

Nootka Sound Watershed Society
Draft Minutes
Thursday June 15th, 2017
Conuma River Hatchery, 7pm

1. Welcome and Introductions –

Attendance:

Ricki Moore - TSES Danielle Hozempa - TSES Wilf Luedke - DFO Stock Assessment Marcel Miner - GR Streamkeeper John Falavolito - Westview Marina and Lodge Louis VanSolkema - Village of Tahsis Sam Kagan - Secretary, NSWS Kadin Snook - Vice President, NSWS	Dave Davies - DFO Community Advisor Lyndy Vroom - DFO Conuma Hatchery Teresa O'Neill - Treasurer, NSWS Kent O'Neill - President, NSWS Frank Collins - TSES Gary Foster - Gold River Rod and Gun Jason Hozempa - TSES Mike Austin - DFO Conuma Hatchery
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2. Review and adopt of the Agenda – **Motion to accept: Frank 2nd: Kadin**
3. Review and adopt of the minutes May 31st, 2017 – **Motion to accept: Teresa 2nd: Louis**
4. Review of action items from May 31st, 2017 meeting -

Action Items: NEW ITEMS

Action	Who	Completed
Send Sam Big Bend Creek Data	Marcel, Roger	Ongoing
Draft response to DFO budget cuts	Sam	Done
Send Sam job description for NSWS hire for collaborative agreement	Lyndy	Done
Post job advertisement online	Sam	Done
Speak to Mike re: finalizing collaborative agreement	Kent	Ongoing - Kent spoke to Mike, confident will have one on hand.

Action Items: ONGOING ITEMS

Action	Who	Completed
Look into whats left to do at Big Bend	Kent and Sam	Ongoing - need to talk to BC Hydro, Transmission line section. Kent has a contact. ACTION Kent to call his contact
Signage/ pictures at Big Bend –	Sam and Craig	Ongoing
Letter to Minister re: budget cuts with DFO, the impacts / effects that has.	Kent	Ongoing
Terms of Reference	Kent	Ongoing

5. Old Business

a. Fisheries Stewardship Coordinator Report

Lodge fundraising: packages together, include brochures, membership forms, stickers, information cards and are going out to most lodges in Nootka Sound. Sam, Kent and Kadin to do a tour of lodges early season to offer support.

Estuary monitoring: Tahsis and Gold River both going very well with lots of volunteer interest. Contact Sam if interested in participating in remaining sessions.

Moutcha Bay Derbies: Sam will remind NSWS when they are coming up, will have a table set up for membership sales.

b. **Fisheries Habitat**

Wilf: PST renegotiations are running into a few issues, mainly with WCVI fish enumeration. Alaskans asking for a different indicator stock. Leiner River Chinook seem like a best choice because of high proportion wild fish. Better forecasting is also needed.

Wilf presented data on WCVI forecasting.

Summary: we know that there is a higher proportion of wild fish to hatchery north of Estevan Point vs South Coast of Vancouver Island, however proportions of hatchery fish are still higher than we had previously thought and there are gaps in the data. More contribution from anglers is needed, especially from guides and lodges. Enthusiasm was high at the sampling meetings, and stock assessment has commitments from guides and lodges. This commitment will be monitored in early July and proposed closures will be decided based on sampling results.

c. **Hatchery Update**

i. **Conuma -**

Lyndy - presented SEP status report.

Coho Clipping - to happen earlier (end of August)

ii. **Tahsis -**

Frank - Seapens need to be replaced. Craig has said they have pens on east coast and are testing for structural integrity.

ACTION: Kent to follow up with him.

Dave - possibility of putting together a PSF application for this

iii. **Zeballos -**

Dave: having dedication on June 26th alcove pond project.

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

Nothing to report

6. **New Business**

a. **Coastal Restoration Fund**

Application logistics discussed between Wilf, Dave and the NSWS: Short expression of interest is due by July 12th. Hopefully this will be a collaboration between WCVI (Barkley Sound, Clayoquot, Nootka Sound) and Nuchalnuh Tribal Council. Technical group led by Tawney (WCA) and including DFO scientists and representatives from each group will put together a basic proposal. Wilf to follow up with Tawney and report back.

b. **MMFN Creel Survey**

Kadin - has started proposal for 15 total days starting August 8th 2017 for creel surveys in Matchlee Bay. This will coincide with initial openings for Burman troll fishery. There will be slight increase to cost because additional 5 days.

ACTION: Kadin to send NSWS proposal for MMFN Creel Survey funding

7. **Correspondence**

none.

8. **Financial Report**

Teresa read out and explained financial report:

Motion to accept: Frank **2nd:** Louis

9. **Next Meeting**

September 27th, 2017 location TBA

10. **Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn: Frank **2nd:** Kadin