

Fraser Salmon & Watersheds Program



2011/12 FINAL REPORT

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1. Project Information

1.1. Project Title

Monitoring & Compliance Panel

1.2. Proponent's Legal Name

Fraser Basin Council

1.3. Project Location

Basin wide

1.4. Contact for this report

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1.5 Funding Amount

Original Approved Grant Amount:	Total FSWP Expenditures:	Final Invoice Amount:	Final Non-FSWP leveraging, including cash and in-kind:
\$45,000	\$45,000	\$13,500	\$336,000

2. Project Summary

Please provide a single paragraph describing your project, its objectives, and the results. As this summary may be used in program communications, clearly state the issue(s) that were addressed and avoid overly technical descriptions. Maximum 300 words.

The Integrated Salmon Dialogue Forum's Monitoring and Compliance Panel (M&C Panel) had a challenging yet highly productive year. The Panel aspires to promote the fair, practical, and effective monitoring and compliance practices and policies critical to realize the level of collaborative management required to sustain salmon and a salmon fishery. Much of the focus in 2011-12 was around building and articulating best practices (accomplished through the development of a report highlighting the Panel's lessons learned), in promoting a widespread appreciation of the importance of monitoring and compliance practices (advanced through sectoral outreach communicating the previous year's Panel report "Charting Our Course" and testimony at the Cohen Commission), and in addressing issues related to access, certification, traceability, and in season adjustments (provided through input into the final crafting of DFO's Strategic Framework). Against a backdrop of its final year of financial support from both FSWP and PICFI and health challenges faced by a key team member, the team pulled together to complete its work and create a strategy to continue their work into the future.

OPTIONAL: Please give a short statement (up to 100 words) of the most compelling activity or outcome from your project.

The M&C Panel prepared a legacy piece, an overview of their work, including lessons learned, entitled “Perspectives and Recommendations to Improve Fisheries Monitoring and Compliance in Pacific Fisheries”, continued to influence the content of an important emerging policy namely DFO’s Strategic Framework, and was reportedly well received at the Cohen Commission where they shared the value of a multi-interest stakeholder collaborative, mutually accountable approach, to advance trust and confidence within the fishery.

3. Final Project Results and Effectiveness

3.1 Please copy THE EXPECTED DELIVERABLES from your detailed proposal and insert into this table. Add additional rows as needed. Then describe the FINAL DELIVERABLES (the tangible end products resulting from this work) associated with each expected Deliverable.

If FINAL DELIVERABLES differ from the original EXPECTED DELIVERABLES, please describe why, and the implications for the project.

EXPECTED DELIVERABLES	FINAL DELIVERABLES
1. Charting Our Course Report Communications	Charting our course was a focus of discussion at Widening the Circle, to over 60 participants in Vancouver. Considerable distribution of the COC report (50 copies distributed to participants) in a variety of sectors and made reference to the at Cohen
2. Periodic Panel Reports re: State of Monitoring and Compliance in Pacific Region	Writing of a key document, “Perspectives and Recommendations to Improve Fisheries Monitoring and Compliance in Pacific Fisheries”
3. Panel Communication Products/Media Reports/ Online Materials	Website with key reports established to facilitate easy access to information about the value of collaborative processes in the fishery, and Panel’s achievements
4. Field Trips/Public Workshops with Local Partners	Although regional dialogues took place in various parts of BC, a field trip was not held in 2011-12
5. M&C Panel and working Group Meetings	Consistent, well attended highly participatory Panel and Working group meetings took place monthly and often more frequently, throughout the initiative.
6. M&C Panel Pilot Projects with Harvest Sectors	A pilot project was attempted with harvest sectors but there was not the ability for uptake.
7. M&C Panel Engagement with Multi sectoral processes	Panel members were deeply engaged in multi-sectoral processes throughout BC
8. Panel recommendations for action	The Panel provided considerable input into shaping and editing DFO’s about to be released Strategic Framework, their policy precursor. The Panel’s “Perspectives & recommendations” report also includes a host of recommendations for action.
9. Panel participation in regional policy development	Panel members participated in processes in the lower Fraser, Nanaimo, the Skeena and Victoria, although the effect of having the Cohen Commission receiving evidence throughout much of this last year, resulted in

