

Purpose

The myriad of challenges impacting wild Pacific salmon are complex given the intricacy of the multiple ecosystems and salmon habitats within BC, and the varied interests held by First Nations, the federal and provincial governments, conservation non-governmental organizations, and stakeholders.

Conserving and recovering wild Pacific salmon is going to take all of us acting in a strategic, collaborative, and coordinated manner. The First Nations Fisheries Council of BC and the Pacific Salmon Foundation understand that there is no collaborative forum or organized framework to convene this diverse group of interests who are passionate about conserving Pacific salmon.

As a response to addressing this gap, the First Nations Fisheries Council of BC and the Pacific Salmon Foundation are establishing and facilitating a **Pacific Salmon Action Dialogue Series**. The goal of the Dialogues is to align and coordinate action for the conservation and recovery of wild Pacific Salmon. The Dialogues will focus on collaborative discussions that are not yet taking place in other forums and will also consider how to prioritize and coordinate all salmon discussions and actions together.

The Dialogues are intended to support long term collaborative recovery. FNFC and PSF have outlined ideas for the first four sessions and will engage participants to provide input into the content and timing of future dialogue topics.

The first session will examine what the present salmon system looks like and will outline who is doing what and how those efforts intersect, and what common interests exist. The next proposed sessions will include:

- Exploration of different collaborative models and how what collaboration is structured at various scales. What can we learn from examples of collaboration in BC and elsewhere? How can we support current collaborative watershed and sub-regional scale initiatives? And, how can we fill the gaps? Where do initiatives need to be connected and what is needed to achieve that?
- A detailed look at the issues and work being done at various scales and how we can build connectivity between/across the work at different scales: local/watershed, sub-regional, regional/provincial, and national & international. An understanding will be built about how and where efforts at one scale impact or influence another scale. The goal would be to map out a large, complex conversation into a picture of workable, connected scales so future sessions can host the *appropriate conversations at the appropriate scales*.
- The best options for organizing to connect local to regional to provincial and beyond.

Agenda for Session 1: Dialogues Launch March 3, 2022

Meeting Purpose:

1. Setting the stage for the Dialogues
2. Overview the purpose and process of the Dialogues
3. Beginning the conversation: questions, ideas, feedback

TIME		Presented by
9:00am	Opening Remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction of FNFC and PSF partnership • What we hope to accomplish together 	Mike Meneer, Pacific Salmon Foundation Jordan Point, First Nations Fisheries Council of BC
9:20am	Rules of Engagement Guest Presentations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gord Sterritt, Upper Fraser Fisheries Conservation Alliance • Dr. Jonathan Moore, Simon Fraser University Current Salmon System	Moderated by Tawney Lem, West Coast Aquatic
10:00am	Break	
10:20am	Facilitated Panel Discussion <i>Questions for participants to consider and engage with panel about:</i> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Do you agree broadly with the premise that salmon conservation could benefit from an organizing framework to help prioritize action? (If not, what do you think the organizing framework already is or what would be useful to support multi-layered coordination? Or is an organizing framework even needed?) 2. Do you see benefit in the Dialogue Series as proposed? (If not, why not, and what instead is needed?) 3. Are we starting in the right place with the other Dialogue topics that were proposed? (If not, where should we be starting instead?) 4. Did you agree with the overall assessment of the current salmon system? Are key elements missing or needed? 5. What other conversations need to be had that are not yet happening in other forums? 6. Do you see this process as proposed supporting your group's interests and current direction? 	Moderated by Tawney Lem, West Coast Aquatic
11:40am	Closing Remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Common understanding, goal and commitment • Next Steps 	Mike Meneer, Pacific Salmon Foundation Jordan Point, First Nations Fisheries Council of BC
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