

Nootka Sound Watershed Society  
Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday April 6, 2016  
WFP Boardroom 7:00 PM

1. Welcome and Introductions – 7:06pm

Attendance:

Kent O'Neil, President Dick Dennison, Vice President Cheryle Miner, Treasurer Lyndy Vroom, Secretary Pat Dennison, GR Resources Ken Smith, GR Streamkeepers Section Paul Kutz, Western Forest Products Rick Jones, GR Rod and Gun Club Louis VanSolkema, Councillor, Village of Tahsis	Dave Davies, DFO, Community Advisor Marcel Miner, GR Streamkeepers Sam Kagan, NSWS Stewardship Coordinator Bruce Sanderson, NSWS Stewardship Coordinator Craig Blackie, Grieg Seafood Rod McLeod, Councillor, Village of Gold River Dan Dahling, Tahsis resident Randy Watson, Area D Gillnetter Association
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2. Review and adopt of the Agenda with additions - Moved by Dick. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Cheryle. All in favour. Motion carried.
3. Review and adopt of the minutes Feb 24, 2016 – Moved by Pat. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dick. All in favour. Motion carried.
4. Review of action items from Feb 24, 2016 meeting

Action Items: NEW ITEMS

Action	Who	Completed
Circulate dates for a coordinator meeting	Sam	Done
Inquire about adding volunteer coverage to insurance	Kent	Done
Form brochure subcommittee	Bruce	Ongoing – under Bruce's report
Bring brochure samples	Dave	Done
Letter to Grieg Seafood re: donation	Cheryle	Ongoing – budget not yet approved
Letter to Village of GR re: representative to sit on our board.	Kent	Done
Email Cheryle copy of PSF applications – transport tank and Zeballos	Who has electronic copy??	Kent – to email Cheryle

Action Items: ONGOING ITEMS

Action	Who	Completed
Keep in contact with Sean Wong, Ministry of Transportation	Marcel	ONGOING Too late to do work in 2015, they are working on plan for 2016 to put weirs in. Verbal agreement in place Roger and Marcel are going to continue to work on this - hopefully this summer
Letter to Minister re: budget cuts with DFO, the impacts / effects that has.	Kent	ONGOING
Terms of Reference		ONGOING Excellent feedback from Dave – Kent looking at a simpler version and will present to us at another meeting.
Blueprints for transport tank	Chris	ONGOING Chris/ Bruce – have some quotes – will discuss in hatchery report
Ongoing discussion with gillnetters re: stewardship fish	Dick/ Kent	ONGOING
Request for pictures for our new website	Sam	Done

Feedback on Bruce's brochure	Any/ All reply to Bruce	DONE Dave sent him some stuff Bruce looking for people to brainstorm ideas and give him feedback.
Volunteer form	Bruce to circulate	Ongoing – look online at condensed version and comment to Bruce. Volunteer handbook – too long we need to have a smaller one to be easier more concise and immediately useable
Invite Mel Sheng to meeting to give presentation	Roger	Ongoing – email sent to Mel

## 5. Old Business

### a. Fisheries Stewardship Coordinator Reports – Sam and Bruce (Reports attached)

Sam talking to Elmar as to how and when we can help them – Elmar is hoping that we can do more for them – there is some funds to help them – we need them to present some ideas for funding in a letter to us.

**ACTION** (Sam) ask Elmar to send a monthly report that we can read

### b. Dunlop Fence –

Going in this Sat (April 9<sup>th</sup>) – need volunteers to check fence daily / they will also be feeding at Muchalaht Lake when fish arrive (scheduled for April 27<sup>th</sup>)

Mon – Lyndy

Tues – Rick Jones/ Larry Rose

Wed – Ken

Thurs – Roger

Fri – Marcel

Sat – Chelsey Pimlott

### c. Hatchery Update -

**Conuma-** Status report read by Lyndy –all going well - Transport Tank –**MOTION** to pay \$6510.00 plus tax (the amount of the chosen bid) – to be billed to NSW Moved by Dick 2<sup>nd</sup> by Louis – all in favour. Motion Carried. Discussed that this was only the tank shell that there would be additional cost for the side discharge door / valves, air stones, etc. To be discussed further as we cost this out.

Discussed road to pump house - getting cleared up before fall brood at the Gold

**MOTION** to order the 2016 stickers plus 150 of the logo stickers cost approx \$500-600 dollars –Moved by Pat. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Craig. All in favour. Motion carried.

**Tahsis-** all going well – Conuma hatchery staff assisted the many volunteers to help move the Leiner fish yesterday to the seapens. The Tahsis Chinook also going to a sea pen in a couple weeks.

**Zeballos** – hoping to have a monthly update from Zeballos Hatchery at future meetings

### d. Fisheries Management / Area 25 Harvest Committee updates - Dick/Kent

Randy reports from meeting -positive outlook and strength of 4 year olds. Conservative 80,000 fish 18% 3 yr olds this is the year and then after this the models show numbers going down. It was discussed that it is felt that the years of abundance are coming to an end.

Dick talking about how we can better get the stewardship fish on a as and when basis – if there can be an easier way to select who fishes

### e. Insurance – Kent

Volunteer Insurance \$350/annual

**MOTION** to pay the \$350 annual fee for volunteer insurance–Moved by Rick. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Craig. All in favour. Motion carried.

**ACTION** - Kent to confirm number volunteers covered before we make payment to insure it works for our needs.

We then **MUST** get a signature on our volunteer waiver before they volunteer for any activity

## 6. New Business

*The following two items not discussed as Roger was not present at the meeting.*

Nootka / Area 25 Pinks – Roger

Hatchery genetics - Roger

## 7. Correspondence

Invitation to the 7th Bi-annual DFO Salmonid Enhancement Program Community Involvement Appreciation and Awards Day – Sat May 7<sup>th</sup> 10:00-3:00

Canada Post Community Foundation Grants – too late for this year but may look at in future.

## 8. Financial Report

Financial Report was read by Cheryle.

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

9. **Next Meeting** - Wed April 27<sup>th</sup> Council of Chiefs Room, Tsaxana 7pm

**ACTION** – Kent to check with Kadin re: opening the meeting room

**10. Adjournment – 9:05- Cheryle**