

Nootka Sound Watershed Society
Minutes
Wednesday September 9, 2015
Council of Chiefs Boardroom
Tsaxana 7:00 pm

1. Welcome and Introductions 7:14

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 Dave Davies, DFO, Community Advisor Marilyn Hutchinson, Grieg Seafood John Falavolito, Westveiw Marina
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2. Review and adopt of the Agenda – Moved by Pat. 2nd by Dick. All in favour. Motion carried.
3. Review and adopt of the minutes June 22, 2015 – with additions. Moved by Dick. 2nd by Marilyn. All in favour. Motion carried.
4. Review of action items from June 22, 2015 meeting

Action Items:

Action	Who	Completed
Keep in contact with Sean Wong, Ministry of Transportation	ACTION -MARCEL	Too late to do work in 2015, they are working on plan for 2016 to put weirs in. Verbal agreement in place ONGOING
Letter to Minister re: budget cuts with DFO, the impacts / effects that has.	Kent	ONGOING
Terms of Reference – Review them in the Fall		Review next Fall Circulate info we have for next meeting ACTION – Lyndy / Kent
Contact Tawny – WCA – are we required to pay anything? Admin fee?	Kent	Done – we don't have any expense
PSF for final report – pictures, invoices,	Lyndy	Pat almost done In-kind funding questions – Pat/Lyndy
Original contract from M.Wright Copy to Kent	Roger/ Ken	Done
Finalize plan for Tahsis 'pool' Write section 9 application	Dave	Done – project done as far as digging
Send Lyndy copy of Burman presentation	Roger	ONGOING

5. Old Business

- a. Habitat Update –
Final Reports – M.Wright – final invoice – a discussion took place regarding the final invoice and monies owed to M. Wright. Need to finalize based on what is in the contract. **MOTION-** to go ahead and negotiate with Mike and bring final cost back to the board. Moved by Marilyn. 2nd by Cheryle. All in favour. Motion carried. **ACTION –** Kent to follow up with Mike regarding final payment.

b. Hatchery Update-

Conuma Hatchery

Collaborative agreement – cheque – Sept 1

Coho clipping – Fuerste Vaccinating - 31,833 clipped as of today

Dick talked to Paul (Moutcha Bay) and he will pay the clippers, but Dick suggests we pay the bill and invoice

Moutcha Bay so that there is no delay in paying the invoice. **MOTION** to cover the costs of the clippers –

Moved by Dick 2nd by Louis. All in favour. Motion carried.

ACTION – Lyndy to send out invoice when it is ready

Moutcha Derby – \$20,000 raised by the derby.

Pat and Dick attended to give a presentation on behalf of the NSWS, what work we are doing, where their donations are going. \$4000 from Consultants Invitational Derby and \$2000 in membership fees sold by Pat and Dick.

Adults this year fish in the system as of Aug 30th....counted 17,500 chinook in the river. Started transporting on Sept 8th 600 females 650 male holding in ponds protected by the new electric fence

Conuma hatchery staff helping Tahsis on Friday for brood transport

Broodstock collection – Burman, Gold – likely Sept 19 for the Burman, Gold to follow –**ACTION** - Dave will be borrowing a truck and tank from Quinsam for the Gold (if timing is right – and truck available)

ACTION – Chris/Lyndy to send out info on dates likely the 19th for the Burman -

The Gold brood – need more info on fish numbers/location , to determine for sure as soon as we are done the Burman we will then likely do the Gold a couple days later

ACTION – need numbers for Pat for lunches and organize for boats

ACTION – Kent to look at the pumphouse road and report back – if needed ask Roger- WFP or Dan - Emcon to help with fixing road.

Tahsis Hatchery

Conuma helping out on Friday, they have asked for more help and hatchery staff are going to assist as much as possible. This year stocks are staying separate - no transplanting.

Coho has condition of major assessment before taking – can they do coho if they clip – need to do assessment of the wild stock too. **ACTION** - Dave to send Kent email re:coho on the Tahsis licence

Dick talked about building a transport tank to fit on trailer– Conuma has a trailer. It would be made by welder instructor in Victoria – he needs blueprints to take to the welder and get costs to put in application for funding, hope to have it ready by next spring for smolts and adults later.

