

Nootka Sound Watershed Society
Minutes
Wednesday Jan 28, 2015
WFP Boardroom, 7pm

1. Welcome and Introductions
Attendance:

Ken Smith, VP, GR Streamkeepers Section Cheryle Miner, Acting Treasurer Lyndy Vroom, Secretary Dick Dennison, GR Rod and Gun Club Pat Dennison, Gold River Resources Marilyn Hutchinson, Grieg Seafood	Marcel Miner, GR Streamkeepers Chris Erikson, DFO Conuma Hatchery Dave Davies, DFO Community Advisor Gordon Waterman, Village of Gold River Doug Meske, Western Forest Products Paul Kutz, Western Forest Products
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2. Review and adopt of the Agenda with additions Moved by Dick 2nd by Marilyn All in favour. Motion carried.

3. Review and adopt of the minutes dated Nov 26, 2014. Moved by Dick. 2nd by Marilyn. All in favour. Motion carried.

4. Review of action items from Nov 26, 2014 meeting

Action Items:

Action	Who	Completed
Request meeting with WFP – Doug Meske - to invite to meetings and ask for permission to use WFP boardroom	Roger / Dick to attend meeting as well	Kent spoke with Doug Meske – Dick to follow up. DONE
Keep in contact with Sean Wong, Ministry of Transportation	Ken/Marcel	Ken and Marcel are going to help move this forward –ONGOING Roger got a call from Rupert Wong? Dave to talk to follow up with Rupert.
Marine Harvest Donation	Roger	Ask West Coast Aquatic if they can issue a tax receipt on our behalf for pen donation. ONGOING Contact Jason Ian Roberts. Need valuation. (\$8000)
Letter to Minister re: budget cuts with DFO, the impacts / effects that has.	Kent	Ongoing
Letter re: stewardship fish and the agreement that fell through	Kent	Being addressed – Area 25 Harvest Roundtable committee is dealing with it.
Apply for PSF funding – Feb 15 deadline	Dave Davies	Dave is working on this – but someone at NSWS to finish (Lyndy).
Thank you –Pen donation and transport Marine Harvest/Grieg Seafood	Lyndy	Done
M. Wright workshop date?	Roger	Put off until May/June there will be an internal workshop first- DFO Risk assessment workshop in May/June to assess the work that we will be doing.
Habitat contract extension – April 30 /15	Roger / Ken	Roger has extended the contract.
Thank you – DFO – Mel Sheng	Roger	Done
Letter to invite MMFN representative	Roger	Done

5. Old Business

- a. Habitat Update – M.Wright – they will have a written update for next month's meeting.
PSF funding is for our donated pen at Muchalat Lake – need a net, feeder, anchors, ropes, lights, batteries, signs for- total \$8600 and we have in-kind funding from Grieg Seafood and Marine Harvest donations, plus volunteer time/labour.
- b. Hatchery Update – Chris gave a current status report on Conuma Hatchery, the number of eggs we took in the fall, and reports that they are just starting to pond the first of the Conuma Chinook fry. There is also 66,000 Conuma Coho smolts (adipose clipped) current weight approx. 8gms to release in June. There are lots of improvements planned for the hatchery in the near future - putting in a new 12" well, a roof on our aeration tower, building a fence around the concrete ponds for protection from predation.
Tahsis hatchery update– 67,764 Leiner River Chinook eggs and 8,000 Tahsis River eggs
- c. Fisheries Management / Area 25 Harvest Committee Update– Dick reports – discussed terms of reference first half of day. Discussed stewardship fish - Gillnetters having trouble getting someone to catch the stewardship fish. Low number of females at hatchery this year – talked about using different net size and doing some sampling so a possibility would be to catch the stewardship fish and do a test fishery and net size test at the same time. Discussed the fishery in the Burman, talked about Gold River/ Muchalat Lake, not likely an economic fishery this year as Burman had a lower run than forecast (did not get any Burman eggs BY2011)
Next meeting is the 26th of Feb
Still working on stewardship fish

Donations to the NSWS;

Area D gillnetters - \$10,000

The Lodge at Gold River / Kent O'Neil - \$2500 (one of many donations over the year)

6. New Business

ACTION - AGM at Feb meeting– advertise - ask Cheryle for copy of last year's ad - Lyndy

ACTION - Newsletter – Roger

Thank you letter / certificate presented to Dick and Pat Dennison for their hard work and fundraising - \$22,103.00

7. Correspondence

Email from Gibran – on behalf of Moutcha Bay / Nootka Marine Adventures – they are willing to commit to raising and or funding an increased coho program at Conuma hatchery. Helping fund to increase target to 150,000 smolts released in Conuma estuary. They have also committed to adding some labour for the adipose clipping and feeding as well.

Request for proposal - Christoph Moch - The 2015 Consultants Invitational Fishing Derby is looking for worthy salmon projects to donate to. Identify a project in the \$2000-\$4000 range and forward to him. Funds available after derby is held July 25, 2014

ACTION need to respond to him with funding idea – who??

8. Financial Report

Cheryle read the financial report – to Dec 31, 2014

\$134.12 - unaccounted for – possibly US exchange from a donation cheque.

Motion to accept financial report – Moved by Dick 2nd by Pat. All in favour. Motion carried.

ACTION – Pat to call Jim at PSF about the \$30,000 funding that we need to spend and report on by March 31 – can we have more time as we got the funding late.

ACTION –Thank you letters -The Lodge at Gold River and Area D Gillnetters - Lyndy

ACTION -Order decals '15' – (2015) order 200 of them - Cheryle

ACTION – asking Marilyn to transport smolts in April – write letter

ACTION - Ken to ask if Doug standing for Treasurer

9. **Next Meeting** – Wednesday Feb 25, 2015 at Tsaxana

10. **Adjournment** 8:18 - Moved by Pat