

Freshwater–Alexander Bays Ecosystem Corporation

Date: April 25, 2012 Meeting: Annual General
Place: Stroud Building, Glovertown Time: 7:30 PM

Present:

Kevin Stroud	Scott Pritchett	Gil Stone
John Baird	Leo Tulk	Jeff Roberts
Lisa Gosse	Paul Stewart	Alton Reid
Jim Crewe	Robert Perry	Gord Stewart

Annual Activity Report

John Baird presented on activities over the past year and the current status of various issues, including:

- Provisions in the new 5-Year Forestry Operating Plans that affect FABEC watersheds
- Update on the planned decommissioning of George's Pond Road
- Update on discussions with the Land Management Division on cottage development area planning
- Salmon returns on Terra Nova River and Middle Brook
- Summer activities including the DFO counting fence contracts and river monitoring by summer students
- DFO's completion of the reconstruction of the Terra Nova River upper fishway
- FABEC's position on proposed salmon management changes for Terra Nova River – i.e. maintain status quo for the present. Monitor salmon returns to assess if higher numbers over past couple of years are indicative of a long-term trend or are a temporary phenomenon
- FABEC remains a member of the Salmonid Council and attended its AGM in October
- FABEC has indicated support in principle for scientific study of the effects of hook and release salmon angling and an attitude survey of anglers
- FABEC continues to explore trout management options for the Middle Brook watershed. Guest speaker at tonight's meeting, Robert Perry of the Wildlife Division, presented information on the results of the existing trout regulations, which were implemented in the mid-1990s
- FABEC has submitted recommendations to DFO for changes to clarify the salmon angling regulations on Terra Nova River
- The Town of Glovertown has agreed to FABEC's request to place "NO OVERNIGHT CAMPING" and "NO DUMPING" signs at the new boat landing next to Spencer's Bridge on the TCH
- FABEC is concerned about the federal government's intention to remove fish habitat protection as a DFO responsibility. To sign an ONLINE PETITION against the removal of habitat protection as a federal responsibility in the Fisheries Act, visit the ASF website (www.asf.ca).

Treasurer's Report

Kevin Stroud presented the treasure's report, which showed that FABEC's finances continue to be sound.

Election of Officers

Steve Way oversaw the election of officers for the next 12 months. The following executive positions were acclaimed.

President	John Baird
Vice President	Scott Pritchett
Secretary	Paul Stewart
Treasurer	Kevin Stroud

The following people were confirmed as Directors

Gilbert Stone	Alton Reid
Stephen Way	Leo Tulk
Fred Holloway	Gord Stewart
Jim Crewe	Jeff Roberts

Presentation - "Trout Stocks in the Middle Brook Watershed"

Tonight's guest speaker was Robert Perry, Senior Aquatics Biologist with the provincial Wildlife Division. Mr. Perry manages research for the Province on inland fish species. He has monitored the trout population in the Middle Brook watershed for over 15 years. His presentation addressed how trout in different ponds (Butt's, Square, First Burnt, Second Burnt, and Rodney) have responded to special management measures adopted in the mid-1990s as a result of lobbying by FABEC.

Mr. Perry touched on possible future trout management options for Middle Brook. Further analysis will be carried out to assess the potential effects of various alternatives.

His power point presentation will be available shortly for FABEC members.

**Next regular meeting will be 7:30 PM, Wednesday, May 30th
at the R. E. Stroud Building, Glovertown.**