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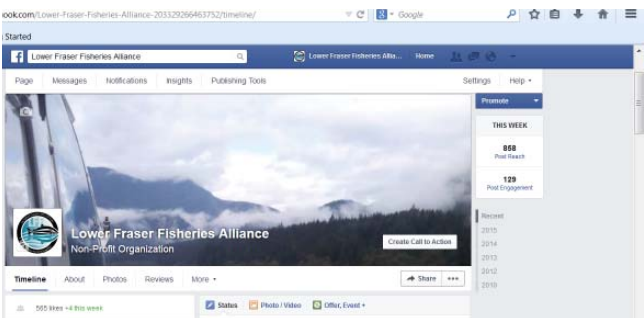
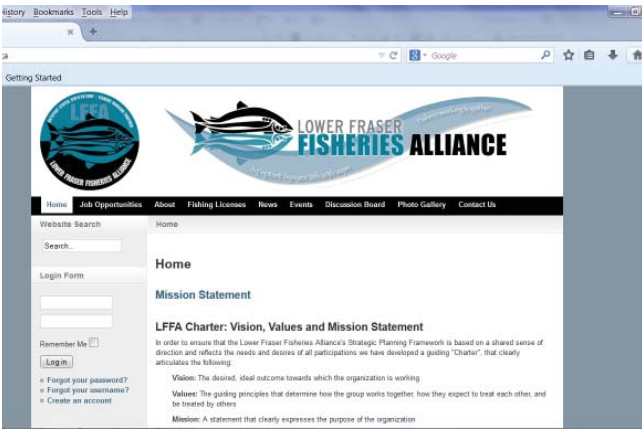
Community Fishers Forum

The Runner

In the old days there was a house on the top of Chilliwack Mountain facing down-river. The man who lived there had only one job; to watch for two silver bands on both sides of the river; millions of oolichan arriving. His job then was to run down the mountain to spread the word to other runners. People would come from near and far each year.

The Runner endeavors to do this job once again, albeit electronically. Stay tuned...

Ken Malloway - LFFA Chair



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Spotlight Feature - Lower Fraser Fisheries Alliance Chair- Ken Malloway

As one of the two Chair persons for the Lower Fraser Fisheries alliance Ken Malloway; “Upon receiving direction from the Executive Committee (EC), the Chairperson has the responsibility of representing the LFFA and EC in relevant Fraser Fisheries processes (including Tier 1, 2 and 3 processes) and/ or providing linkages with IMAWG, UFFCA, FRAFS, FNFC, Fraser River First Nations and other fishery organizations.

Specific duties will be to:

1. Liaise with First Nations leadership in the Watershed, Marine/Island area, the First Nations Fisheries Council, and other groups on behalf of the LFFA and Executive Committee.
2. Respond and speak to Tier 1, 2 and 3 issues and fisheries and resource management on behalf of the LFFA and EC and;
3. Authorize letters, agreements, documents requiring approval and other correspondence on behalf of LFFA and EC.
4. Chair the meetings of the LFFA and EC, ensuring that meeting agendas and objectives are met” (LFFA EC Terms of Reference).

Ken became the Chair of the LFFA in 2011 and was selected based on his vast experience as a leader and fisherman.

Ken is a Grand Chief of Sto:lo, and hereditary Chief of the Chilliwack Tribe. From 1985 until 2006 he was the Chair and Speaker for the B.C. Aboriginal Fisheries Commission. He also served from 1985 to 1990 as the Chair of the Interior Indian Fisheries Commission. Ken was the President of the Sto:lo Nation with a Fisheries and Environment portfolio from 1980-2000. Ken’s experience also includes the AFN Environment and Fisheries Committee as co chair, and the Coast Salish Executive Committee. From 1992 to 1994 Ken worked with the Lower Fraser Fisheries Authority on the Management Committee. Currently, Ken sits with the Lower Fraser Agreement Negotiation, the Fraser Panel, the Fraser River Aboriginal Fisheries Secretariat, the First Nations Fisheries Council, Pacific Salmon Commission First Nations Caucus, the Stolo Tribal Council Fish

Committee, and serves as the Fish Rep for Kwa Kwa Apilt.

Aside from the positions he held past and present,, Ken also provides most of our comic relief!

This photo was taken during our December

Forum session, he is wearing Brenda Gaertner’s hat...again!



