

FABEC – April 24, 2013

AGM

Members Present:

Kevin Stroud, Jeff Roberts, John Hollohan, Alice Hollohan, Gord Stewart, Paul Stewart, Fred Holloway, Max Holwell, Harvey Garrett, Mrs. Garrett, Wayne Holloway, Scott Pritchett, Max Feltham, Sandy Feltham, John Baird

Agenda

Report on activities
Election of Officers
Cuts to Fish and Wildlife
Cabin Freezes
Marine Fishing

Motion: Adopt agenda Alice Hollohan
Seconded: Fred Holloway
Carried.

Activities for 2012-2013:

- A great improvement on Salmon runs on both Middle Brook and Terra Nova River.
- We have applied again for 2 students for the coming summer.
- Salmon Management Options:
 - There is interest in retention on the main stem of the upper river (below/above community of Terra Nova).
 - DFO has been invited to attend public meeting in Glovertown and Terra Nova in the next couple months.
 - More counts are needed to give us a better indication of the health of the river and how to advise on future regulations.
- Hoping to continue the angling survey on middle brook.
- Treasurer's Report:
 - We're \$6525.40 behind but had money in the account to cover.

Election of Officers: (Conducted by Fred Holloway)

- Motion: To dissolve old executive. (John Hollohan)
 - Seconded: (Gord Stewart) Carried.
- Nomination for President: John Baird.....accepts.
- Nomination for Vice-President: John Hollohan.....accepts.
- Nomination for Treasurer: Kevin Stroud.....accepts.
- Nomination for Secretary: Harvey Garrett.....accepts

Cuts to Wildlife:

- 29 new positions have been removed.
- FABEC has rejected to this....John Baird has written letters.

- Could we invite our local MHA to a meeting to discuss our concerns?
 - Make a case for a river such as TNR?
- Related Issues:
 - Cutbacks in Justice
 - Counting fence
 - Trout research
 - Gambo river....we have no numbers so how do we manage it effectively?

River Management:

- 7000 salmon is the magic number according to DFO as this will lead to a return of over 20,000 fish.
- Maccles Brook has a really good run and people are wondering how many salmon actually enter the river at the mouth.
 - Could a counting fence be placed there?
 - It was questioned if TNR should be a class II river instead of class III.
 - FABEC would be weary of recommending anything that would lead to more retention in Maccles Brook that could have a detrimental effect on the overall run.
- Residents and cabin owners in Terra Nova area have expressed an interest in having areas on the upper watershed opened for retention.
 - This area of the river has been closed to retention since 1995.
 - Is there a compromise here between conservation and their (the cabin owners) wishes?
 - Harvey Garrett and Wayne Holloway agreed to take a video of some of the pools they would like to see opened to retention and present it at the next FABEC meeting.
 - They will also survey the interests of the cabin owners/users of this part of the watershed.
 - FABEC will host public meetings in Glovertown and Terra Nova to facilitate a discussion of salmon management options for the lower and upper sections of the river. DFO will be invited to attend.
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Proposed Cabin Freeze on Upper Middle Brook

- Letters of support have gone to Crown Lands from Robert Perry of Inland Fish Science and the Town of Gambo supporting FABEC's request for a freeze on new cabin development on the upper Middle Brook watershed.

Marine Fishing

- Can we make some noise to bring this issue to the public eye?
 - Get other stakeholders on side?
- DFO is not interested!!

Next meeting: May 29th.