

Nootka Sound Watershed Society  
Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday Oct 26, 2016  
Council of Chiefs Room, Tsaxana 7:00pm

1. Welcome and Introductions –

Attendance:

Kent O'Neill, President Cheryle Miner, Treasurer Lyndy Vroom, Secretary Rick Jones, GR Rod and Gun Marcel Miner, GR Streamkeepers Craig Blackie, Grieg Seafood Chris Erikson, DFO, Conuma Hatchery Kadin Snook, Fisheries, MMFN	John Banas, GR Resident Sam Kagan, Stewardship Coordinator Louis VanSolkema, Tahsis Councillor Roger Dunlop, GR Resident Randy Watson, Area D gillnetters Ken Smith, GR Streamkeepers Darroch Shaw, GR Resident
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2. Review and adopt of the Agenda with – Moved by Marcel. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Louis. All in favour. Motion carried.
3. Review and adopt of the minutes Sept 28, 2016 – Moved by Craig. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Marcel. All in favour. Motion carried.
4. Review of action items from Sept 28, 2016 meeting

Action Items: NEW ITEMS

Action	Who	Completed
Report and Invoice from MMFN re: creel survey at GR dock	Kent	Invoice from Kadin – Done Reports – in New Business
Report on ESSR fishery		
Tahsis Water leases – does WFP hold them? Still active? ask Paul Kutz	Dave / Craig/ Paul	Some preliminary work has been done iMap not totally up to date – ask Paul to help
Follow up with brochure / quotes for printing	Kent / James (may have some ideas for printing)	Ongoing
Further discussion with Tawney Re: stewardship coordinator	Kent	Done – Kent to report in Old Business
Final Report for PSF transport tank	Cheryle Lyndy to send Cheryle pictures and original invoices.	Ongoing
Fish Food Costs to James Fisher	Lyndy	Done
Email Conuma side channel report	Craig	Ongoing
Donations letter to Westview Marina and Nootka Marine Adventures	Kent	Done

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.
Talk to Jason re: Restorative Justice	Kent	ONGOING

## 5. Old Business

### a. Fisheries Stewardship Coordinator

Sam - Tahsis beach seine/ eel grass survey was a success lots of community involvement. Looking forward to continuing in future. Motion was made last meeting to purchase the field supplies with PSF funding -first will check with PSF to ensure we are not too late. Attending a workshop in Nov on eel grass...Sam to present on her Tahsis experience.

Kent – talked with Tawney – there is some funding again this year through West Coast Aquatic  
Setting up some defined objectives such as Social media, website upkeep, Tahsis estuary beach seine, marketing to Lodges, incubation set up for the local schools

**ACTION** – Cheryle - to invoice West Coast Aquatic

Kent, Tawney and Sam to discuss specific directives and present to the board

Discussion re Sucwoa, and if we could move forward with the prescription provided by WFP

Discussion about logging and restoration....

**ACTION** – next meeting to make a map of riparian work lead by Roger – an overview map

**ACTION** - Kent to invite Paul and Doug Meske to meeting through an introduction phone call

**ACTION** -Fisheries Habitat – add to agenda - ongoing

### b. Big Bend Update

BIG BEND update – looks good, lots of water, one spot a little wide but overall very well – thanks to Marcel for spearheading this....Marcel's plan is to plant some trees or maybe to move some existing trees around, propagate willows.

### c. Hatchery Update –

**Conuma** –status report was read by Chris

Good year – excellent for chum, all targets met – working on Coho now – have 60 in holding.

1000 Coho at last swim count. We had a couple of dismal drought years in a row so that would adversely affect the Coho return numbers.

We are putting in circular tubs that will really help with predation we experience with holding the Coho smolt group over a year – they should be ready early next spring.

Lots of adult Chinook observed in the Gold this year, Conuma Chinook above escapement numbers

Coho clipping – Done – Nootka Marine Adventures was invoiced for the clipping.

**Tahsis** –met targets for Chinook – Tahsis, Leiner

**Zeballos** - no new report – target was met – good educational aspect as the kids are very involved

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

Last meeting was a phone conference, not too much info yet – likely a table meeting in Dec

Randy – commercial Chum fishery was good. From the otolith sample 10-12% Conuma Chum. Total catch about 12,000 fish.

Roger – Burman – good Chinook run – tagged fish 1934 Chinook - 10,316 spawners however no oto results yet.

Leftover radio tags went on chum 63 chum to see how long they live. Their findings show that Chum avg 3.6 days to live on the spawning grounds.

## 6. New Business

**ACTION** – Kent Thank You- Pat and Dick Dennison raised \$11,916 for the NSWS Lyndy to do certificate

Report from Kadin on Creel survey that they took on at the Gold River dock. Missed the peak however felt overall good to have a presence there. Hope to continue again next year.

Report from Kadin on ESSR overall it went very well, learned from it, would make a few changes if opportunity came again next year. Able to use all fish caught.

Report from Craig on fish food –working on possible opportunities for some discounted/ donated food from some major feed companies

Pacific Salmon Commission– Chinook chapter up for renewal – closest meeting to be held in Port Alberni  
Do we want to go to the meeting to have any input in what happens there?  
If anyone wants to look it over on the website site and report any concerns contact ROGER

7. **Correspondence**  
Wild Salmon Policy Consultation – Open House **ACTION** – Kent to circulate  
Opening up Fisheries Act for a short time – will be open house as well **ACTION** –Kent to get us more info and circulate
8. **Financial Report** – read by Cheryle  
**MOTION** to accept financial report Moved by Louis. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Roger. All in favour. Motion carried  
**ACTION** - check if there was ever a motion to use/change the Lodge Owners fund  
**ACTION** – signage/ pictures at Big Bend project. NSW large stickers, PSF large stickers
9. **Next Meeting** - Wednesday November 30 – WFP Boardroom, 7pm
10. **Adjournment – 8:53 pm**