

Freshwater Alexander Bays Ecosystem Corporation

April 28, 1998

7:30 PM

R. E. Stroud Building

Meeting of Directors

Attending:

Fred Holloway	Stephen Way
Austin Stewart	Jeff Gillard
Ed Stewart	Fred Gill
David Saunders	John Baird
Scott Pritchett	Lewis Rose

Overview:

A brief summary of the current status of the FABEC was delivered, after which some changes appeared necessary. Some possible solutions were to restrict the proposal to more mandatory items, or to stress a meeting with political members addressing the current problems.

Solution:

It was decided to proceed in both directions hoping for results. The revision of the implementation plan would be on a priority basis. These priorities include:

Creel Census: Work proposed for the Gambo Areas (Rodney Pond and Others).

Monitors: To keep the level of monitor activity in the region operational.

Marine Test Troll Fishery: Experiment to see the viability of such a fishery and possible economic returns in the future.

Fish Habitat Survey and GIS: It was determined necessary to gather and catalogue the fish habitat, riverine structure, and the aesthetics of the area. Then integrate this information into a GIS database.

Signage: Signage of the area is instrumental due to the recent restrictions on the fishing of the area and to aid in the public support of the organization.

Community Meetings: Community meetings are an integral part of the maintenance of the organization and as such must be included.

Counting Fences and a Four Week Extension into the Fall Season:

Additional information into the health of the stocks and possible migration of fish onto the fall season warrants an extended counting season, this may produce the effects of a fall catch and release fishery. These Counts should occur on the Middle Brook and Terra Nova systems.

12 Week Data Preparation: With the collection and cataloguing of data on the river systems sufficient time allocations should be made to make this possible.