

Nootka Sound Watershed Society

Minutes of meeting held on Wednesday 30 March, 2005 in the Western Forest Products Meeting Room

Present:

Michel Rabu (P)- Gold River Fish Camp; Paul Smith (S)- G.R. Stream Keepers; Pat Dennison (T)- Gold River Resources Ltd.; Dick Dennison (D)- Gold River Rod and Gun; Roger Dunlop- NTC Fisheries; Dave Davies- DFO Community Advisor; Jim Murphy- Grieg Seafood; Bill Haggarty- G.R. Resident; Jen Koch- Western Forest Products; Cathy Daynes- Westview Marina; John Falavolido- Westview Marina; Randy Watson- Area D Gillnetters; Andrew Day- Aquatic Management Board

1. Michel Rabu called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Michel stated that the meeting will be taped to aid in the taking of minutes. Anyone who objects may leave if they so choose. Michel asked everyone to sign the attendance sheet.

2. Introductions around the table

3. Changes/additions/approval of agenda

Michel Rabu asked for changes or additions to the agenda. The Terms of Reference were added under new business. Dave Davies added some new funding available under new business. John Falavolido added cwt's under new business. Michel Rabu added update on the meeting with DFO under unfinished business and asked that the financial report be moved ahead of new business. Dick Dennison moved to accept agenda, seconded by Jim Murphy, called to question, all in favour, none opposed, so moved.

4. Changes or additions to minutes of the previous meeting

Michel Rabu asked everyone to read over the previous minutes. Roger Dunlop commented that the motion by Jim Mitchell is wrong. Paul Smith commented that he never did receive the friendly amendment to the motion and that is why the motion reads as it does. Roger Dunlop will send Paul Smith an email containing the friendly amendment. Jim Murphy pointed out that we couldn't move to accept minutes until friendly amendment is added.

5. Approval of Minutes

Jim Murphy moved to table the previous minutes, Pat Dennison seconded, called to question, all in favour, none opposed, so moved

6. Old business arising from the minutes

Paul Smith updated everyone on the October minute's status. Paul also updated everyone on the agenda from G.R. Council. Paul updated everyone on the logo contest winner presentation. Paul updated everyone on the letter to Tahsis Chamber of Commerce. John Falavolido moved to accept the letter to the Tahsis Chamber of Commerce and to send ASAP. Seconded by Dick Dennison, called to question, all in favour, none opposed, so moved. Marc Charet was not in attendance, so the lodge owners contact information was tabled. Paul Smith talked about the release form that he created to get the logo contest winner to sign. Everyone agreed with the release form. Roger Dunlop handed out the draft Terms of Reference for everyone to look over. He talked about the sources he used to draft it up. Pat Dennison asked about the laws or regulations around incorporation both "Roberts Rules" and "Consensus" for the decision-making. Andrew Day

