

Nootka Sound Watershed Society

Minutes of meeting held on Wednesday, April 26, 2006 in the WFP Office

Present:

Michel Rabu (P); Pat Dennison (T)-Gold River Resources Ltd.; Dick Dennison (D)-Gold River Rod and Gun; Jennifer Koch-Secretary; Dave Davies-DFO; Roger Dunlop, Nuuchahnulth Tribal Council; Jim Davis, Resort Operator; Deb Clemenson, V. O. Tahsis Councillor; Bill Haggarty, Resident; Steven Emmonds, Conuma Hatchery; Axel Anderson, Resident; Paul Preston-Fisheries and Oceans; Bill Shaw, DFO; Dan Stewart, RBF Renovations; Janine Naswell-RBF Renovations; John Falaulito, West View Marina; Cathy Danes, West View Marina; Jim Murphy, Grieg Seafoods; Quentin Dodd, QD Enterprises (media); Leroy Hobwo, DFO; Alistair Thomson, DFO; Gary Foster, Rod and Gun; Randy Watson, Commercial; Seaton Taylor-DFO Assessment;

1. Michel Rabu called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.

- **Quentin Dodd**-attending the meeting to publicize some things the NSWS are doing.
- Michel asked everyone to sign the attendance sheet, mentioned minutes will be recorded. Introductions were done.
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2. Changes/additions/approval of agenda

- Motion to approve agenda-moved by Dick, 2nd by Bill Haggerty, approved.

3. Changes or additions to minutes of the previous meeting-

- **Roger**-see e-mail.
- Motion to accept minutes-moved by Debbie Clemenson, 2nd by Dick.
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4. Guest Speaker-Alistair Thomson

- Presentation by Seaton Taylor-see presentation
- Many interjected discussions during the presentation. Below are some key points discussed:

Key Points

- Who sets the targets?
- First Nation consultation and accommodation required-Roger to facilitate with DFO
- Communication ensured between Sport Fish Advisory-Bill Shaw
- Creel Surveyor-data process how to speed up. Discuss at other meeting.
- Chum test fishery
- Proposed fishing Plan
- Catch number attached
- Sockeye fishery-more boats here due to weak sockeye fishery elsewhere last year
- Knowing in the season what is going-communication
- 30 fish per person-SFAB
- Process through SFAC
- Annual catches being discussed
- Not a conservation issue. Decrease catch limits, people stop coming
- Stocks looking reasonably well
- More funds needed-must come from recreational users

- Looking at increasing licenses-stay tuned
- Guide license, guide certification
- \$ for coho enhancement
- Local members on board
- Terms of reference to Cathy Danes

5. Business Arising from Minutes/New Business

- Fish feeder status for Tlupana-going to hatchery
 - \$3500 through the Pacific Foundation
 - Western Forest Products Inc. donated a truck
 - Rod and Gun Club donated gas.
- Jim Davis-involving other organizations, Eg-Wilderness Tourism, Joint Ventures, Sport Fishing Institute-networking. Willing to find out what is involved. Jim to find out details.
 - Dave Davies-the board is to represent all stakeholders.
 - Jim Davis-consider part time staff-paid people. NSWWS will consider in the fall.
- Tahsis River Enhancement-request endorsement. Mel Sheng possibly coming to next meeting. Prepare letter endorsing project for in river enhancement. Moved by Bill, 2nd by Jim Davis. When specifics ironed out it is to be forwarded to Jenn.
- Jim Davis-Developing projects for future. Need to brainstorm and measure against Terms of Reference. Choose a list.
- Dave Davies-Gold/Burman Enhancement. Fish being vaccinated now, pen has been towed over. Not sure-communication gap?
- **Guide Meeting**—Jim Davis-some support-4 people want study of economic impacts. \$238/pound estimated for the West Vancouver Island fishery. Consensus of other lodge owners is expected for a study. Should be some evidence of past reports.
- **DFO**-Some studies are planned to be done for the recreation fishery. Discussing certifying recreation fishery, looking for more membership support.
 - Sport fish issues go through local committee. Go through official process.
 - Owen Baird (SFI)-economic study
 - 4 coho catch Sept 1-Dec, regulations virtually the same except for Birdwood. IFMP Greg Russell-forward copy. Public notices to be out by May.
- **Idea for a sign**-see attached-Michel Rabu. Send digitally to Jim Davis/Dave Davies/Roger Dunlop
- **Steve Shelley**-Dance and Dinner-Maquinna Resort-50 people. Still mulling it over. Table to next meeting. Moved by Dick Dennison, 2nd by Axel.
- **Grieg's letter/Terms of Reference**-testing options against terms of reference. Motion to revisit Terms of Reference by subcommittee.
- **Quentin Dodd**-thanks for invite/thanks for coming.
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6. Reports

Financial Reports-Pat Dennison-see attached

Action Items/Open Discussion

- Dave Davies-consider getting insurance
- Habitat restoration-Pat to look after-Motion by Deb, 2nd by Jen-so moved
- 4500 eggs destroyed that wer RobertsonXRobertson
- 4200 released to Gold outplant RobertXUnknown

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned. Approved.

Next meeting is on Wednesday, May 31, 2006 at Tsaxana at 7pm.

ELECTIONS

President-Michel Rabu

Vice President-Roger Dunlop

Secretary-Jennifer Koch on temporary basis only

Treasurer-Pat Dennison

Directors-Tim Davies/Jim Murphy (alternate)

Randy Watson

Jamie James

Larry Andrews

Debbie Clemenson

Dick Dennison

Jim Davis

Bill Haggerty

Dan Stewart

Elections adjourned 9:41 pm.