Proposed change to syntax:

```xml
<channelType  name="ncname"
    action="request-respond"|"request"|"respond"? >

    <usageRules> <useOnce/> | <unlimitedUse/> </usageRules>?
    <actionRules> <allowAction name="request-respond"|"request"|"respond"/> </actionRules>?

    <passing  channel="qname"
        action="request-respond"|"request"|"respond"?
        new="true"|"false"? />*
    <role  type="qname"  behavior='ncname'? />

    <reference>
        <token name="qname"/>
    </reference>
    <identity>
        <token name="qname"/>+
    </identity>?

</channelType>
```

2nd paragraph after syntax:
Current Text:
"The OPTIONAL attribute usage is used to restrict the number of times a Channel of this Channel Type can be used."

Proposed change:
"The OPTIONAL element usageRules is used to restrict the number of times a Channel of this Channel Type can be used."

3rd paragraph after syntax:
Current text:
"The OPTIONAL attribute action is used to restrict the type of information exchange that can be performed when using a Channel of this Channel Type. The type of information exchange performed could either be a request-respond exchange, a request exchange, or a respond exchange. The default for this attribute is set to "request"."

Proposed change:
"The OPTIONAL element actionRules is used to restrict the type of information exchange that can be performed when using a Channel of this Channel Type. The type of information exchange performed could either be a request-respond exchange, a request exchange, or a respond exchange. The default for this element is set to "<allowAction name="request"/>"."

NOTE1: by adopting the allowAction construct more types of "permission" statements, re action patterns, communicative acts and information, may be created in future specification versions.
NOTE2: it is also proposed to keep the attribute "action" in element <passing/>.
NOTE3: Changes to channelType examples are needed.

Other candidates for attribute to element transformation

Section 2.4.6: for element <workunit>, the attributes guard and repeat could be translated into element in order to allow other type and kinds of expressions.

Section 2.5.2.3 Interaction syntax: for element <timeout> the attribute time-to-complete should be translated into element in order to allow other type and kinds of timeout expressions.