

Nootka Sound Watershed Society
Draft Minutes
Wednesday March 1, 2017
The Ridgeview Motel Boardroom 6:30pm

Roger Dunlop presented on Process Based Habitat Restoration

1. Welcome and Introductions –

Attendance:

Kent O'Neill, President Teresa O'Neil, Interim treasurer Lyndy Vroom, Secretary Sam Kagan, Stewardship Coordinator Frank Collins, Tahsis Salmon Enhancement Louis VanSolkema, Councillor, Village of Tahsis Kadin Snook, Fisheries Coordinator, MMFN John Bruce, GR Rod and Gun club Jason Kydd, TSES volunteer	Marcel Miner, GR Streamkeepers Craig Blackie, Grieg Seafood Mike Austin, DFO, Conuma Hatchery Roger Dunlop, Biologist, Nuuchalnuh Dave Willis, DFO, A/Section Head, SEP Wilf Luedke, DFO, Section Head, Stock Assessment Bruce Gardener Ricki Moore, TSES volunteer Chris Erikson, DFO, Conuma Hatchery
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2. Review and adopt of the Agenda — Moved by Louis. 2nd by Kadin. All in favour. Motion carried.
3. Review and adopt of the minutes Jan 25, 2017 – Moved by Kadin. 2nd by Roger. All in favour. Motion carried.
4. Review of action items from Jan 25, 2017 meeting -

Action Items: NEW ITEMS

Action	Who	Completed
Follow up with brochure / quotes for printing	Sam	Ongoing
Final Report for PSF transport tank	Sam	Ongoing
Conuma side channel report	Craig – to distribute by email	Ongoing
Check if there was a past motion to use/change the Lodge Owners funds	Kent	Ongoing
Signage/ pictures at Big Bend –	Sam and Craig	Ongoing
Muchalaht name for Big Bend/ Chermar	Roger	Ongoing
Cost of donated food/ receipt through WCA	Craig / Kent	Done
Wages/ hours for extra hire through collab.	Mike Austin	Done
Attend a TSES to discuss PSF applications	Dave Davies	
Stewardship fish – plan with Area D gillnetters	Kent	Discuss in Area 25 update
Dunlop Creek fence / list of supplies, maintenance needed	Marcel and Ken	Need another sheet of plywood to reinforce – go in late March if possible Email around if it goes before next meeting – need volunteers

Action Items: ONGOING ITEMS

Action	Who	Completed
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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. Look at separate meeting for TOR only
Talk to Jason re: Restorative Justice	Kent	ONGOING – conversation started not too much money as of now

5. Old Business

a. Fisheries Stewardship Coordinator Report

Sam talked about fundraising ideas and how to increase membership sales.
Wilf said they may be able to help with providing information on the cpue for the area, the online survey, creel surveyors – information sharing
Sam continues to talk about fundraising ideas - raffle ideas...different options to think about. One option that came up was to put a bucket at the gas docks in the area.
Discussed that we should have a NSW presence at all the derbies, do a speech – give info about our society
ACTION – create a subcommittee – Kadin and Sam to make a list of all derbies and who is going to man them.

Brochure – chose the cover/ colour design. **MOTION** to adopt the brochure choice as discussed at meeting– Moved by Roger. All in favour. Motion carried.

Under budget on the estuary project PSF funding for safety gear – suggest we get high visibility vests

PSF report on the transport trailer – almost complete, need more info on volunteer hours in kind hours **ACTION** – Chris and Lyndy to help with calculating volunteer time.

b. Fisheries Habitat

Big Bend – Kent followed up with Sean Wong, make sure there were no gaps and that everything is up to date. Sean spoke of work still needed to be done for soil amendment, planting, and that we invoice him for another \$4500 to complete project. He said they are also offering to provide signage and a memorial plaque for Cheryle/ newly named Chermar Creek.
We should think/ discuss a new project to present to them– Canton maybe?

c. Hatchery Update

Conuma – status report read by Chris – all is well. Work still underway for the new circular tubs
Moving of the Gold and Burman seapens– do we want to move them the way that we did last year
Need to look at the adults and fry that are returning to Muchalat Lake – Kadin is doing 5 days there.

Tahsis –Frank requesting that Wilf, Dave, and Mike or Chris from Conuma to come to Tahsis in the next few weeks.
Want to release 30,000 Tahsis Chinook in upper Tahsis river and 50,000 Leiner Chinook in the upper reaches of the Leiner. Otolith marking plan – they want to continue to mark at Conuma for the Tashis it is very expensive to change their water system to be able mark both at the Tahsis hatchery. Synex energy is planning a run of the river power on McKelvie Cr.– they are going to give some surface water for the hatchery
Seine net – going to repair and add 3 ft to the top/ cork line
Frank volunteered his boat and his time for the estuary monitoring program.

Zeballos – no report

d. Fisheries Management / Area 25 Harvest Committee updates

Stewardship fish – rebranding for value added –NSWS should also put forth some endorsement letter for earlier fishery in July. Roger, Kadin and Barry to discuss further at the next Area 25 meeting

6. New Business

Collaborative agreement – coming up for renewal – discuss options
Talked about how we could do it different but decided to continue with the collaborative agreement as it is between NSW and DFO. \$68,000 – was last two year collaborative agreement total. Will likely go up by approx 7% - increases in fish food, labour
MOTION to pay up to \$75,000 to the next collaborative agreement for FY17/18 and FY 18/19. Moved by Roger. 2nd by Kadin. All in favour. Motion carried

The final installment of last collaborative is \$5305.42 – due April 1 – **ACTION** Lyndy to provide Teresa with information on where to send the cheque

AGM / Elections – to be held next meeting – Wednesday March 29, 2017 7pm

Wilf working with Mike Wright to go through all the info on the west coast - this will build a road map–the NSW should plan on hosting a workshop for the information to be shared with our group.

Bruce Gardener presented some points/ suggestions as discussed with the Area 25 Commercial Sports Fishing Business Owner/ Operator's. Kent thanked him for coming to our meeting with these but this information should be shared at the Sports Fish Advisory committee.

7. Correspondence

ACTION – Lyndy to circulate emails from Roger

8. Financial Report

Interim treasurer Teresa gave us an update on our finances.
Don't forget your membership dues are due!

9. Next Meeting/ AGM - Wednesday March 29, 2017 at 7 pm – Location – Kadin – will confirm House of Unity

10. Adjournment – Moved by Frank