

Nootka Sound Watershed Society  
Minutes  
Wednesday Mar 25, 2015  
Lounge, Gold River Arena

*2pm -PRELIMINARY WORKSHOP– Mike Wright and Miranda deVisser of M.Wright and Associates  
If you would like a power point copy of the presentation please contact Lyndy – vroom@conumacable.com*

*A most fabulous meal was prepared for us by Chef Terry of The Lodge at Gold River – a huge THANK YOU to Kent for making this possible and to Terry for the delicious meal.*

**1. Welcome and Introductions**

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, Gold River resident Ken Smith, GR Streamkeepers	Louis VanSolkema, Councillor, Village of Tahsis Gordon Waterman, Councillor, Village of Gold River Paul Kutz, Western Forest Products Brian Rose, GR Rod and Gun Club Elmar Nabbe, Zeballos School Sarah Harrison, Fisheries Coordinator, MMFN Dave Davies, DFO, Community Advisor
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2. Review and adopt of the Agenda – Moved by Dick. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Cheryle. All in favour. Motion carried.
3. Review and adopt of the minutes Feb 28, 2015 - Moved by Pat. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gordon. All in favour. Motion carried.
4. Review of action items from Feb 28, 2015 meeting

Action Items:

Action	Who	Completed
Keep in contact with Sean Wong, Ministry of Transportation	Ken/Marcel/Dave	Ken and Marcel are going to help move this forward –ONGOING Roger got a call from Rupert Wong Dave to follow up with Rupert
Marine Harvest Donation	Roger/ Dick to do with Jason	Ask West Coast Aquatic if they can issue a tax receipt on our behalf for pen donation. ONGOING <i>Is this still relevant?</i>
Letter to Minister re: budget cuts with DFO, the impacts / effects that has.	Kent	Ongoing
2014 NSWS newsletter	Pat	DONE – couple of changes made.
Reply to 'Request for proposal – funding from Christoph Moch	Kent	DONE
Reserve House of Unity for March 25 <sup>th</sup> preliminary workshop starting at 2pm	Roger	DONE
Price / order food options for between workshop/meeting on Mar 25 <sup>th</sup> .	Pat	DONE
Discuss with Wilf Luedke re: funding for workshop in May	Roger / Dick	DONE
Invite people with local knowledge, historical data, pictures etc. to preliminary workshop	Everyone	DONE
Thank you letter to Doug Arcus for	Kent	DONE

his work as Treasurer		
PSF communications /Streamkeepers pictures on their website	Ken	ONGOING
Letter for re-closing Rosa/Esperanza, Steamer/Strange	Roger / Dick	DONE

**5. Old Business**

- a. Habitat Update - The contract for M.Wright and Associates was extended to May 31, 2015.

Dunlop Creek Smolt fence – fry are out, need to get the fence in. **ACTION** – Ken to organize putting fence in (let Dave Davies know timing so he can try to be involved) and work with Pat to organize volunteers for daily monitoring.

**ACTION** -May workshop planning – Kent to email Miranda for list of suggested people that we invite to May workshop. Miranda to provide us with an agenda of sorts (timing of the different watersheds that we are working through as to enable people with knowledge of specific watersheds to be able to attend at the right time to be an asset in our discussions.

**ACTION** – Pat presented costs of different lunch options, Kent offered to provide one lunch from The Lodge, the other two lunches will be ordered from local business – Pat

**ACTION** – Kent to write a letter to council requesting fees be waived for lounge rental and dish rental for our 3 day workshop in May (letter to be in by March 31<sup>st</sup>) Kent or Dick to attend council on April 7<sup>th</sup> to present letter.

Dave Davies is bringing Dave Clough to Tahsis in May to offer the Streamkeepers Course. Contact Dave Davies if you would like more information.

- b. Hatchery Update-

Dave Davies is purchasing 8 bottles of Vibrogen-2 for vaccinating the Tahsis, Burman and Gold River chinook.

Conuma hatchery - Lyndy gave a report on activity currently happening at the hatchery. All stocks are feeding well and looking healthy. The first group of fish moved out today – the Conuma Chum which will be held in a seapen located close to the mouth of the Conuma River for a couple of weeks. Chris and Lyndy went for a walk at Muchalat Lake and mapped a couple of potential anchor sites for the pen; next step is to take a boat out and doing some sounding. Lyndy to contact Dick when that is happening. Dick reports that is a recent flyby of the Gold River seapen it appears to have broken apart on one side over winter. Need to take a closer look at what is required to fix it for this spring (also needs anchoring work).

6. Zeballos hatchery – Elmar reports that they have released their 3000 chum into the river. They have confirmed that their aquaculture licence is held by local community advisor and all that is required is to change name on licence to reflect new group that is running hatchery. They have a couple of people from DFO coming to the hatchery to help advise and prioritize for the hatchery to move forward. Grieg Seafood has offered assistance to help the Zeballos hatchery move forward and has offered for hatchery volunteers to come tour the Grieg hatchery in Gold River and then some Grieg personnel would visit Zeballos hatchery to help. It was also suggested that Zeballos Hatchery take a close look at all costs involved in running the hatchery on their own. Another possible option to explore is a satellite scenario. The band and the school have sent out letters of intent to the DFO community advisor. They would like to do around 40,000 chum and 40,000 chinook.

- c. Fisheries Management / Area 25 Harvest Committee updates  
Next meeting April 9th

**7. New Business**

Paul Kutz, Western Forest Products – spoke on the plans for the WFP Gold River Operation to move forward in working towards achieving CSA certification. They are putting together a community advisory group and

would like to invite the NSWS to send a representative to be involved in this process. One key indicator under CSA regulations is around water and riparian zone. The commitment would be once a month for the first year, then meet about 4 times/year on an ongoing basis. Kent requested that we get an official letter from WFP inviting us to sit on this board.

Past President – Dick put forward a motion to include past president in society (do we have to change our constitution?).

Motion by Dick. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Louis. All in favour. Motion carried.

**ACTION** – Cheryle to look in treasures box to see if she has constitution.

Roger requesting to present us his power point at the April 29<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**8. Correspondence**

Streamtalk – Stewardship and Community Involvement newsletter

SEP Community Workshop May 15-17 Port Alberni (info – <http://workshop.pskf.ca>)

Letter from Grieg's Seafood stating their continued support of the NSWS and a donation of \$8000

- 9. Financial Report** - Financial report was presented and read by Cheryle. Motion to adopt financial report with removal of Streamkeepers account; move those funds into general account. Three cheques to sign. Moved by Dick. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ken. All in favour. Motion carried.

**10. Next Meeting** – Wednesday April 29, 2015 7pm at WFP boardroom

**11. Adjournment** – Moved by Dick.