

Nootka Sound Watershed Society

Minutes of meeting held on Wednesday, October 26, 2005 in the Mowachaht/Muchalaht band office.

Present:

Michel Rabu (P); Pat Dennison (T)-Gold River Resources Ltd.; Dick Dennison (D)-Gold River Rod and Gun; Steve Emmonds-Conuma Hatchery; Deb Clemenson (D)-Village of Tahsis Councilor; Jennifer Koch-Secretary; Alistair Thomson-DFO; Diana Dobson-DFO; Mike McCallum-Gold River Resident; Tim Davies-Grieg Seafood; Jim Mitchell-;

1. **Michel Rabu called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.**
 - Michel asked everyone to sign the attendance sheet, mentioned minutes will be recorded.
 - Introductions.
 - Jennifer Koch will be taking the minutes.
2. **Changes/additions/approval of agenda**
 - Steve Emmonds adds net pen
 - P. Dennison adds WCVI Salmon Update
 - Approved.
3. **Changes or additions to minutes of the previous meeting**
 - Jim Mitchell report (absent) to be changed to tabled.
4. **Approval of Minutes**
 - Moved by Dick Dennison, 2nd by Jim Mitchell
5. **Business arising from the minutes**
 - Weirs on Gold/Muchalat Rivers-Jamie Jame-no wiers installed to date. **Tabled** to next meeting.
 - Report from GRSK on involvement/roles of stewardship co-ordination-Jim Mitchell. Power Point Presentation added to minute book.
 - Tim Davies-Grieg's swim results of Gold River. Copy of report will be attached to minutes for next meeting. No positive confirmation of atlantic salmon in Gold River. 1000 Unidentified fish in lower pool. Additional swims tried this week but there was too much rain. More swims will occur if weather permits.
 - Funding application for forest stewardship education-D. Davies-**tabled**.
 - Thank you letters completed to WFP, Paul Smith
 - Gold River Chinook Projects – invite Frames-put ball in their court (Steve Emmonds).-Dave Davies-**Tabled**
 - o PIP
 - o List of Equipment-DFO-Russ Doucet?
 - o Send letter inviting Frames to meeting-Motion by Jim Mitchell, 2nd by Mike McCallum.
 - Streamkeepers course next week-course is full. Anticipate new members from course.
 - o List of interest on Oct 30, 2005.

- Letters of resignation Jim Mitchell and Paul Smith-accepted.
- 2 copies of permit for DFO broodstock taking forwarded to Steve Emmonds.
- Net pen application complete for \$2,000.00

6. Presentations

- **Diana Dobson and Alistair Thomson-DFO**
- WCVI SALMON UPDATE
- Trying to rely more on stewardship groups, opportunity for community input.
- 1000 pieces-Conuma swim-no escapement targets. Membership forms made available to all lodges. E-mail out-Pat Dennison.
- Local closure for sports not commercial
- Luna
- D. Dennison-open to gillnetters-DFO forgot to open to sports fisherman..
- Hanna channel-Camel rock-last Gold River fish-local input? Compromise?
- Westcoast Aquatic Management Board
- Lower Chinook returns than anticipated this year
- Smaller fish
- D. Clemenson-Coho-D. Davies/B. Adkins-egg tocks 100,000-200,000. E-mail Bruce/cc Steve Emmonds
- Seine fishery for Chinook-some COHO caught. Little Coho this year
- Tim Davies-formalize process-Harvest strategy
- DFO interested in process from group
- Assessment Area D
- Bill Shaw
- Excess fish, identifying priorities-develop plan for assessment, how science works. Can harvest rates without assessments.
- Manage for Surplus fish.
- Motion for e-mail to B. Adkins by Tim Davies, 2nd by Dick Dennison-so moved.
- Thank you for coming.

7. Correspondence

8. New Business

- Logo not clean enough-Michel will return with conceptual design to table same with letterhead.
- Dinner Dance-Michel suggested Valentines Day. Christmas too soon. Get door prizes.
 - o First Nations perform traditional dance-Jamie Jame to get back to board
- Check community center availability for Feb 14, 2006 and cost.
- Website-
 - o Post Terms of Reference, Meetings, board members (check CD)
 - o Latest from DFO, technical items, minutes, links to sites

Terms of Reference add to next agenda.

9. Reports

- Financial Report-Pat. In minute book.
- Tim Davies –Sept/Oct cheques from Grieg Seafoods.
- Letter from society addressing tax exempt number to Dan Forest. Deb Clemenson. Andrew Day-will get tax exempt number.
- CWP-Dave Davies
 - o Lower pool option, otolith reading expense
 - o Upper reaches didn't work, not enough to fish (angling)
 - o Install weirs sooner in season
 - o Permanent structure-too much red tape-Navigable water-CEA, SARA
 - o Tim Davies should be able to get dollars. Must have industry component at this time
 - o Jamie Jame look into \$ of fence
 - o Respond to Dave Davies report-Deb Clemenson. Motion Tim Davies, 2nd by Jim Mitchell
 - o Steve Emmonds-sea pens-getting floats-if floats damaged deducted off price
 - Disinfect-mussels- and re-assemble
 - Assemble late winter
 - Stacked pieces-wrecking floats
 - \$9416 Wave crest \$125/float
 - Tim Davies-ask production managers for donations of old pens and nets
 - Mike gets info-pay for net pens
 - Michel sign cheque for net pens

10. Action Items/Open Discussion

- Michel-letter to Bruce Adkins regarding egg targets
- Pat –look into community hall for dance-availability, cost.
- Deb Clemenson -Letter of Thanks to Dan Forest.
- Deb Clemenson-Respond to Dave Davies report.
- Jamie Jame look into \$ of fence

11. Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned 9:45 pm.
- Next meeting is on Wednesday, November 30, 2005 7 p.m., at WFP Board Room.
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