LFFA Executive Committee

The Executive Committee meets monthly to coordinate the actions items as directed by the Lower Fraser Fisheries Alliance delegates. During the first quarter the EC met for four monthly meetings and a Planning Session. Following is an overview of agenda items from these sessions. Minutes from all the Executive Committee meetings will be posted to lffa.ca.

October 8/15

- Introduction of new staff
- Review and approval of the September 10 EC meeting minutes
- LFFA Working Group Updates
 - **AEWG**
 - RDG meeting agenda
 - Fish Buyers Agreement
 - LFAK Update
 - LFAK Protocol and Consent Form Update
 - LFAK Communications and Diagram review
 - **CEAWG**
 - 2014/15 Annual Reports
 - LFFA Agreement Tracking Document Update
 - Upcoming LFFA meetings
 - Community Fishers Forum
 - LFFA Delegate Forum
 - Science Forum
 - **TWG**
 - Post Season Information Eulachon/Sturgeon fisheries
 - Post Season Information Salmon
 - Fraser River Salinity Study
- Lower Fraser Coho
- IFMP allocations, FSC, Demo/PICFI and Treaty

November 5/15

- Review and approval of the October 8 EC meeting minutes
- LFFA Working Group Updates
 - **AEWG**
 - RDG meeting review
 - LFAK Update
 - **CEAWG**
 - LFFA Agreement Tracking Document Update
 - Upcoming LFFA meetings
 - November Community Fishers Forum
 - November LFFA Delegate Forum
 - December LFFA Delegate Forum
 - **TWG**
 - Post Season Review Session
 - Fraser River Salinity Study
 - Proposal Updates
 - Sturgeon Aboriginal Knowledge and Monitoring Project
 - Eulachon Test Fishery
 - FNFC Aquaculture Coordinating Committee Appointments
- Ghost Net Removal Proposal
- A Brief Summary of FSC and First Nation Commercial Access in the Lower Fraser River
- Fraser Salmon Management Council Updates and the Lower Fraser Reps

December 4/15

- Review and approval of the November 5 EC meeting minutes
- LFFA Working Group Updates
 - **AEWG**
 - FVAFS Sharing Agreement
 - Language Policy
 - **CEAWG**
 - Executive Director Job Description and Letter of Employment
 - LFFA Agreement Tracking Document Update
 - Upcoming LFFA meetings
 - December LFFA Delegate Forum
 - Fourth Quarter meeting Schedule
 - **TWG**
 - Thompson Steelhead Assembly Update
 - Steelhead status and engagement First Nations and Province Proposal Update
- BC Capacity Initiative Proposal
- Other
 - Minister Tootoo Meeting



LFFA Meeting Schedule January to March

January

- 6 - LFFA Executive Committee
- 7 - LFFA Staff Meeting
- 18 - LFFA TWG
- 19 - LFFA Orientation Session (SFN)
- 20 - LFFA Delegate Forum (Katzie FN)
- 27 - LFFA IFMP Development (Richmond)

February

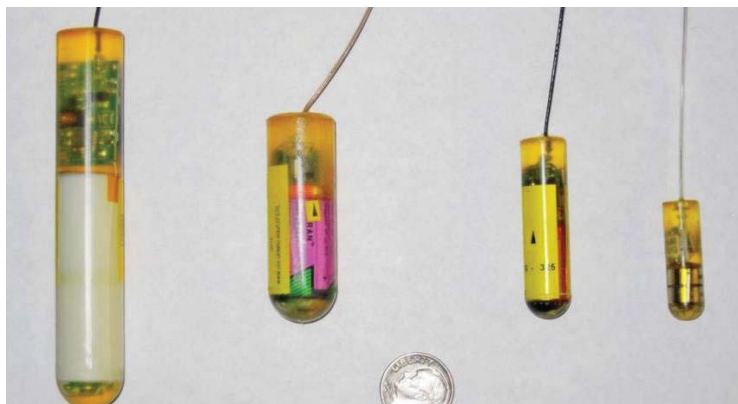
- 3 - LFFA EC
- 4 & 5 - LFFA Fishers Workshope (TBD)
- 8 - Family Day
- 15 - LFFA Staff Workplan Session (TBD)
- 19 - LFFA Delegate Forum (Skwah FN)

March

- 4 - LFFA CEA WG
- 16 - LFFA Eexecutive Committee
- 21 - LFFA Workplan Session (TBD)
- 23 - LFFA Delegate Forum (tentative additional dates, 22, 24)

DID YOU FIND A TAG IN A FISH?