Dick suggested that some money for this come from the donations that came in from Cougar Creek Derby.

ACTION – Dick/ Chris get blueprints. Chris will talk to Bruce as to what is needed to report back to Dick

Zeballos Hatchery

They hold a licence for 20,000 chum

Zeballos School asked Westview and Tahsis hatchery to fund educational material and pfd's and waders for brood collection.

c. Fisheries Stewardship Coordinator - West Coast Aquatic

Idea started at habitat assessment workshop. Kent and Louis followed up on this

Update on this – Tawny, WCA, is running the competition, NSWS to be involved with interview process– Kent/ Louis/Dick.

ACTION – Kent to circulate the emails regarding the posting

Sheena, WCA, has said she will help with PSF funding application for end Oct if new hire not in place yet

Roger was following up on Sucwoa with riparian treatments

ACTION – Kent – discuss with Roger/ Sheena, riparian plant on Sucwoa. WFP has prescription – can we put in for funding?

Northern Fund – Tahsis – to hire two people to help Tahsis volunteers to collect brood – two full time for three weeks – Wilf has put in the proposal – discussing options on how this could work in combination with Conuma hatchery staff

- d. Fisheries Management / Area 25 Harvest Committee updates – Report from Area 25 Harvest Committee – Kent – Barry Crow Area D gillnetters presented a cheque for \$15,000 for the Stewardship Fish, learned a lot this year, made some mistakes –needs to be a win for everyone. They were about 250 short for the quota – nice to have a firm plan year for year
- e. Moutcha Bay – derby report, coho funding – (discussed above)

6. New Business

John and Cathy – Westview Marina – John Falavolito presented the NSWS with a \$35,593.28 donation from their derby – Outstanding! – your hard work and support of the cause does not go unnoticed – Thank You Westview!! John gave the NSWS a little background on how the derby started (12 years ago) and how it has evolved...12 years ago the derby raised \$2500 for Tahsis Enhancement.... now \$35,593 (total funds in 12 years \$230,000!) John and Cathy drafted up a letter with proposed dispersal of the funds including but not limited to Tahsis Enhancement, Nootka Sound Watershed Collaborative Agreement with DFO, and educational programs for local schools. With the remainder of funds to be used at the discretion of the NSWS as defined within NSWS terms of reference and board approval. They have requested that the NSWS give them updates and feedback as to how their generous donation helped fund projects so that the in turn can let their clients know how/ where their donations went to help local resources.

ACTION – Kent to write a letter to the school boards

MOTION to keep letter from Westview with allocation of funds request as record. Moved by Marilyn and 2nd by Cheryle All in favour. Motion carried.

ACTION – Cheryle to send Thank You

Restorative Justice – Jason

\$500 Restorative Justice Funds coming to NSWS – continue to add to educational materials, Jason has this building already **ACTION** - Kent to follow up with Jason on educational materials. Did aqua van leave anything behind?

Pinks – do we put a plan in place to harvest? How? Where?

ACTION – Kent to ask Jason to follow up on his Pink idea

7. Correspondence

Letters from Grieg Seafood –re: application for use of Paramove

Kent sent email circulation and emailed Barry and Tim from Grieg for more information- to be clear that it had no effect on migrating salmon – in closed containment. No harm to smolts breaks down quickly in sea water

No current resistant to slice, just an application for back up measures

ACTION – Marilyn to provide how often they treat with slice.

8. Financial Report

Financial report was read by Cheryle. Cheryle made note that the total monies coming in from Cougar Creek derby and memberships sold by Pat & Dick Dennison came in over \$30,000 – money still coming in so we will have final tally soon – WOW – Thank You so much for your efforts and dedication!! You two are amazing – what you do for the Nootka Sound Watershed Society astounding!!

Motion to adopt the financial report. Moved by Dick. 2nd by Marilyn. All in favour. Motion carried.

9. Next Meeting - Wednesday October 28, 2015 WFP Boardroom

10. Adjournment-Moved by Pat at 9:29