explained the AMB's position and how they use both. Andrew talked about the AMB having two separate entities with one using consensus and the other using Roberts Rules. The Aquatic Management Society uses Robert's Rules for administration and the AMB uses consensus for other issues. It doesn't have to be set up that way however. Michel Rabu asked how we work with the quorum under vs consensus. Andrew Day explained that it shouldn't change, as both are required to have a quorum defined by the constitution/bylaws. There was some confusion over the First Nation representation as defined for a quorum. Roger Dunlop explained that if the Mowachaht/Muchalaht appoint one director than the quorum would only be one, if they appoint more than one it will be the number appointed. Question was asked what if all appointed First Nation directors were not in attendance, would this stop the meeting due to a lack of quorum. This would depend upon the quorum number stated in the bylaws and the number of First Nation directors. Paul Smith commented that it is presently set at 3. Roger Dunlop commented that presently the First Nation are outnumbered 5 to 1 at this table and decisions made don't reflect proper First Nation input or support. First Nation has the first rights to the fish and should have a strong say in the management of them. The NSWS should also realize that any major issues or decisions that affect treaty or rights cannot be made at this forum without first consulting the chiefs. Roger was asked if the First Nation director(s) could let the society know of this dilemma at the table. Roger replied that yes this is the case. Michel Rabu commented that he has concerns with using consensus instead of Roberts Rules. What if someone or group decides that they won't show up at a meeting to sway the agenda in their direction by changing the quorum? We then jeopardize the intent and value of the society, because we're playing politics instead of democracy. We're a society that is trying to do something good and if we get tangled up in legal issues we will fail. Dave Davies talked about the comparisons to the AMB and the admin workload differences. Jim Murphy stated that we should read the statement very carefully as it is saying that in order for a quorum you should have the majority of the First Nation representatives at the table. This could be one (Jamie James) or the number that the Mowachaht/Muchalaht appoint. Paul Smith asked how we decide what the majority is? If there are three First Nation directors, is the majority 1.5 or 2 or 1? Dick Dennison moved that we table the Terms of Reference to a sub committee for revising and finalization. Seconded by Bill Haggarty, called to question, all in favour, none opposed, so moved. Pat Dennison updated everyone on the meeting with DFO in February on the production plans at the Conuma Hatchery. John Falavolido handed out a document from DFO on the coded wire tag data provided by Doug Herriot of DFO. Discussion followed on the actual production numbers for 2005 at Conuma. Pat Dennison moved that we send the production projected numbers to Bruce Adkins and cc them to the Conuma Hatchery. Jim Murphy seconded, called to question, make sure the discussions on the funding of a sea pen to rear the Coho are in the proposal as per Bruce Adkins request, all in favour, none opposed, so moved.

7. Correspondence

All correspondence has been forwarded to members via email. Contact Paul Smith if you haven't been receiving correspondence.

8. New Business

Under new business Michel Rabu talked about the need for a representative from the Sports Fish Advisory Committee (SFAC) to sit at this table and visa versa.

Paul Smith commented that usually the SFAC chair would sit at the table and could be a director/member of this society also. Dave Davies talked about the funding available through the Public Involvement Program (PIP) by the Habitat and Enhancement Branch. He would like the NSWS to apply for this funding and provide half of it to the Gold River Streamkeepers Society for all their work done to get us to this point. Paul Smith asked how much the funding was. Dave Davies replied that it is up to \$5000.00. Everyone agreed that the GRSK should receive half. Pat Dennison moved that the NSWS send in the application for PIP funding requesting \$5,000.00 and that \$2500.00 be donated to the GRSK when funding received. Seconded by Cathy Daynes, called to question, all in favour, none opposed, so moved. Michel Rabu called for nominations for directors or for members to put their name forward. All the existing directors have put their names forward to stand again. Randy Watson put his name forward on behalf of the Area D Gillnetters Association. Bill Haggarty put his name forward. Roger Dunlop put his name forward as co-chair/vice president and stated that until he gets the okay from his boss to stand as NTC rep, he will stand as a Gold River resident. Called to question, all in favour, none opposed, so moved. Michel Rabu congratulated all new directors and thanked the existing directors for standing again.

9. Reports

Financial Report- Pat Dennison

Adoption of Financial Report- John Falavolido moved to accept the financial report, seconded by Jim Murphy, called to question, all in favour, none opposed, so moved.

10. Presentations

11. Action Items

1. Roger Dunlop will send Paul Smith a copy of the friendly amendment.
- 2 Paul Smith will send a proposal to Bruce Akins (DFO) and cc to Conuma Hatchery with our production numbers for 2005.
3. Jim Murphy and Michel Rabu will look into costs of sea pen for rearing Coho.
4. Paul Smith will apply to PIP funding through Dave Davies.
5. Paul Smith will create a directors list for all members.

12. Open Discussion

Discussion on the Gold River snorkel swim data from Scott Silvestry of the province. Andrew Day talked about how the AMB could help the NSWS with admin issues and what have you. Paul Smith talked about the Dunlop Creek Coho Indicator Fence and installation dates.

13. Adjournment

Bill Haggarty moved to adjourn at 9:28 pm. Next meeting is on Wednesday, April 27, 2005 same time, same place.