

Nootka Sound Watershed Society
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday Feb 24, 2016
Council of Chiefs Room, Tsaxana 7:00 PM

1. Welcome and Introductions – 7:29pm

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, Village of Tahsis	Dave Davies, DFO, Community Advisor Marcel Miner, GR Streamkeepers Chris Erikson, Fisheries and Oceans Conuma Hatchery Sam Kagan, NSWS Stewardship Coordinator Bruce Sanderson, NSWS Stewardship Coordinator Craig Blackie, Grieg Seafood Kadin Snook, MMFN Fisheries Coordinator
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2. Review and adopt of the Agenda with additions - Moved by Pat. 2nd by Dick. All in favour. Motion carried.
3. Review and adopt of the minutes Jan 27, 2016 – with correction to spelling of Kadin. Moved by Dick. 2nd by Paul. All in favour. Motion carried.
4. Review of action items from Jan 27, 2016 meeting

Action Items: **NEW ITEMS**

Action	Who	Completed
Email Craig re: Burman	Lyndy	Done -Lyndy and Chris to follow up with Craig to finalize timing and get the boat details to talk direct with the boat captain
Advertise the AGM/Elections GR Buzz, CR Mirror, Uptown board.	Lyndy / Sam	Done

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 – Review them in the Fall		ONGOING next meeting start review
Blueprints for transport tank	Chris	ONGOING Chris/ Bruce – Conuma - looking at place in CR to price out what it will cost. Can we pay someone to generate a CAD drawing – will follow up

Ongoing discussion with gillnetters re:stewardship fish	Dick/ Kent	ONGOING –the amount last year was less than anticipated due to the market price at the time.
Maps from M.Wright assessment look into getting copies. Would like laminated / dry erase capability	Kent – to enquire about copies Kent – send Sam drop box link Kent – send Craig map info for possibly laminating	DONE – by Craig – Grieg Seafood – there is more than one copy of each watershed laminated.
Request for pictures for our new website	Sam	ONGOING
Feedback on Bruce’s brochure	Any/ All reply to Bruce	ONGOING Dave sent him some stuff Bruce looking for people to brainstorm ideas and give him feedback.
Volunteer form	Bruce to circulate	ONGOING 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 – Roger sent an email to Mel

5. Old Business

a. Fisheries Stewardship Coordinator Reports – Sam and Bruce

Sam – Report attached

ACTION – Sam to circulate dates for a follow up meeting

ACTION – Kent to look into adding volunteer insurance to our policy – Cheryle has the copy of insurance policy

Bruce – Report attached

ACTION – have a brochure subcommittee to get ideas moving forward. Maybe tie it into Sam’s year end wrap up stewardship meeting

ACTION – Dave to bring some sample brochures and brainstorming ideas to the final stewardship meeting

b. Hatchery Update-

Conuma- rearing is going well, chinook all ponded and chum soon to follow

Some changes around the hatchery - new heat pumps, new well has been drilled and soon to be hooking up Well #7 more water, surface water is warmer than usual so it is a slight concern, changing some cap troughs into circular tubs

More discussion on the collaborative agreement – and doing 500,000 of the extra 1 million as river release – slowing them down a bit with surface water and having a different release size/timing as our seapen group. Historically at Conuma we had a river release, then seapens, we may be missing something by not having a river release group.

Kadin talked about the benefits of doing a river release and studies that have been done, around release timing and size

Discussion on the prediction that 2016 2017 are said to be poor brood years.

Looking at putting 500,000 river release (Conuma chinook) into our IFMP but it is not finalized yet.

Tahsis- doing very well, survival great, vaccinate soon and get them out to the seapens.

Zeballos –12 chum – 2females/8 males

Grieg Seafood went to Zeballos to offer support and advice and is looking at helping out the hatchery do some upgrades and install circular tanks

- c. Fisheries Management / Area 25 Harvest Committee updates - Dick/Kent**
New name is Co-Management Committee (not roundtable) looking at getting sonar equipment – Wilf is looking at getting the funding for that – looking at helping get better counts of the fish earlier to enable fishing opportunities
Discussed the final tally’s of fish caught in all fisheries this past season
80-90 % were hatchery fish
13.8lbs was average size for the commercial fishers
They have meetings scheduled for once a month.
- d. Insurance – Kent**
We did receive the policy – invoice to Cheryle to pay – Cheryle has copy of the policy
- 6. New Business**
Grieg Letter for donation –we need to send a letter **ACTION** – Cheryle to send letter to Grieg Seafood
Need to request that Village of Gold River send a representative to sit on our board. **ACTION** – Kent to send a letter to village asking for representation
- 7. Correspondence**
Letter from Village of Tahsis – letter of support for the work that NSW is doing through the Stewardship Coordinators
- 8. Financial Report**
Financial was read by Cheryle.
MOTION to accept financial report. Moved by Pat. 2nd by Dick. All in favour. Motion carried.
MOTION to order the 2016 stickers plus 150 of the logo stickers cost approx \$500-600 dollars –Moved by Pat. 2nd by Craig. All in favour. Motion carried.

ACTION – send Cheryle a copy of PSF applications for Zeballos and transport tank
- 9. Next Meeting - **NOTE DATE CHANGE****
Wednesday April 6, 2016 WFP Boardroom 7pm
- 10. Adjournment - 9:25** – Moved by Dick

AGM / ELECTION OF OFFICERS – to follow regular monthly meeting