

Nootka Sound Watershed Society
Minutes
Wednesday Nov 25, 2015
Council of Chiefs Room
Tsaxana 7:00 pm

1. Welcome and Introductions
Attendance:

Kent O'Neil, President Dick Dennison, Vice President Cheryle Miner, Treasurer Lyndy Vroom, Secretary Marcel Miner, GR Streamkeepers Roger Dunlop, Gold River resident Jake Knight, Gold River resident	Chris Erikson, DFO, Conuma Hatchery Dave Davies, DFO, Community Advisor Craig Blackie, Greig Seafood Louis VanSolkema, Councillor, Village of Tahsis Sam Kagan, Fisheries Stewardship Coordinator Bruce Sanderson, Fisheries Stewardship Coordinator
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2. Review and adopt of the Agenda with additions - Moved by Dick. 2nd by Cheryle.. All in favour. Motion carried.
3. Review and adopt of the minutes Oct 28, 2015 – Moved by Dick. 2nd by Cheryle. All in favour. Motion carried.
4. Review of action items from Oct 28, 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 – letters back and forth
Letter to Minister re: budget cuts with DFO, the impacts / effects that has.	Kent	ONGOING – Kent to review mandate letter
Terms of Reference – Review them in the Fall	Everyone review – ask Kent if you need copy	ONGOING - was circulated. – please all look.
Email Kent Tahsis licence re:Coho	Dave	Ongoing
Blueprints for transport tank	Chris	Bruce/Chris finalizing at hatchery
Invoice to Moutcha Bay	Dick / Cheryle	Done – money in
Info on Rob Brouwer's study	Lyndy	Ongoing
Extra meeting with NSWS, Sam, Bruce and Tawney	Kent	Done
Send Sam contact info for webhost	Lyndy	Done
Cancel PayPal account	Lyndy	Ongoing – cancelled on website
Ongoing discussion with gillnetters re:stewardship fish	Dick/ Kent	Ongoing
Check into process for FIA funding (Sucwoa)	Paul Kutz	Ongoing
Send electronic files for PSF applications to Dave Davies	Kent	Done
Invoice to Brenda for Dunlop fence	Cheryle	Done

5. Old Business

a. Habitat Update –

Louis – requesting info from M. Wright risk assessment workshop for Tahsis – Done Kent to lend copies to Louis for the Tahsis bazaar.

Can we get big copies of the maps from M.wright for the purpose of displays and information sharing – poster size maps
ACTION – Kent to look into getting the copies. **ACTION** – Kent to send the info on maps to Craig – laminated or dry erase capability

b. Fisheries Stewardship Coordinator Reports – Sam and Bruce

Nov 17 meeting – talked about the assessments/ need to fill in the data gaps. Need to have another meeting to get into the projects, hopefully with Tawny, WCA **ACTION** – Kent to circulate possible dates to organize meeting early Dec

MOTION – for up to \$500 per month in a fund to the stewardship coordinators paid by WCA/ NSWS for small daily incidentals – it would be an open approval by the board but approved by Kent on a case by case basis. Moved by Cheryle. 2nd by Dick. All in favour. Motion carried.

SAM – discussing her handout - Met with Mike and Miranda, then had a meeting with Tawny and Sheena(WCA)
Mission Statement – Sam circulated by email - need to read and email suggestions/comments to Sam.

ACTION – Kent to email Sam/Bruce the Terms of Reference
Website updates – looking at hosting our own website - Can keep our domain name ?
ACTION – Sam to email request for pictures old and new for the website
ACTION - Cheryle to ask Lee about possibility of keeping our domain name but hosting our own site.
MOTION - for Sam to get our domain name (if possible) and set up new website expanding on the info currently on our website. Moved by Dick. 2nd by Roger. All in favour. Motion carried.
Info on salmon runs in the creeks – Dunlop/ Hutchinson – **ACTION** - Sam to ask Paul Smith if he has some of the historical data.

BRUCE – wants feedback on the brochure **ACTION** – Dave to send revisions and changes to Bruce
Also for brochure - Add info on signing up for membership – mailing address, website, logo...
ROGER to send some info to Bruce re: what the NSWS do
ACTION - Bruce – to circulate his start on the volunteer agreement
Do we want a risk safety committee – to enhance volunteer practices, develop a volunteers handbook?
ACTION – feedback to Bruce regarding the volunteer form-can scale down to a one page?
ACTION – Lyndy - Send Kent our volunteer form
Talked to administrator for the village of Tahsis regarding monitoring of the rivers due to the construction/ logging around town. Looking at strategic fundraising plan...WCA has one

c. Hatchery Update-

Conuma Hatchery –new substation is in place and hatchery back on hydro, new well has been drilled, installing some circular tanks (likely in the next year).
Eggs are hatching, we will be starting to otolith mark soon, all stocks looking well. Chinook targets met on the Conuma and Burman; Coho targets looking good – we have a few more in holding in the ponds still. We were able to take chum broodstock from Conuma, Tlupana and Canton however our targets were not met.
Gold River – due to high water events we were not able to get our brood targets on the Gold. The 50,000 eggs we do have will be reared in the Muchalat Lake pen.

Roger – there seems to be a reintroduction of science to SEP – ex. Salish Sea project –just saw a presentation by Mel Sheng, DFO, very impressed. **ACTION** –Roger - to contact Mel Sheng and invite him to give his presentation to the NSWS.

Fish Food Order - putting in the total fish food order before the end of the year to keep this year's prices.
MOTION to pay the fish food – \$13864.38 – Moved by Kent. 2nd by Cheryle All in favour. Motion carried.
Transport Tank plans – Chris and Bruce are continuing to work on this at the hatchery
Vaccine requirements – 23 bottles – 3 for Tahsis – Dave pay for Tahsis – the hatchery will be putting in the order early in the new year and will discuss with NSWS before ordering.

Tahsis-no formal report – hatchery doing well, set up to otolith mark the Leiner River at the hatchery and have transported Tahsis River eggs to Conuma Hatchery where the hatchery staff will assist in otolith marking that stock.
Good chum returns this year.

Zeballos – no formal report but Zeballos is doing well.

Discussed that it would be good to see a fishery on the gold – how do we make that happen? What amount of assessment required to be able to have an opening?

d. Fisheries Management / Area 25 Harvest Committee updates –

There is a meeting scheduled in Jan to review 2015 season

6. New Business

Insurance – Directors Insurance – Kent got a quote – Coproate coverage - \$1500/year **ACTION** -Kent is going to look further to see if there is a better cost/option.

PIP application – grant money – (contracts) need to be on the suppliers list – **ACTION** -Sam to get us on the list.

PSF grants – both were approved – Funding to Zeballos Hatchery/ School education and funding for the new transport tank. **ACTION** - Kent to contact Elmar and make sure he is onboard with the reporting paperwork required

7. Correspondence

Streamtalk – Fall edition – circulate **ACTION** - Lyndy

8. Financial Report

Financial report was read by Cheryle **Motion** to accept financial report. Moved by Dick. 2nd by Roger. All in favour. Motion carried.

9. Next Meeting - Wednesday January 27, 2016 WFP Boardroom 7pm

10. Adjournment – Dick