

Monitoring and Compliance Panel Overview – April 2011

M&C Panel Purpose and Rationale

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. Without a widespread confidence among all sectors and within the public that best practices of monitoring and compliance are being engaged, there can never be sustainable outcomes. Credibility of our monitoring and compliance activities is the vehicle that will drive us to mutual accountability.

Building an effective regime of monitoring and compliance is not the only change required, but it is one of the essential starting points. The equation is simple: better, more timely information leads to better decisions, better decisions create more economically sound fisheries, and thereby better protect the environment, communities and fish. The Panel's sole power lies in the credibility of its members, the credibility and competence of the Panel work, and the ability of the Panel to build a consensus that translates new ideas into constructive changes.

The panel's work will be instrumental in building best practices, in promoting a widespread appreciation of the importance of M and C practices, and in addressing issues related to access, certification, traceability, and in season adjustments.

Success will be realized when all sectors can "tell each other's stories" about each other's standards and practices, rather than disputing each other's numbers, and confidently share those stories with the public.

M&C Panel Scope and Objectives

The Panel will operate on a provincial level. It will work with and support local groups, as well as work co-operatively with other institutions, groups and processes to share work and avoid duplication. The primary objectives of the panel are as follows:

- Promote within all sectors and the public an understanding of, and confidence in monitoring and compliance practices;
- Promote collaborative decision making processes that generate opportunities for meaningful participation in monitoring and compliance decisions;
- Foster the use of monitoring and compliance practices that incorporate best practice standards, and involve transparent decisions that are fairly, and equally applied; and
- Identify and champion the vital changes needed to support monitoring and compliance initiatives in each sector to sustain wild salmon

The M&C Panel will be terminated after 3 years (2009-2012). This sunset provision is designed to force the Panel to prove its ability to make a difference in a timely manner. After three years a review is required to determine if sufficient support exists to carry on in the existing or an amended format, or to terminate the Panel.

M&C Panel Composition and Leadership

The current Panel Members and Alternates identified for each sector include:

Sector	Member	Alternate
NGO	Craig Orr	Jeffery Young
First Nations	Mark Duiven Ken Malloway Tony Roberts Jr.	Ernie Crey Les Sam
Commercial	Peter Sakich	Ryan McEachern Chris Ashton
Recreational	Chris Bos	Frank Kwak
Federal	Colin Masson	Mike Jones
Provincial	Wayne Saito	Bud Graham
Public Panel Member	Potential public figures have been identified that will be approached at a later date once the M&C Panel has been fully established	

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The roster of Panel Chairs to date is as follows (6 month term):

Member	Term
Craig Orr (Inaugural Panel Chair)	April 2009 – November 2009
Ken Malloway	December 2009 – March 2010
Peter Sakich	April 2010 – March 2011

M&C Panel Priorities

Priorities being pursued by the Panel reflect the results and insights gained through dialogue conducted by both the ISDF M&C Working Group prior to panel establishment and work completed by the Panel since being established in April 2009. The key priorities identified by the Panel include the following:

- Develop principles, standards and objectives for M&C programs
- Develop specific recommendations for improving M&C policies and practices in ways that ensure these are practical, affordable, timely and integrated across fisheries
- Identify incentives for each sector to take greater responsibility for promoting M&C Best Practices
- Establish and maintain linkage to local processes and share stories/approaches/outcomes
- Identify ways to increase sector participation in M&C decisions and improve communications
- Improve communications and public awareness regarding M&C issues, processes and outcomes

M&C Panel Projects

Four key projects have been identified by the Panel to begin to address M&C Panel priorities in a strategic manner:

- **Project 1 - Identifying Best Practices:** Identify what is working in monitoring and compliance programs, where have we “got it right”, where there are issues we need to “get it right”, and what are the incentives and criteria to ensure economic/social/ecological viability.
- **Project 2 - Communications, Awareness and Recognition:** About telling good stories and rewarding good behavior – ensuring the use of effective Communications & Public Awareness approaches as well as providing recognition for Monitoring and Compliance leadership and excellence by individuals and organizations. Project will use storytelling and rich media to better communicate what is really happening on the ground in terms of monitoring and compliance on fisheries on the Fraser and Coast wide.
- **Project 3 - Collaborative Management and Governance:** Find areas where we can develop and build principles and examples of good collaborative management and demonstrate a new way of working collaboratively together (i.e., as the M&C Panel is doing)
- **Project 4 - Achieving High Levels of Compliance:** Encourage the use of restorative justice processes by affected communities or organizations to handle violations of fisheries laws and regulations to achieve high levels of voluntary compliance, develop active collaborative partnerships between compliance agencies and affected communities, and develop widespread community and public awareness and confidence in the fairness and effectiveness of compliance policies and practices.