

WATERSHED COMMITTEE

Minutes of meeting held on Wednesday 31st May 2000 Meeting Room # 2, Anne Fiddick Aquatic Centre, Gold River

Present: Chair Paul Smith, Chris Erikson, Steve Emmonds, Larry Fehr, Arlene Fehr, Jim Fiddick, Rob Watt, Glen Wilson, Roger Dunlop, Dick Dennison, Dave Stewart (joined the meeting in progress), Warren Warttig – secretary: Miriam Trevis

- 1.0 The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 7.23 p.m.
- 2.0 Introductions around the table
- 3.0 Moved Jim, seconded Roger, that the agenda be approved as circulated
CARRIED
- 4.0 The minutes of the previous meeting were approved with the following amendment: 5.0 f) change wording to read.... the possibility of utilising a Stream Keepers Group to do some of the work.....
Motion to accept the minutes as amended moved by Arlene, seconded by Larry
CARRIED
- 5.0 Business arising from the minutes
Roger gave a brief report on the proposed Heber River diversion. He stated that the study will take two years and it is hoped that the diversion will help to stabilise the Elk River. He suggested that BC Hydro should be approached to establish the study and noted that the area in question falls within the traditional territory of the Mowachaht/Muchalat First Nation. There was some discussion regarding the fact that the de-commissioning of the diversion is in-line with the Strathcona Park Master Plan. Motion to support the Mowachaht/Muchalaht First Nation's position on the de-commissioning moved by Jim seconded by Larry.
CARRIED
Miriam stated that because the committee makes decisions on consensus there is no need for motions on the table.
Paul stated that another Streamkeepers Course was being set up. Larry stated how much he had enjoyed the course.
The information on fry trapping is still awaited.
Paul stated he was still trying to get the testing done at the Hart Lake Dump – Larry expressed a willingness to assist with this work.
Dave stated that a map would be forthcoming shortly regarding the storm drains. He stated that he had discussed the chlorine management plan with the Village and had been advised that chlorine killer is put into the water then it is processed through the sewage treatment plant. Paul stated he still wants to see a copy of the chlorine plan. Jim noted that he already has a map of all the storm drains.
Paul stated that BC Wildlife will be doing safety presentations in the Elementary Schools in Gold River, Tahsis, Zeballos and Kyuquot in the fall.

Jim noted that there is a video put out by the BC Wildlife Federation, which is geared to schoolchildren.

Paul noted that the Fish Smart programme will be starting in the Elementary Schools in September.

The Resource management Plan was discussed with Warren noting that Interfor sits on the steering committee. He noted that the DFO system is based on indicator rivers whereas MELP uses a different formula. He gave an explanation of the Enhanced Environmental Values. It was agreed that the Watershed Committee requests public input into this process and would also appreciate receiving the criteria used.

Roger stated that we should be prioritizing our own watersheds. Paul indicated that he would be working on a spreadsheet combining Foc and Moelp priorities in time for the next meeting.

Paul stated that he was forming a Watershed Committee in Tahsis and would be ultimately doing one in Zeballos too.

6.0 Terms of Reference.

Everyone was comfortable with them as they are written.

7.0 New Business

It was suggested that an advertisement should be run to attract members to the Watershed Committee. It was agreed that the executive should be made up of a chair, vice chair, sec/treasurer and two directors. It was agreed that the advertisement should show a map defining the boundaries used by the Watershed Committee and give some of its goals and objectives.

Steven recommended that the focus of the committee should be on the inlet so that all rivers are covered. He stated that he felt it was important not to spread the committee's resources too thinly but to concentrate on areas that can be done.

The Salmonid Enhancement Programme response form was circulated to all members. The questionnaire is to be returned by July 10th.

Paul is attending workshop on Wild Salmon at the Anchor Inn on 14th June.

8.0 The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 28th June – time and location to be confirmed prior to the meeting.

9.0 The meeting adjourned at 9.15 p.m.