

## Freshwater-Alexander Bays Ecosystems Corporation

Date: June 27/13 7:00pm.

Meeting: Special town Forum with DFO as invited guests.

Place: Eddie Eastman Hall, Terra Nova.

Present:

John Baird	Kevin Stroud	Wayne Holloway	Harvey Garrett	Paul Noseworthy
Dave Head	John Cornell	Allan McBride	Don Greening	Roy Greening
Ivan Dyke	Dave Patterson	Marion Cornell	Millie Wilson	John Noseworthy
Bill Smith	Geoff Veinott-DFO Science Branch	Jason Simms- DFO Resource Management	Wayne Sullivan- DFO Enforcement	Max Holwell-DFO Enforcement
Chris Warford	Mrs. Warford	Eli Ryder	Bonnie Sparks	Mrs. Ryder
Andrea Cornell	Jason Cornell			

Note: There were 2 unidentified persons in attendance.

Agenda: Terra Nova River Salmon Management Plan and Future Options.

- Introduction by John Baird.
- Greetings from Paul Noseworthy, town Mayor.
- Review of existing TNR salmon regulations by Max Holwell , DFO Enforcement Branch.
- Status of TNR salmon stocks by Geoff Veinott, DFO Science Branch.
- Proposal to change 2014 salmon angling regulations on The TNR above the upper fish way by Wayne Holloway, Local TN salmon anglers group.
- Future Options : - open discussion.

The presentations by Max Holwell and Geoff Veinott of DFO were the same presentations as in the Glovertown meeting the previous night June 26, 2013.

During open discussions on the science presentation it was pointed out by Wayne Holloway that the science on salmon egg density currently used by DFO of 2.4 eggs/Ha of river habitat is different and considerably more than the original number of 1.9 eggs/Ha of river habitat that was used in the original enhancement project of 1984. Thus the bench mark to achieve the original CA (conservation requirement) was much lower than the current CA bench mark being used by DFO. DFO science did not know the reason for this change.

The following proposal was presented to Jason Simms by Wayne Holloway representing the local upper TNR anglers group:

### **Upper Terra Nova River – Salmon Angling Group**

#### **Proposed changes to salmon angling regulations on the upper Terra Nova River:**

- (1) Re-designate to “hook and retain fishing” from “no fishing” the section of river from 200 metres above the outlet of the salmon counting fence on second falls to 200 metres above the old dam site at the outlet from Terra Nova lake.**
  
- (2) Re-designate to “hook and retain fishing” from “hook and release fishing” the section of river from 300 metres below the bridge on the resource road known locally as 8 mile bridge up river to a point 200 metres above the bridge.**
  
- (3) Re-designate to “no fishing” from “hook and release fishing” the section of river 200 metres above the resource road bridge known locally as 8 mile bridge upriver to a point 100 metres above the old dam site at the outlet to Mollyguajeck lake.**
  
- (4) Hook and release fishing only on all tributaries of the Terra Nova River above the counting fence on second falls.**

During the presentation Wayne reviewed the history of the salmon enhancement project on the Upper TNR and the involvement of the Terra Nova Town council as being the original sponsors of the project. The TNR above the Upper fish way has been closed for more than 18 years and the Terra Nova Town council along with area residents and Terra Nova Lake cabin owners are demanding changes to catch and retain from catch and release to the upper TNR angling regulations.

During discussions on the above proposal it was requested by Dave Head that item (3) in the above proposal be changed from 200 metres above 8 mile bridge to 200 metres above Russell’s Brook. This would allow trout fishing where Russell’s Brook enters The TNR . The local TNR anglers group agreed to this requested change.

There was considerable discussion on access to salmon retention on the upper TNR and Jason Simms was asked to consider the requested changes before DFO finalizes the 2014 angling regulations .