

Nootka Sound Watershed Society
Meeting Minutes
Monday June 20, 2016
Conuma Hatchery
5 pm BBQ, Meeting to Follow

1. Welcome and Introductions – 6:56pm –Thanks to Mike Austin at Conuma Hatchery for hosting BBQ and meeting

Attendance:

Kent O'Neill, President Cheryle Miner, Treasurer Lyndy Vroom, Secretary Ken Smith, GR Streamkeepers Section Paul Lutz, Western Forest Products Frank Collins, Tahsis Salmon Enhancement	Marcel Miner, GR Streamkeepers Craig Blackie, Grieg Seafood Chris Erikson, DFO, Conuma Hatchery Mike Austin, DFO, Conuma Hatchery Dave Davies, DFO, Community Advisor
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2. Review and adopt of the Agenda - Moved by Kent. 2nd by Cheryle. All in favour. Motion carried
3. Review and adopt of the minutes May 25, 2016 – Moved by Craig. 2nd by Frank. All in favour. Motion carried.
4. Review of action items from May 25, 2016 meeting

Action Items: NEW ITEMS

Action	Who	Completed
Letter requesting funding help from NSWS to support MMFN creel survey at the GR boat ramp	Kadin (Kent)	Kent to follow up with Kadin No response from Kadin yet – Kent will try again and circulate through email for funding help by board approval.
Confirm with M. Wright re: Zeballos cheque	Kent	Done – to Juniper Environmental
Tahsis Water leases – does WFP hold them? Still active? ask Paul Kutz	Kent	ACTION – Dave and Craig to check into who holds water leases in Tahsis Estuary. Craig to look as well at iMap to see who has what. Our reason is if they are lapsed could we get them for conservation
Follow up with Bruce re: final brochure	Kent	Looked at it some more – but timing wise may not happen for this summer – ongoing
Send Kent brochure quotes	Bruce	Ongoing with the brochure for next year
Pay fuel cost to Burman volunteers	Dave	Cheryle has the receipts – fuel for volunteer fish feeding and amount Cheryle to send invoice to Dave for reimbursement she will pay John Bruce for now.
Award certificate - Moutcha	Lyndy	Kent to look at going for the July long weekend on Sunday and hand over
Talk to Jason re: restorative Justice	Kent	Ongoing

Action Items: ONGOING ITEMS

Action	Who	Completed
Letter to Minister re: budget cuts with DFO, the impacts / effects that has.	Kent	ONGOING – has started - Kent has asked for input and he is looking at serious letter writing.
Terms of Reference		ONGOING Kent looking at a simpler version and will present to us at another meeting.
Ongoing discussion with gillnetters re:stewardship fish	Dick/ Kent	ONGOING

Invite Mel Sheng to meeting to give presentation	Roger	ONGOING – email sent to Mel LYNDY – email Roger than remove
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5. Old Business

- a. **Fisheries Stewardship Coordinator** - Further discussion on the possibility of continuing with stewardship coordinator position and what that looks like

Kent had not heard back from Tawney before the meeting as to if there is funding – if it does happen we need to change terms of reference felt that the NSW needs to have more control – Dave thinks that it is a good idea – however we need to have more control over the direction this goes - we are more experienced now **ACTION** - Kent to follow up with Tawney and talk terms of reference

PSF Applications – who will be writing final reports?
Zeballos -Elmar to write the final report on
Transport trailer – outstanding – to do in fall - Cheryle
Beach seine – outstanding – to do in fall – Cheryle

- b. **Big Bend Creek Project Report** -

There was a site meeting – material list – list of tasks for Kent - he talked to 3 contractors of which 2 are contracted to WFP so may not be available at our times - 3rd contractor available.

Look at WFP to help source materials – big rock close – Rupert saw good material in the Conuma pit. Rupert Wong is the contractor – construction window end of June but timing may not work to get everything in place

ACTION -Kent to follow up with Rupert and ask WFP to cut a turnaround; need letter from Western for section 11 permit before Rupert can submit it.

- c. **Hatchery Update-**

Conuma- Chris read status report – everything went well with our releases, just holding the coho smolt group on site at this time.

Clipping sometime after summer – hope to go right into new circular tubs, if they are ready.

Next fall plan – we plan to make the Gold a priority this fall for brood stock –get them in the lower river before the rains come.

We will try to help with the Tahsis/ Leiner brood collection again this fall – time permitting

Talk of Conuma strays –Looking at different strategies to help combat the straying – getting a better imprint – with surface mix onto our well water in early rearing, net pens on the other side of bay closer to river mouth, look at other options ie. some river release groups etc.

ACTION – Dave to email Frank the results from sampling on the Tahsis and Leiner

Tahsis- Frank has been giving tours of their facility – all well in Tahsis. Thanks to Conuma for helping out with nets ex

Zeballos – email report from Lyle Billy

The partnership between Zeballos School and the Ehattasht released approx.. 13, 500 Chum fry from the hatchery on April 14, 2016

- d. **Fisheries Management / Area 25 Harvest Committee updates** -

Discussion on what happened at the last roundtable, the tensions, what the terms of reference are, doesn't feel to this group that it is very consensus based.

Roundtable goes to in season meeting - conference calls once a week

ACTION -Dave to talk to Diana re: more explanation as to why they are opening this corridor. Likely nothing is going to change – discussed that the NSW should write a collective letter re: our concerns with opening the corridor. **ACTION** – Kent to write

6. New Business –

Membership Drive – Kent contacted a lot of the lodges and made an intro letter to hand out with stickers and membership forms – need to have people to check in with the lodges.

MOTION to put copy of the letter into envelop with membership stickers and forms to hand out to lodges in hopes that they can get on board and help sell memberships to raise funds for NSW. Moved by Paul. 2nd by Frank. All in favour. Motion carried.

ACTION -Kent to email Cam Forbes re: the travel mug idea – the NSW board was very happy with this idea

MOTION to to pay collaborative agreement installment Aug 31 - \$28, 976.56 Moved by Cheryle. 2nd by Craig . All in favour. Motion carried.

ACTION – Lyndy to confirm financial coding and email info to Cheryle

Donations are coming in - \$2500 from Campbell River Rod & Gun
Cheryle has permission from Pat to use membership email list

7. **Correspondence -**

Email from Elmar letting us know that they received funding from the Habitat Conservation Trust Foundation Board released grant money from the Public Conservation Assistance Program for their Alcove Pond Restoration project.

Craig informed us that Grieg Seafoods is continuing to provide help and support to Zeballos hatchery -helping with water supply and upgrades

8. **Financial Report –**

Financial Report was read by Cheryle.

MOTION to accept financial report and pay \$407.89 to CR signs and decals for new membership stickers. Moved by Ken. 2nd by Frank. All in favour. Motion carried

9. **Next Meeting -** Wednesday September 28th - WFP Boardroom – confirm by email with Doug Meske

10. **Adjournment –** 8:23pm Kent