

NOOTKA SOUND WATERSHED SOCIETY

Draft Meeting Minutes
December 6, 2006
Council of Chiefs Meeting Room
7:00 PM to 9:00 PM

1. Welcome and Introductions – Round table intros to new NSWS Secretary

Attendance:

Roger Dunlop; NTC Fisheries	Jim Davies; Moutcha Bay Resort
Seaton Taylor; DFO	Deb Clemenson; Councillor for Tahsis
Pat Dennison; GR Resource Ltd	Dave Davies; DFO
Dick Dennison; GRRGC	Dan Stewart; RBF Renovation
Ken Smith; GRSKS	

2. Review and adopt Agenda – Agenda Items Added

Items added to Agenda	Speaker
Gold River Introgression Broodstock	Dave Davies
Nootka Sound Stewardship Award	Roger Dunlop
Net Pen Investment	
GR Streamkeepers – opportunity for funding	

3. Review and Adopt Minutes of October 25, 2006 meeting

4. OLD BUSINESS :

- Habitat Projects** – Conuma Side Channel(DFO predicts 2008 to start Court case in PA) Tseshaht, bed of the stream probably belongs to the province, private lands? Funding is available for side channel projects. TABLED.
- Other Habitat Project Priorities** - What is the next priority?
Relationship between MMFN and Greig Seafood is improving. TABLED.
ACTION: Roger will contact Grieg about someone to come and sit in on the meetings
- Funding Application assignments** - (FIA, PSC, SF, PSC, NF, PSF, DFO) Wait until the next meeting.
ACTION: Roger to call Mel – PSF
- Updates on Action Items from Oct 25, 2006** –
 1. Thank you letters now will be done by Roger
 2. Roger to contact Andrew

3. Invite Village of GR to sit on the NSWS
4. Roger to draft letter to Connie re: Coho hatchery production

5. **NEW BUSINESS:**

- i. **January Elections** – People should come and vote, notices should go in the newspaper. Must have ads prior to 30 days before the elections. Advertise and invite GR Council back to the table
- ii. **Burman Side Channel** - wait until BC Timber Sales comes to the meeting – TABLED
- iii. **Enhancement Update** (Dave Davies) – Gold River– Robertson Introgession Issue –, next meeting the others may be able to present more, this is all we have so far. Goes over handout. Salmon may be biased. To determine where those unknown fish come from is key 29.4% are unknown origin fish. Roger and Seaton will work on the sampling to get a truer picture. There are going to be upcoming meetings regarding Gold Enhancement. Discussion
ACTION: Invite Gill-netters back to discuss Post Season Report
- iv. **Gold River Turbidity Source** – where is this coming from, Does anyone know? Muchalaht Lake, Oktwanch?
- v. **Nootka Sound Stewardship Award** - Wild Salmon Stewardship Award presented by Andrew Day, to Roger for his Terms Of Reference work and also to the Society as a whole for the work they do, their stewardship activities benefiting Wild Pacific Salmon. Arlene Thompson came and talked about logging on private land (summary on what took place at the two day workshop and the award.)
- vi. **Net Pen Investment** – (in regard to lack of ?) wouldn't look at requesting any funds until an agreement was in place(who?). Looking for repayment of the cost for the net pen replacement. There was no date set, Dick Dennison said and felt that was partially the problem. They have collected 54,000 dollars and the plan is to ? Senior manager, attitude has changed on this cost recovery service, partly because funding has been stabilized . Discussion Letter will go out to ? Patricia to write?)
- vii. **Economic Analysis for Lodge Owners regarding Recreational Fisheries** - Feasibility study of doing a Nootka Sound cost analysis on what the fishery produces here, any funding available can be directed to the group may be approaching the community on our behalf will put that proposal on behalf of the owner operators of Lodge Owners on recreational fisheries

MOTION: That the society will support the owner operators for the Sound for salt water for an economic survey, will be the proponents,

Jim Davies motioned; Deb Clemenson seconded the motion

- viii. **Sea Pens for Tahsis** – we have agreed from the beginning that Tahsis needs a net pen, we should make a motion for it. Deb goes to Don and ask how money they need and bring it back to the society, and you can also go through the enhancement society for funding.

ACTION: Deb to talk to Tahsis Salmon Enhancement

MOTION: NSW is willing to provide matching funds

Dick motioned, Pat Dennison seconded

- ix. **Seaton Taylor Update** – Presentation for the whole West Coast on stock status, first wanted to go by species and then talked them into doing it by sound rather than species. Post Season report will be sent out. Talked about escapements. Need a better assessment plan for chum. Final escapements numbers should be coming in.

ACTION: Roger to contact Randy to come back to the table to discuss. Initial forecast on the Chinook based on the somass fish, 20,000 for a terminal return, sport 13000 includes the terminal inside 25, plus the commercial catch 40,845, preliminary escapement is 15,352, probably closer to 20,000. Overall including all of the total samples that Chris gave 82% were Conuma fish inside Conuma. The commercial catch was 97% only 3% were naturally spawned Conuma fish. Will send out a presentation

- x. **Gold River Stream Keepers** – request for funding, will not have a meeting until March now for the Streamkeepers. Sign should be erected at a spawning area that looks like a ditch but is not. Heading towards Twaddle Lake. Should be developed into a creek rather than a ditch.

Suggestion: For signs to go up on Highway and a sign for the E-W Gold connector Beaver Pond as a spawning creek. Dave will keep us posted

ACTION: Ken to ask Steward keepers about funding and signs

Financial Report – Presented by Pat Dennison. Handout of financial statement

Moved by Deb Clemenson; Jim Davis seconded the motion

It was suggested that an article goes to the paper on the projects that the society is working on (including the dollars being spent?)

Correspondence:

Donation from C-SRD – Grant in Aid

Lodge Operators Email from Kent O'Neil – Jim Davies discussed above

Prawn Recreation Closure – Info from Jim Morrison DFO – Sampling was down and it was discovered that in the first year the prawns had no sex, in the 2nd year they were male, in the 3rd year they were female and then die. Spawn index has declined. It is the first time they have sampled and discovered it was low and closed it until April 2007.

Summary of Action Assignments for next meeting Jan 30, 2007:

WFP thank you letters – Roger will do the thank you letters

Invite Village to sit on the WSS – Roger

Letter on Conuma Coho – to Connie

Invite Andrew Day for Feb meeting

Remind Mike Wright and BC Timber Sales to come to the meeting _Roger

Notification to the paper for nominations for elections – Roger

Jim going to info his lodges willing to be proponents of the economic analysis

Deb is going to talk to salmon enhancement about sea pens

Invite Gill-netters back here – Roger

Streamkeepers about funding – Ken Smith will ask them

Roger to sign at TD bank for check signing

Pat to send Deb the Pacific salmon information on contact person

Adjournment at 9:37 pm