A UBC study from earlier this year used acoustic radio tags implanted in fish stomachs to track movement. They are trying to estimate natural in-river mortality with these tags, and the number of fish killed in fisheries is important. These tags have a long wire coming out of the top, and are found inside the stomach of fish. If you have one of these tags please contact Aidan Neill for more info (Aidan.Neill@lffa.ca), you may be entered into a draw for a \$100 prize!



Other useful websites to browse:



FIRST NATIONS
FISHERIES COUNCIL

www.fnfisheriescouncil.ca



www.frafs.ca

LFAK Project Update

The Lower Fraser Aboriginal Knowledge is off to a great start. Our main goal is to identify important sites for Chinook Salmon should be protected in case of an emergency such as an oil spill. By documenting from the valuable knowledge of our experienced fishermen and elders, we hope this project will help our communities learn more about our rich cultural heritage and enable us to protect it.

So far, Sumas and Katzie First Nations have signed the information sharing agreement that allows LFFA to interview knowledge

holders in their community. The knowledge that we document will be owned by each First Nation. We hope more communities will sign on soon.

LFFA would highly appreciate any help in getting band council permissions to participate, identifying knowledge holders to interview, suggesting existing aboriginal knowledge resources and databases within each community that LFFA could access and providing us with any other suggestions for the project. We will start interviews in January, and look forward to meeting you when we visit your community.

For more information contact:

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Do you have a fisheries related event or meeting coming up in your community? Do you have some photos related to fisheries you would like to share? Contact Rosalie Hope to have your events or to share your photos. rosalie.hope@lffa.ca



LFFA Community Fishers Forums

There were two Community Forum Session during the third quarter. A session was hosted on October 15, 2015 at the Ramada Plaza in Abbotsford. This was a well attended session with the following:

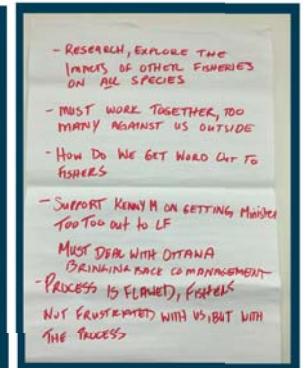
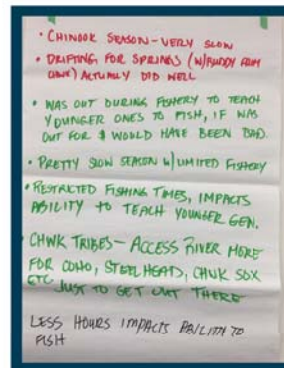
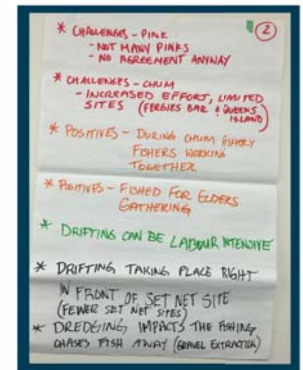
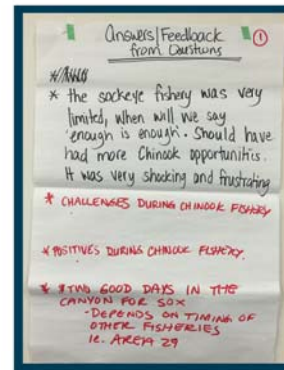
Objectives:

- Opportunity for Buyers to present an overview of their company status and capacity to purchase salmon and service fishers.
- DFO to provide 2014 review and 2015 Chum overview
- LFFA to provide Coded Wire Tag information and its importance to fisheries management
- Introduce the format for the LFFA 2015 Fishery Post Season Review

The second Community Fishers Forum was held at Sto:lo Nation, Sto:lo Research and Resource Management Centre in Chilliwack. This session was not as well attended, however lots of work was done during the post season discussions. Below are some samples of the feedback collected from participants.

Objectives:

- Introduction of the Lower Fraser Aboriginal Knowledge Project
- LFFA 2015 Fishery Post Season Review - Community Fishers Feedback



Fishers Feedback

Interested in receive information on upcoming

Fishers Forums?

Send your email address to

Rosalie Hope - Communications Coordinator

