

Nootka Sound Watershed Society

Minutes of meeting held on Wednesday 23 February, 2005 in the Western Forest Products Meeting Room

Present:

Michel Rabu (P)- Gold River Fish Camp; Paul Smith (S)- G.R. Stream Keepers; Pat Dennison (T)- Gold River Resources Ltd.; Jim Mitchell (D)- Gold River Stream Keepers; Dick Dennison (D)- Gold River Rod and Gun; Jamie James (D)- Mowachaht/Muchalaht Fisheries; Roger Dunlop- NTC Fisheries; Dave Davies- DFO Community Advisor; Steve Emmonds- Conuma Hatchery; Tim Davies- Grieg Seafood; Jim Murphy- Grieg Seafood; Jim Davis- Moutcha Bay Resort; Bill Haggarty- G.R. Resident; Mike McCallum- G.R. Streamkeepers; Jeff Pawelchak- Western Forest Products; Marc Charet- Finline Graphics; Temple McPherson- Lodge at Gold River; A. Walsh- Critter Cove;

1. 1. Michel Rabu called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

Michel stated that the meeting will be taped to aid in the taking of minutes. Anyone who objects may leave if they so choose. Michel asked everyone to sign the attendance sheet.

2. 2. Introductions around the table

3. 3. Changes/additions/approval of agenda

Michel Rabu asked for changes or additions to the agenda. The Terms of Reference were added under new business. Pat Dennison added an update on the membership drive under unfinished business. Roger Dunlop added a couple of things one under correspondence and one under new business. Jim Murphy moved to accept agenda, seconded by Dick Dennison, called to question, all in favour, none opposed, so moved.

4. 4. Changes or additions to minutes of the previous meeting

Michel Rabu asked everyone to read over the previous minutes. Roger Dunlop commented that his name is spelled wrong. Steve Emmonds had changes to Jim Mitchell's comments concerning the timing of production plans. Steve also commented on the budget statements made by Jim Mitchell. Excess water should be stricken.

5. 5. Approval of Minutes

Jim Mitchell moved to accept minutes, Roger Dunlop seconded, called to question, all in favour, none opposed, so moved

6. 6. Old business arising from the minutes

Paul Smith updated everyone on the October minute's status and the council agenda issues. Jim Mitchell stated that we need to write a written request for emailing the agenda before council meetings. Dick Dennison moved to write a written request asking for agenda to be emailed to info@nootkasound.org before every Gold River Council meeting. Bill Haggarty seconded, called to question, all in favour, none opposed, so moved. Paul Smith updated everyone on the logo contest. Michel Rabu handed out the logos that have been sent in to date. The winner chosen was Ezgi Mutluand age 15 from Gold River Secondary School for the logo with a fish, water, trees and multiple lines around the fish signifying more than one, the runner up was

Evan Haggarty of Tahsis. Dick Dennison moved that the NSWS pay \$100 to the winner of the logo contest. Seconded by Bill Haggarty, called to question, all in favour, none opposed, so moved. Everyone agreed that we should have some kind of press release to announce the winner. Paul Smith updated everyone on the letters of thanks. Roger Dunlop updated everyone on the Rockfish quota issues coming down the pipe. Since Bruce Adkins wasn't in attendance, some discussions on the information used to come up with the 80% number used in Bruce Adkins power presentation at the last meeting. Dave Davies will follow up on previous request to Bruce Adkins to provide this data. Pat Dennison updated everyone on the current membership drive and asked for input. Michel Rabu stated that we need to have all the user groups on board. We need to create an address book of all the lodges, charter operators, tackle shops, marinas etc. We need to create a portfolio on what the Nootka Sound Watershed Society is all about for potential donors and members. What about bumper stickers? Michel Rabu asked for two to three volunteers to put together a promotion package. Jim Davis moved that the NSWS create a subcommittee to put together a promotion package. Pat Dennison seconded, called to question, all in favour, none opposed, so moved. The committee will consist of Pat Dennison, Bill Haggarty, Marc Charet and Jim Davis.

7. 7. Correspondence

All correspondence has been forwarded to members via email. Contact Paul Smith if you haven't been receiving correspondence. Paul Smith talked about the letter from the Tahsis Chamber of Commerce. Roger Dunlop handed out a document on the escapes from Grieg Seafood's.

8. 8. New Business

Under new business the upcoming AGM was discussed and it was re-iterated that this is just a formality as we have already held elections in October 2004. New directors are welcome to put their name forward if interested. Discussions on the fish loss of 33,000 Atlantics reported last May 2004 by Grieg Seafood's. Tim Davies stated that the number of escaped Atlantic salmon smolts were 33,000. It is still under investigation by MAFF and results are expected soon. Grieg has taken steps to ensure this doesn't happen again. Tim Davies stated that Grieg would fund a mitigating project to deal with adult escapement if or when it occurs. Dick Dennison asked if there are criteria for checking nets etc. Tim Davies replied that every 60 days they must check the nets. Since the incident, Grieg has been checking them every 30 days.

Roger Dunlop provided a copy of the memo to the Mowachaht/Muchalaht Council of Chiefs describing the rationale and scope necessary for an effective escape recovery plan (attached). Jim Mitchell moved that the NSWS support the initiative by Grieg Seafood's to create a project to determine the impacts by this escape on the watersheds of Nootka Sound. Dick Dennison seconded, called to question, all in favour, none opposed, so moved. Note: there was a friendly amendment to this motion proposed by Roger Dunlop.

Motion: The NSWS encourage Grieg Seafood (BC) Ltd. to develop a proper recovery program to address the escape vent of 33,000 Atlantic and that subject to adequacy of the final plans, the NSWS would reserve their full support for Grieg. Jim Mitchell moved that we accept the plan by Roger Dunlop to be used as a basis to work with Grieg. Paul Smith seconded, called to question, all in favour, none opposed, so moved.

Discussions on the 2005 production plan were tabled until the meeting with Bruce Adkins. Jim Davis asked Steve Emmonds if he had a plan in place for the 2005 budget. Steve Emmonds replied that he is basing it on last years budget. Lots of discussion on taking over ownership of the hatchery as long as Mowachaht/Muchalaht First Nation maintains 51% with the remaining 49% held between the community partners. Bill Haggarty stated that he would like to see us sending a letter to the Pacific Salmon Foundation denouncing the privatization of hatcheries in BC. This is based on the proposal by the Gold River Chinook Project to the PSF for funding to take over the Conuma Hatchery. This was discussed in depth and Paul Smith explained the process for PSF funding.

Jim Mitchell moved to invite Andrew Day from the WCVI Aquatic Management Board to provide input into our terms of reference or guide us to creating it. Seconded by Roger Dunlop, called to question, all in favour, none opposed, so moved.

9. 9. Reports

Financial Report- Pat Dennison
Adoption of Financial Report

10. 10. Presentations

11. 11. Action Items

1. Paul Smith will write a letter to Gold River Council requesting the agenda before every meeting.
- 2 Marc Charet will provide Michel Rabu with a list of all lodge and charter operators that he has on file.
3. Paul Smith will write a letter to the Tahsis Chamber of Commerce requesting more details of their proposal
4. RD to work on terms of reference and invite Andrew Day of WCVI AMB
RD to draft and distribute TOR and meet with sub-group to bring back on Terms of reference
RD to approach NTC for OK for participation on NSWS.

12. 12. Open Discussion

There wasn't much open discussion as most members left the meeting.

13. 13. Adjournment

Jim Murphy moved to adjourn at 9:42 pm. Next meeting is on Wednesday, March 30, 2005 same time, same place.

