

Trevor we appreciated your comments at the recent SFAB South Coast meeting relating toward cooperative efforts with the SFAB, particularly relating to the creation of a provincial Non Tidal Salmon/Anadromous Working Group. This reiterates past PAAT discussions toward more effective working relationships with DFO thru the SFAB process. We believe that the vast majority of organizations & anglers at large support collaboration between govts & sectors including F/N's as absolutely mandatory to reverse extinction & save threatened steelhead stocks. Recent discussions with F/N also indicate a desire to seek united actions to save steelhead & threatened non tidal salmon stocks.

These commitments toward seeking common solutions is very gratifying in these current desperate times of fish mgt. Let's seize this positivity as it has taken years to get past prior positions of mistrust & ensure that the PAAT process is part of these common goals. This will require review of the current process to ensure that PAAT is capable of truly representing all provincial angler concerns & can make respectful contribution to saving & rebuilding both steelhead & other salmon species. You have laid out an aggressive provincial agenda toward recovery which we can all support particularly if it means some immediate "boots on the ground" actions.

A potential immediate action is provincial participation in a full forum Lower Fraser Collaborative Table (LFCT) meeting in the new year. As you are aware this table represents all sectors including the LFFA , commercial sectors & the major organizations representing anglers including the SFAB, SFI, BCFDF & BCWF. I have flagged the steelhead crisis as a priority issue for discussion, which has been recognized by all participants as crucial to not only steelhead but also to many anticipated fisheries where steelhead are present. The next forum meeting is Jan 24th which is dedicated to strategic planning which will include discussion on when & where the province can participate. I'm hoping we can set dates for early spring for provincial attendance.

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