Provide Limnological report of Shuswap Lake	Email sent to Limnological lead within DFO	Will share report with FSMC for distribution and Forum Participant requesting information, once available.



Questions or Feedback

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