

Nootka Sound Watershed Society
Draft Minutes
Wednesday April 26, 2017
Council of Chiefs Room, Tsaxana 7:00pm

1. Welcome and Introductions –

Attendance:

Paul Kutz - Western Forest Products Craig Blackie - Grieg Seafood Teresa O'Neil - Treasurer Kent O'Neil - President Kadin Snook - Vice President Lyndy Vroom - Conuma Hatchery	Louis Vansolkema - Village of Tahsis Marcel Miner - Gold River Resident Samantha Kagan - Secretary
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2. Review and adopt of the Agenda – Motion: Craig 2nd Teresa
3. Review and adopt of the minutes Mar 29, 2017 – Paul, Craig
4. Review of action items from Mar 29, 2017 meeting -

Action Items: NEW ITEMS

Action	Who	Completed
Order large PSF stickers	Sam	Done
Name Rogers correspondence in last months minutes	Lyndy	Done
Check printing costs at local printer	Sam	Done
Send Sam MoT Logo	Kent	Done
Contact Lyle Billy/Stacy Larson re: sending monthly Zeballos report to NSWS	Kent	Done
Form subcommittee for Stewardship fish marketing strategy	Kent, Roger, Kadin	Done
Bring proposal to NSWS for restorative justice funds to be used for SeaFood/SeaVeg programs	Roger	Done

Action Items: ONGOING ITEMS

Action	Who	Completed
Conuma side channel report	Craig – to distribute by email	Ongoing
Signage/ pictures at Big Bend –	Sam and Craig	ACTION: Kent to send Sam Rupert wong's report to Sam
List of all fishing derbies and who is able to attend to represent NSWS	Sam and Kadin	Ongoing
Letter to Minister re: budget cuts with DFO, the impacts / effects that has.	Kent	Ongoing
Terms of Reference	Kent	Ongoing - Kent - societies act has changed.
Talk to Jason re: Restorative Justice	Kent	Done

5. Old Business

- a. Fisheries Stewardship Coordinator Report

“Fundraising Ask Letter” is ready to go and being sent out to 12 lodges/charter operations in Nootka Sound/
Esperanza Inlet
Mugs - Sam will work with feedback from lodges on what kind of mugs they want and at what price point.
Stickers - need to order 50 more “17” decals for existing blank stickers
MOTION: to spend \$40 on “17” decals. **Moved:** Craig, Kadin
NSWS invited to the “River Never Sleeps” salmon festival in Fanny Bay - Sam and Kadin to go with a display board and powerpoint.
MOTION: for \$100 to be spent on supplies for the display board. **Moved:** Craig, Kadin

b. **Fisheries Habitat**

ACTION: Kent and Sam to look into whats left to do at Chermar Creek

c. **Hatchery Update**

Conuma – This week moving Burman fish to net pens, soon after will move Muchalat fish to pens
Towed the Burma pens - took a long time, struggled, consider approaching WFP for a tug to use.
Kent - consider putting the pens (Gold River) at GLR ramp in the cove
Paul - thinks WFP could help tow in future
Lyndy - hoping to get fish to Muchalaht Lake after Burman and Gold

Tahsis – Louis reports Tahsis and Leiner fish are in the sea pens

Zeballos - Elmar.- still in Zeballos, 14319 chum that they are releasing on the 16th of May. Invited all stakeholders to come participate and discuss the future of Zeballos stewardship

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

Kadin to present FFSR Fishery plan and Stewardship Fishery plan to tomorrow’s (April 27th, 2017) Area 25 roundtable

Kent - background - 1200 stewardship fish to fund stewardship. Need to plan how to catch these fish.
Typically, TAC for stewardship fish was 1200, usually fished for at the end of TAC. We now want to bump those 1200 fish to the top of TAC, catch them first and earn a higher value for each fish.

Kadin presents stewardship plan.

Kadin - Sampling - important to determine if hatchery, wild, USA - previously inconsistent data collection
No cost covering measure because its outside of Area D fishery

Kent - Stewardship boats will fly the NSWS flag, we need to support the Lodges with educational materials and information to educate their guests.

Kadin - Buyers have come forward with 5-6\$per pound, so potential \$74000 - 100 000 towards NSWS

Kent - still need to work out Marketing plan.

ACTION Sam to send Kent logos.

Kent - Can’t hire seine boats to do it in one shot - Area D has rights to it.
Kadin - need to ensure that buyer has wholesale price.

Kent - talked about it for 3 years, did it once two years ago. Unsuccessful last year. Year before, Area D gill netters were unsuccessful in getting out to do it, so gave donation of \$30 000 to NSWS.

6. New Business

Roger - Proposal for NSW restorative justice fund to be used for SeaFood/SeaVeg programming
Kadin read request

Kadin motion to fund \$1000 for SeaFood/Sea Veg programming. Moved: Teresa, Craig

7. Correspondence

Letter from James re: release of Conuma Coho - Should have NSW reps there along with NMA reps for a photo opportunity.

Two cheques from DFO - total 3921.02 unused collaborative agreement cheques. Lyndy to find out why this is in two cheques.

8. Financial Report

Teresa reads out financial report.

Restorative Justice already allocated, would like to get rid of that heading and add it to general funds.

Motion to move restorative justice fund back to general funds: 5287.80 Kadin, Craig

Motion to carbonless memberships forms 500 at 85\$: Craig, Kadin moved

9. Next Meeting - May 31st, WFP 7:00pm

10. Adjournment: Moved: Kent, Kadin