	considerable retrenchment in regional initiatives.
10. Ongoing collaboration in participant driven collaborative process training	The Salmon Roundtable was not funded to deliver training this year so M&C could not assist in the advancement of that initiative.
3.2 Please evaluate the EFFECTIVENESS of your project in achieving Project Objectives, using the specific measures of success identified in your proposal. Please include any notable successes or challenges.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Promote within all sectors and the public an understanding of, and confidence in monitoring and compliance practices: Effective. The Panel’s Charting our Course report was a featured discussion at ‘Widening the Circle ‘ a gathering of over 60 fisheries-related participants, as including key elements to promote ways to improve confidence in monitoring and compliance. Equally important was Panel testimony before Cohen Commission, which highlighted strength of shared table to test and verify monitoring and compliance practices. Others testifying at Cohen mentioned lessons learned from the Panel. Promote collaborative decision making processes that generate opportunities for meaningful participation in monitoring and compliance decisions, and provide a foundation for building broader collaborative management structures, processes and activities: Effective. M+C Panel meetings were held throughout April, May, June, July, September, October, November, December, January, February and March, often several times in a month, and inclusive of different sectors to advance better ways to monitor the fisheries. Collecting lessons learned into a clear “perspectives” report ‘with low and high beam insights was a huge achievement. Foster the use of monitoring and compliance practices that incorporate best practice standards, and involve transparent decisions that are fairly, and equally applied: Highly effective. The writing and production of a lessons learned “perspectives” report, as well as the design, layout, and content for a website that will outlive the Panel, was advanced. Identify and champion the vital changes needed to support monitoring and compliance initiatives in each sector to sustain wild salmon: Highly effective. Panel members shared their input into the development of DFO’s strategic framework’ through their representative sectors. Build capacity to resolve conflicts and ensure high levels of compliance by all sectors: Effective. The Panel continued to advance the cooperative approach to conflict resolution within their sectors and most importantly, into other fisheries harvesting sectors, beyond salmon. 	
3.4 If applicable, please describe project outcomes that relate to one or more of the following strategic approaches (Section 2.1 of RFP; section 8 of detailed proposal template), and include specific examples.	
Engagement of First Nations. Please specify who, and in what capacity.	Ken Malloway (Tzeachten FN), Ernie Crey (Sto’lo) and Mark Duiven (Skeena) as well as others, represented First Nations at the Panel table and took the information and issues discussed back through their circles. The M&C Panel engaged with First Nations representatives via Panel activities and initiatives focused on monitoring and compliance topics.
Active partnerships with one or more organizations.	The M&C Panel is a multi-year and multifaceted collaborative process involving representatives from First Nations, Federal and Provincial governments, harvest and non-harvest sectors for salmon and other fisheries.
Engagement and participation of diverse and under-represented groups.	By preparing and providing testimony at the Cohen Commission, the Panel’s work was more widely exposed than imagined.

<p>Relationship building, as a foundation for sustainable, enduring activities.</p>	<p>The Panel strengthened relationships between sector representatives through several multi-sector discussions on monitoring and compliance issues as well as through the coordination of cooperative discussions related to DFO draft policy (Strategic Framework). The Panel continued to work co-operatively to support of other institutions, regional groups and processes to share workload and avoid duplication of effort regarding realizing change in compliance and monitoring practices, throughout BC.</p>
<p>Capacity building, including mentorship models, leadership training and skills development.</p>	<p>The Perspectives report will serve as a legacy of ways to build capacity within the fishery and beyond and devotes an entire section to identifying the essential ingredients or skills needed to advance more trusting working relationships.</p>
<p>Recognition and support of champions and their initiatives.</p>	<p>The Panel supports champions of a more collaborative less confrontational approach in all of their work.</p>
<p>Opportunities to influence policy and decision making,</p>	<p>The panel's Perspectives report serves to inform policy and the Panel provided the stimulus and critical feedback on DFO's policy guidance document on the fishery, their Strategic Framework, which they plan to release in 2012.</p>

3.5 Please describe how the benefits of this project will be sustained and/or be built upon into the future. What are the planned next steps, or recommendations for further work, if applicable?

The work of the Panel and their cooperative operating model will serve as a legacy for some time. At present the group is working to try to have the federal government support similar work, although the Cohen Commission report will likely be the source of most future work and direction in the Pacific fishery, upon its release.

3.6. What are the top three lessons learned from this project that could be useful to communicate to others doing similar work in the Basin?

1. That the fishery will only be improved, that the environmental/economic/social conditions of the fishery will only become sustainable, if the numbers become reliable and timely and strategies are developed based on those numbers. The monitoring of the stock will only be trusted when the methods of counting fish are trusted.
2. Building trust takes time and finding a shared language, that's not derogatory or inflammatory, can be a key part of learning from each other. This is certainly so inside the fish sectors.
3. cooperation works.

3.7 REQUIRED: Attach all DOCUMENTATION of Final Deliverables, and LIST attachments in Section 8. These may include technical reports, maps, photos, evidence of communications, lists of meeting participants, etc.

4. Outreach and Communications

Please describe how you have communicated project activities and results within local and basin-wide communities, across organizations and/or to decision makers.

Please list and attach copies of (or links to) any communications materials from these efforts that you have not previously submitted.

The work of the Panel has been widely shared through fish sectors throughout the life of the ISDF, so it is widely known. The Panel presented at the Cohen Commission on May 12 2011 (transcript available through <http://www.cohencommission.ca/en/Schedule/Transcripts/CohenCommission-HearingTranscript-2011-05-12.pdf#zoom=100>) The Panel will have their website up, including their reports, at www.mandcpanel.org at the end of March 2012.