

Nootka Sound Watershed Society
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday May 25, 2016
Seniors Center, Tahsis, BC 7:00 PM

1. Welcome and Introductions –

Attendance:

Kent O'Neill, President Dick Dennison, Vice President Cheryle Miner, Treasurer Lyndy Vroom, Secretary Pat Dennison, GR Resources Ken Smith, GR Streamkeepers Section Sam Kagan, GR Resident Bruce Sanderson, Tahsis Resident	Shannon Anderson, DFO, Biologist Marcel Miner, GR Streamkeepers Craig Blackie, Grieg Seafood Louis VanSolkema, Councillor, Village of Tahsis Chris Erikson, DFO, Conuma Hatchery Judy Burgess, Tahsis Resident Teresa O'Neill, The Lodge at Gold River Frank Collins, Tahsis Salmon Enhancement
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2. Review and adopt of the Agenda -- Moved by Pat. 2nd by Cheryle. All in favour. Motion carried
3. Review and adopt of the minutes April 27, 2016 – Moved by Louis. 2nd by Pat. All in favour. Motion carried.
4. Review of action items from April 27, 2016 meeting

Action Items: NEW ITEMS

Action	Who	Completed
Copy of the PSF applications – for beach seine project and Hydro Met project	Sam / Tawney	DONE
Re-circulate poster on beach seine	Lyndy	DONE
Letter requesting funding help from NSWS to support MMFN creel survey at the GR boat ramp	Kadin	Kent to call Kadin and follow up on this
Email Fuerste Vaccinating re:coho clipping	Lyndy	DONE

Action Items: ONGOING ITEMS

Action	Who	Completed
Keep in contact with Sean Wong, Ministry of Transportation	Marcel	ONGOING – meeting at site Thurs May 19 th with Rupert Wong and Sean Wong
Letter to Minister re: budget cuts with DFO, the impacts / effects that has.	Kent	ONGOING – working still
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
Volunteer form	Kent	DONE – was circulated by email
Invite Mel Sheng to meeting to give presentation	Roger	ONGOING – email sent to Mel

5. Old Business

a. Fisheries Stewardship Coordinator -

Open discussion on confusion and misunderstandings around PSF applications that were submitted by stewardship coordinator. Discussed that we should make a list of all our assets – waders, nets, feeders, any equipment, etc.

PSF Application for Beach Seine Field Equipment. **MOTION** - to accept with revised equipment list (to be made via email). Moved by Kent. 2nd by Craig. All in favour. (One opposed) Motion carried. Look at the list of equipment – those who want to be involved will work together to revise the equipment list via email.

Zeballos PSF Funding – **ACTION** -Kent - to confirm with Mike Wright that we make the cheque to Juniper Environmental - Lynda Fyfe

Beach Seine Report– good volunteer interest, a very good learning experience. Lots of eel grass and could use water leases to protect eel grass. Would like to find out Village (WFP?) plans for the water leases, are they still in place? Mapping would be a good idea to tie this all together. You can see that things are coming back to life after the mill gone

Seeing just how many European green crabs(invasive species) are here, there are so many here we should use that info as educational awareness to help boaters realize the importance of clean up before coming / going .

ACTION - Can we get posters for the green crab to out up at the boat ramps?

ACTION– Kent - ask Paul WFP re: water leases

PSF application for Hydro Met Station on Tahsis River– not approved

Further discussion on the possibility of continuing with stewardship coordinator position –tabled till next meeting

Further discussion on brochure and are we going to finish this project – looking at brochure concepts – should take sponsor names off and change contact to just box number

ACTION – Kent to follow up with Bruce re: finalizing the brochure

ACTION – Bruce to send Kent quotes for brochures

- b. **Dunlop Fence /Feeding chinook at Muchalat Lake pen** –Fence down last Thurs may 19th -574 coho smolts counted as well as 6,649 fry, 15 cutthroat, 1 rainbow, 9 sculpins, 7 unknown.
Gold River Chinook in Muchalat Lake pen were also released Thurs May 19th – good healthy group of fish.

- c. **Big bend Creek** – looking at late June or July for work (when water levels down) Rupert Wong and Sean Wong will be putting it all together with permits, design on weirs, we are to help source material locally. Ministry of Highways to fund the project.

- d. **Hatchery Update-**
Conuma- status report was read – the only fish left in sea pens (Conuma Chinook and Conuma Coho Smolt Group) to be released tonight. Left on site at the hatchery is the Conuma Smolt group that will be adipose clipped this Aug/ Sept for release the following spring. We had a very successful spring rearing program.
Burman Volunteers – **ACTION** - Dave – to pay fuel – John Bruce to hand in fuel receipt
Transport tank – idea of putting decals on tank to recognize sponsors - NSWS and PSF
ACTION – Dick to talk to Rod McLeod re: road to pump house

Tahsis- Leiner 154,000 released 3 weeks ago. 51, 417 Tahsis last weekend. Frank reports that they had a good spring. They are very happy to have an electric fence around their raceways, an alarm system, and backup generator – all very critical to the success of their hatchery.

Zeballos – no report

- e. **Fisheries Management / Area 25 Harvest Committee updates** - Dick/Kent
Discussion on the upcoming meeting tomorrow and the proposed changes that were circulated via email. Some questions around why they are talking of reopening the corridor that had been closed for the purpose of protecting the wild stocks. Discussion on the feeling of keeping the corridor closed to fishing to protect stocks and take that forward on behalf of the NSWS.
Sampling data collection idea – to ask commercial guys to help with the sampling program
Next Area 25 meeting is tomorrow in Campbell River **ACTION** – Kent will email the 2016 WCVI Chinook Recreational Management Corridor

6. New Business

- a. **NSWS Memberships** – to be sold at Moutcha Bay – Sam is in discussion with managers at Moutcha Bay of the possibility of selling NSWS memberships in the dock shack. She would make up a poster explaining some of the work the NSWS does. **ACTION** – Pat to send a copy of the newsletter she made for the presentation at the Rod and Gun in CR

- b. **Award Certificate** – for Moutcha Bay – to acknowledge and thank for the help and good partnership and moving forward to success. **ACTION** – Lyndy

 - c. **Campbell River Rod and Gun Club** – Dick and Kent went to their meeting last night and gave a presentation on the NSW and some of the habitat and enhancement projects that NSW is involved with. Pat made a newsletter to hand out with information on the NSW – sold some memberships and possible donation coming in from the club!
7. **Correspondence - none**
8. **Financial Report -**
Financial Report was read by Cheryle.
MOTION to accept financial report. Moved by Pat. 2nd by Dick. All in favour. Motion carried
Membership money – Pat handed in some money from memberships sold.
ACTION - Dick – talk to Jason re: restorative justice funds
9. **Next Meeting** - Proposed to be held at Conuma Hatchery or Moutcha Bay – decided Conuma Hatchery
ACTION –Lyndy - discuss with Mike re: meeting at hatchery and possible dates (June 20th discussed)
10. **Adjournment –9:10 pm** - Cheryle