

Nootka Sound Watershed Society

Minutes of meeting held on Wednesday, February 22, 2006 in the WFP Inc. Boardroom

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; Tim Davies, Grieg Seafood; Jim Mitchell, VOG; Roger Dunlop, Nuuchahnulth Tribal Council; Tom Pater, R. D. Comox-Strathcona; Dan Stewart, Resident; Larry Andrews, Tuta Marina; Kim Black, Resident; Jim Davis, Resort Operator; Deb Clemenson, V. O. Tahsis Councillor; Bill Haggarty, Resident; Bruce Adkins, DFO;

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

- Michel asked everyone to sign the attendance sheet, mentioned minutes will be recorded. Introductions were done.

2. Changes/additions/approval of agenda

- Burman Enhancement
- Clemenson moved, D. Dennison 2nd, Approved.

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

4. Tom Pater presentation

- Aquatic Management Board has draft business plan with 6 action items. One of these is continued development of round tables such as the NSWS which is recognized.
- Mike Fournier-tsunamis
- Recruiting members for the Aquatic Management Board-Larry Andrews. Larry Andrews was given the form to sign up for the AMB.

5. Bruce Adkins

• Conuma Production

400,000 Chinook from Gold

150,000 Coho smolts-help needed from NSWS-food and volunteers.

Suggested doing surveys to see how many people catch Coho in September by locals.

Chum unchanged

90,000 presently due to not enough space and water.

- \$ this year have been given to hatchery
- \$5000 to be donated next spring
- Need to develop an agreement with DFO-Formal contract.
Give draft to NSWS-Circulate
Mechanism for not meeting agreement? See draft
- IFMP finalized May 15th, 2006. Steve Emmonds has numbers in by mid February.
- Jim Mitchell-with Halibut you can claim fish. Is this a possibility with salmon. No as NSWS has no licence.
- Wild Salmon Policy
- Test fishery with commercial fisherman. Coho money used to pay for assessment. Last year one was done for Chinook.
- Pacific Salmon Treaty-Escapement Research. \$15,000 for calibration in Gold.

Two Questions for Bruce

- a) Why can't the coho smolts be kept?**
- b) Draft Agreement**

Thanks to Bruce for coming.

6. Business arising from the minutes.

- Roger Dunlop-received chief's approval for Okwantch wiers for August
- Dave Davies and Deb Clemenson submitted application to Pacific Salmon Foundation
- Letter to Frames-no response.
- Rent issue resolved.
- INVOLVING FISH GUIDES-Jim Davis-It is important to the guides they understand where their donations are going.
- Make signs for lodge owners for donations. Michel Rabu
- Roger-Luna stewardship program to sell membership to NSW for conservation and enhancement.
- Website billing-Axel
- Committee for election-Jenn resigned from secretary, everyone else committed to keeping their position.
- Robertson Creek results-6500 Muchalat fish @ Dunlop Creek. Roger believes there is no issue with using this area.
- Jim Davis-Moutcha Bay-Committed to donating \$3100 specific for Coho enhancement. Pending.
- Old floats from Grieg – no commitment can be presently made. 50x50s and perhaps some nets will come available in the future.
- Dance and Dinner-combine with River's Day, Larry/Jim involve village and Streamkeepers. Invite Lynn from Chamber to next meeting?
- Cornfield to be added to agenda for March meeting. He will attend.
- Certificates complete and signed by Michel and Jenn.
- Steve Shelley-Thank you letter-new address needed from Deb.
- Joelle-letter-refer to Sportsman Fishery-Cathy Danes, Marilyn Murphy, Demona Adams
- Letter of Support for Roger completed
- Dave Davies Plan A vs Plan B. 400,000 target-Culling Robertson Eggs. Dave to finalize report.
- Alaskan Trollers, 25% of Chinook. Letter requesting dollars? Not advisable (Bruce Adkins).
- Fine monies-Jamie Jame to follow up

8. New Business

- FSP Presentation by JK-when submitted!

9. Reports

- Financial reports-Pat Dennison. See attached-Motion to accept by Tim, 2nd by Roger, all in favour.

10. Action Items/Open Discussion

- Letter of thanks to Grieg for \$1500 for next 3 months.-JK
- Fine monies-follow up with Jamie-see e-mail.-JK
- Steve Shelley's new address.-Pat
- Invite Lynn to next meeting-
- Joelle letter-refer to sportsman fishery-vacuum packing fish-(Cathy Danes, Marilyn Murphy, Demona Adams)
- Processing plants/custom processor

11. Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned. Pat moved, 2nd by Roger
- Next meeting is on Wednesday, March 29, 2006 7 p.m., at Mowachaht/Muchalaht band office.
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