

Nootka Sound Watershed Society
Minutes
Wednesday April 29, 2015
WFP Boardroom, 7pm

1. Welcome and Introductions 705

Attendance:

Kent O'Neil, President Dick Dennison, Vice President Cheryle Miner, Treasurer Lyndy Vroom, Secretary Pat Dennison, GR Resources Marcel Miner, GR Streamkeepers Roger Dunlop, Past President Ken Smith, GR Streamkeepers	Gordon Waterman, Councillor, Village of Gold River Paul Kutz, Western Forest Products Brian Rose, GR Rod and Gun Club Elmar Nabbe, Zeballos School Dave Davies, DFO, Community Advisor Georgina Amos, Thla-qua, Ha'wilt of the CeePeeCee area Harold Amos, Ehattesaht/Chinehkint Tribe
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2. Review and adopt of the Agenda – Moved by Dick. 2nd by Cheryle. All in favour. Motion carried.
3. Review and adopt of the minutes March 25, 2015 – Moved by Dick. 2nd by Paul. All in favour. Motion carried.
4. Review of action items from March 25, 2015 meeting

Action Items:

Action	Who	Completed
Keep in contact with Sean Wong, Ministry of Transportation	ACTION -MARCEL to follow up with Sean Wong to see what info Rupert got to do this proposal	Ongoing Big bend update – there is a draft proposal Dave has a copy of proposal for assessing work to be done at Big Bend Creek. \$8000 for assess of big bend reach below and above culvert. Maybe Rupert Wong to do assessment?
Marine Harvest Donation	Roger/ Dick to do with Jason Jason says valued pen at \$8000	Ask West Coast Aquatic if they can issue a tax receipt on our behalf for pen donation. ONGOING
Letter to Minister re: budget cuts with DFO, the impacts / effects that has.	Kent	Ongoing
PSF communications /Streamkeepers pictures on their website	Ken	Ongoing
Risk Assessment Workshop – May 5-7 List of people to Invite	Kent/Miranda	Done
Order lunches for workshop	Pat	Talk below – done
Letter to council requesting fees be waived for our workshop.	Kent	Done – council approved.
Do we need to change our Constitution to add 'Past-president'	Cheryle	See discussion item below.

Discussion as per email regarding location of Constitution, Bylaws, Paperwork.
Add Past President to our constitution if not already included.
Bylaws and constitution found however files from 2000-2004 are missing
Action – Roger to send the right copy of files for bylaws, terms of reference, constitution 2005 last revision on terms of reference Roger to send Lyndy electronically and Dave has paper files.

5. Old Business

a. Habitat Update

Risk Assessment Workshop – May 5-7, Gold River

Tahsis volunteers knowledgeable about Tahsis, Perry and Leiner River and would be an asset to our workshop – request a change of venue to accommodate them on the days Tahsis watershed discussed. Better option is to offer to pay for gas to help the Tahsis folks get here.

ACTION – Kent -gas money idea to Frank and he can circulate.

ACTION - Kent ask Miranda to put all Tahsis area rivers together on one

** make sure we have a real prescription for each system before they move on to the next. Goal is to have 3 general but specific ideas for each...

ACTION- Kent email Lyndy the draft agenda for the workshop – Lyndy to circulate to all

ACTION – Roger to accept Wilf's offer to bring donuts/ muffins

Wilf has funding to pay for the workshop - Wilf already gave the money (\$10,000) to M. Wright

ACTION – Kent to confirm this with Wilf cc Mike Wright.

Tahsis Habitat Status Report – possible next steps— key points recommended on pg. 74 of M.Wright and Associates report

ACTION – Lyndy to send out link to drop box. Report is very thorough

Tahsis – Streamkeepers Course update – Dave Clough June 9th to do course Louis has spearheaded this Dave Davies is funding it

Dunlop Fence – **ACTION** Ken to provide historical data to Dave– Fence in around the 9th of April. Dick to find volunteers to check fence on Mon/Tues/Sat – all the rest of the days covered.

Big Bend – see above in action items

b. Hatchery Update-

Lyndy handed out status report of what is currently on hand at the hatchery and discussed the upcoming transports to the Muchalat, Gold and Burman - Gold/ Burman transport – scheduled for Friday May 15th -volunteers lined up for feeding

Muchalaht Lake transport – volunteers/feeding and what is still needed to set up Muchalat pen.

Collaborative Agreement – cheque was due April 1st –paid by Cheryle. **ACTION** - Kent – to email Mike regarding the collaborative agreement.

PSF funding– Pat contacted Jim – \$8700 is awarded – Pat needs to sign letter before release of funds.

Tahsis hatchery update – 70,000 Leiner chinook and 8000 Tahsis all were vaccinated on Monday. Conuma will help with the transport and release.

Discussions about how to help collect brood – one idea discussed was to put a fence in but was dismissed as it will have too much potential to blow out, another idea is to dig it out – make a big hole and create a scouring hole..

This Monday Dave is to tour the lower site with Resource Restoration team and install data loggers - they will also discuss possible ideas.

c. Fisheries Management / Area 25 Harvest Committee updates

Report from April 9th meeting – Dick – 2.5 hours was spent discussing the proposed closures in Esperanza, moved some boundaries. They are hoping to take 1000 samples out this year – cleaning up the data collection. Talked about Burman – could it support a fishery this year - one over one under after 9th Aug (after CPUE (catch per unit effort) is determined.

Gillnetters coming in around Aug 9th - they are looking at testing mesh size - looking at 2 different net sizes – having 3 boats with one mesh size and 3 with smaller mesh size to catch the 3yr olds -take 4000 pc of 3yr olds –

this would be for our enhancement fish – and leave some of the bigger females to go into the rivers to spawn and for brood collection.

Moutcha Bay is requesting that a NSW representative be present at their derby awards ceremony - end of June – they will be donating proceeds of derby to NSW earmarked for Coho
ACTION – Lyndy to look into contract clip cost of Coho adipose fin.

6. New Business

Gordon Waterman – Gold River Councillor - gave an update on work progress planned for Saunders Creek Bridge. They are opening up a temporary bypass road open this summer with the new bridge in place by next summer. Sean Wong should be aware there is sensitive steelhead run. **ACTION** - send Sean Wong's info to Gord Waterman.

7. Correspondence

Letter from DFO – re: National Volunteer Week – A sincere Thank You from Regional Director General (Fisheries and Oceans)

Email from Jim, PSF, re: Feb application – our full application was approved

Email from Dave – re: contact info for NSW

The River Never Sleeps Festival – May 3rd – Rosewall Creek Hatchery

MC Wright Invoice / Progress report

Letter from Village of Gold River – approving our request for having the rental fees waived for our workshop held at arena.

ACTION- Lyndy - all PSF invoices picture etc. to Pat and Dave

8. Financial Report - - Financial report was presented and read by Cheryle. Motion to adopt financial report, and sign cheques. Moved by Dick. 2nd by Roger. All in favour. Motion carried.

ACTION – Kent to email Jason re: restorative justice funds – discuss with Cheryle

ACTION – Pat -Request for funding from Brenda Wright for Dunlop fence

9. Next Meeting – Wednesday May 27, 2015 - 7pm at Tsaxana

10. Adjournment 9:09 Moved by Pat