

Nootka Sound Watershed Society  
Minutes  
Wednesday October 28, 2015  
WFP Boardroom  
Gold River 7:00 pm

1. Welcome and Introductions – 7:05  
Special Introductions:  
Samantha Kagan – Fisheries Stewardship Coordinator  
Bruce Sanderson – Fisheries Stewardship Coordinator

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	Gordon Waterman, Councillor, Village of Gold River Paul Kutz, Western Forest Products Dave Davies, DFO, Community Advisor Larry Andrews, Mowachaht/ Muchalaht Sarah Harrison, Fisheries Coordinator, MMFN 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 Pat. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dick. All in favour. Motion carried.
3. Review and adopt of the minutes Sept 9, 2015 –Moved by Larry. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Cheryle. All in favour. Motion carried.
4. Review of action items from Sept 9, 2015 meeting

Action Items:

Action	Who	Completed
Keep in contact with Sean Wong, Ministry of Transportation	<b>ACTION</b> -MARCEL	Too late to do work in 2015, they are working on plan for 2016 to put weirs in. Verbal agreement in place ONGOING see below
Letter to Minister re: budget cuts with DFO, the impacts / effects that has.	Kent	ONGOING
Terms of Reference – Review them in the Fall	Kent	<b>ACTION</b> – circulate info for next meeting
Follow up with M. Wright final invoice	Kent	Done (see habitat update)
Invoice for clipping Invoice Moutcha for clip – 10,000	Lyndy	Motion to pay (hatchery update)
Dates for Burman Numbers (lunches) Pat	Lyndy/ Chris	Done
Send Lyndy copy of Burman presentation	Roger	Ongoing
Check pumphouse road condition	Kent	Done
Email Kent Tahsis licence re:Coho	Dave	Ongoing
Blueprints for transport tank	Chris	Done
Circulate Fisheries Stewardship posting	Kent	Done
PSF funding – Sucwoa riparian, tank, Zeballos school	Kent / Roger (Sheena- WQA)	Done/ongoing for Sucwoa
Thank you letter (all donations)	Cheryle	Kent – Westview/Cougar Creek
Pinks – Burman – talk with Jason	Kent	Ongoing
Grieg's slice amount usage	Marilyn	By email

5. Old Business

- a. Habitat Update –  
**ACTION** -Louis – requesting info from M. Wright risk assessment workshop for Tahsis –ongoing

Kent – Report on final Invoice for M. Wright – Kent discussed our issues with Mike and came to an agreement.  
**Motion** to pay remaining owed. Moved by Dick. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Roger. All in favour. Motion carried.

Big Bend – Marcel read letter sent to Sean Wong, Ministry of Highways, following up on their promise to revisit options for fish passage restoration work at Big Bend Creek.

Dave – setting up a flow measure for Tahsis - level logger and flow – needs help to install – low water to install – min. 2 people to help

b. Hatchery Update-

**Conuma-**

Status report from the hatchery - Chum and Chinook brood collection / egg takes finished. Burman and Conuma Chinook targets met however Gold River target not met due to weather. Thanks to all who volunteered to keep trying to catch more gold females! Coho egg take has just started and we have moved coho into holding at the hatchery and will continue to take eggs as they ripen. New electric fence worked as we had hoped – kept bear predation to zero.

Coho clipping – Fuerste Vaccinating - invoice – Pay – 4199.33 / .08 per clip – **Motion** to pay to Fuerste Vaccination then follow up with invoicing Moutcha Bay. Moved by Dick. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Paul. All in favour. Motion carried.

**ACTION** - Invoice to Moutcha Bay – Dick to follow up

Collaborative Agreement – return of funds from fisheries and Oceans to NSW

**ACTION** –Lyndy – ask Rob Brouwer for info on his study/ findings

Dick wants to have opening on the Gold River this fall

**Tahsis-** Dave reports - 230,000-250,000 – mostly from Leiner River

**Zeballos** – working on water system- Roger helped with brood capture, school kids helping, Elmar and Lyle putting in request list to NSW (doing chum, but want to add Chinook) get school involved  
Grieg Seafood has offered to do tour of Gold River hatchery and help out in Zeballos as well. Water supply a huge issue for their hatchery. They are looking at requesting satellite (from Zeballos to Conuma).

**Burman update**

Burman – 21,000 Chinook (forecast was 5,000) 150 still now

Burman needs 2000 – for escapement numbers

Roger reports he received confirmation on Salmon Commission funding again next year for the Burman

c. Fisheries Stewardship Coordinator - West Coast Aquatic

Organize a planning meeting with new coordinators and NSW - to facilitate long term financial sustainability plan and critical path plan

**ACTION** – Kent to organize meeting after Nov 13<sup>th</sup> when Sam and Bruce meet with Mike and Miranda

Tawny WCA – helped organize to get us coordinators – interviewed, chose 2 Bruce Sanderson, Samantha Kagan. They will go spend time with Mike and Miranda to get up to speed on habitat assessment – Tawny to help with set up critical path of best options.

Roger suggest they develop a good working relationship with WFP and MMFN

Website currently by Lee Yateman, Sam is going to work on upgrading our website – **ACTION** –Lyndy - send Sam Lee's info **ACTION** – Lyndy – cancel PayPal

d. Fisheries Management / Area 25 Harvest Committee updates –

SFA – no update

Area 25 Roundtable -

It is felt that it needs to be proper meetings not conference calls in order to be more effective and fairly run.

Every week is too much – should be Fisheries Managers discuss/ decide as well as get input from the different user groups  
Stewardship fish – our idea talk more to Area D gillnetters – **ACTION** -Kent and Dick to discuss ideas– Fish before opening, paid to do it, talk to buyers about marketing 'stewardship' fish 'labeled' for higher value.

Discussion about surplus of fish to harvest like at the Conuma – need to be able to better assess the true numbers of fish returning to rivers ie. Sounders – they have courses in Seattle on using the equipment (Roger)

6. **New Business**

PSF funding applications – Sheena Falconer WCA/Dave Davies CA

Sucwoa Riparian – more suitable for Feb applications – Sam/ Bruce with Sheena

(RFCPP – funding- recreational fisheries DFO funding program – reporting requirements are huge- but something to look into)

Original prescription for Sucwoa funded under FIA - **ACTION** – Paul to check into process for FIA

Transport tank – application in – Chris/Bruce working on more detailed blueprints

Education fund – short form - \$1500 for Zeballos

**ACTION** – Kent to send Dave electronic files for PSF funding

**7. Correspondence**

Roger –Coho and road run-off – distributed electronically  
Dave – DFO PIP Contracts – Dave to send more info as it comes

**ACTION** – Kent to email Sam and Bruce – Rogers draft on restoration tasks/ framework list

**8. Financial Report**

Financial report was read by Cheryle with changes; PSF back to General Funds,  
DFO collaborative refund to Lodge Owners fund.

**Motion** to accept financial report. Moved by Roger. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Pat. All in favour. Motion carried.

**ACTION** – Cheryle to send invoice to Brenda for Dunlop Fence

**9. Next Meeting** - Wednesday November 25, 2015 Council of Chiefs, Tsaxana 7pm

**10. Adjournment – Dick – 8:40**