

Watershed Committee

Minutes of meeting held on Wednesday 25 June, 2003 in the Western Forest Products Meeting Room

Present:

Jim Mitchell- Village of Gold River/Stream Keepers; Domenico Iannidinardo - WFP;
Pat Dennison- WFP; Maureen Ritter- Marine Harvest Canada; Tim Davies- Grieg
Seafood's; Dick Dennison- G.R. Rod and Gun Club; Becky McCool- G. R. Resident

1.0 Jim called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.

Paul is unable to attend meeting. Jim will chair and Pat will take minutes.

2.0 Introductions around the table

3.0 Changes/additions/approval of agenda

The template for the constitution/bylaws and the terms of reference were tabled until next meeting when Paul can provide document. Agenda approved by consensus.

4.0 Changes or additions to minutes of the previous meeting

None

5.0 Old business arising from the minutes

To date there has been no indication from Roger Dunlop whether he still needs volunteers to help collect information for his WCVI stock assessment study. Tim has some data done in FFHP format scale 1:20,000 that he is willing to share. Question was asked where Paul and Roger were with letter to First Nations seeking support in watershed committee. Paul will be able to address this at the next meeting. Question was asked about hydro projects.

Discussion on watershed issues within the Gold. Apparently it's too early in the process for public input and we can write our letters addressing our concerns during the public input stage of the process. Jim commented that there are a million questions I.E. damage to the Gold, and the problems arising from such. No need for action at this time, we will wait the public meeting. Tim commented that we should solicit the questions to BC Fisheries, LWBC, and DFO. Letter should list our concerns and forward to LWBC. Emphasize that we are not out to stop the project, but to address the environmental concerns we have. We should identify questions to send by emailing members for input. Jim has concerns over the boundaries of the committee and Bill Heidrick's letter about supporting the cause but unable to join because of the travel distance etc. confirms this. Jim asked how are we to include Tahsis and Zeballos areas? Dick stated that most people's interests are in the Muchalat and Tlupana Inlets. Jim commented that we should find out from Roger and Jaime on First Nations instructions or input. Also the Terms of Reference will address the boundaries. More discussion is needed on our geographical scope.

6.0 Minutes of previous meeting approved by consensus

7.0 Correspondence

Bill Heidrick's letter.

Letter from LWBC on hydro projects.

Species at Risk Act.

8.0 New Business

Hutchinson Creek is not to get done this year. Final report is needed to move forward. Definitely needs more work done in the watershed. What is Doug Swift's new position? Dick would like to see the concrete weir removed.

9.0 Action Items

1. Domenico will send out email asking for questions and input for letter to LWBC.
2. Jim will contact WFP to find out when presentation on clay cut restoration can be given.
3. Dick will check into removal of concrete weir on Hutchinson Creek.

10.0 Presentations

There were no presentations.

11.0 Open Discussion

Question was asked where our Watershed Manager is and why he hasn't been attending our meetings. Some discussions followed on how to get Roger Dunlop, Jaime James, Steve Emmonds and a Dfo representative to attend more meetings.

12.0 Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm. Next meeting is on Wednesday, September 24, 2003 same time, same place.