

Freshwater–Alexander Bays Ecosystem Corporation

Date: August 25, 2010 Meeting: Regular Monthly
Place: R. E. Stroud Building Time: 7:30 PM

Present:

Jack Taite	Kevin Stroud	Fred Jeans
Scott Pritchett	John Baird	
Lisa Gosse	Jim Burry	

Motion: To adopt the agenda as discussed

Moved by Jim Burry Seconded by Scott Pritchett
Carried

Motion: To adopt the minutes from July 27th meeting

Moved by Jack Taite Seconded by Fred Jeans
Carried

Business

Upper Fishway Construction Project

Reconstruction of the Upper Fishway is complete. Some finishing touches and clean-up still to be done. No word from DFO on when or how the access road will be removed.

Green Team Project

The project was completed on August 20. Streams cleaned up included Penney's Brook (i.e. from TCH to saltwater), Pissingmare Brook, Lower Indian Brook, Honeybunch, and Spar Brook from bridge to the pond.

Gil Stone did a great job overseeing Green Team helped by Gus Butt. Thank you guys.

Counting Fences and River Monitoring Projects

The students employed as river monitors finished up on August 20. The counting fence contracts will finish on September 10. Service Canada owes FABEC \$4,000.

As of Aug. 25, the salmon count is 4,500 on Terra Nova River with 4-5 salmon still passing through the fence daily. Middle Brook had 2,503 salmon as of Aug. 25.

Salmon Council of Nfld. and Labrador

Motion: To pay SCNL membership fee of \$250.

Moved by Scott Pritchett Seconded by Jack Taite
Carried

SCNL annual general meeting is scheduled for Oct 1-3 at Square Pond. The agenda is as follows:

Friday, Oct. 1. Starts at 2 PM.

- President's report

- Individual group reports
- ASF report
- Trout enforcement
- Budget
- DVD on hook and release

Saturday, Oct. 2

- Robert Perry, Dept of Environment
- Presentation on cranberry farming
- Jim Maloney
- Grant Dicks
- Dave Ball, DFO. Salmon management plan
- Chuck Bourgeois, DFO
- Tillman Beiger, DFO Habitat

Sunday, Oct. 3

- Open discussion on enforcement

Motion: Sponsor 4 members to attend SCNL AGM

Moved by Fred Jeans Seconded by Scott Pritchett

Carried

Terra Nova River Management Plan

Issues discussed included the possibility of adding a third salmon to permitted catch and the areas designated for catch and release and retention angling.

Motion: Invite Chuck Bourgeois of DFO to October meeting to discuss TNR management plan

Moved by Jim Burry Seconded by Jack Taite

Carried

Cabin Development Areas

John Grandy of Crown Lands will meet with FABEC on Sept 29 to seek our input on proposed cabin development areas. John Grandy's number – 729-0500.

What are our concerns?

- FABEC opposes new cabin development in Middle Brook watershed in the vicinity of Rodney Pond, Second Burnt Pond and First Burnt Pond.
- Gambo Pond is saturated – at least 150 cabins there now.

Lamprey eels on Terra Nova River

Walt Denty reported that John Murray of DFO was on the river to take eel samples as part of a study. We will ask him to a meeting sometime this winter to do a presentation on his work on lamprey eels.

Website

Green Team did some work on FABEC website. Get update from Gil at next meeting. Need to change the website account. Discuss at next meeting.

Road Decommissioning

No response has been received on letters sent to Dave Poole, DNR and Rick Bennett, DFO on access road decommissioning. Kevin will phone them.

Salmon Tag System

Fred reported that he has heard that salmon tags can be counterfeited. Concern should be raised with DFO and at SCNL meeting.

Next regular meeting is Wednesday, September 29th at the R. E. Stroud Building, Glovertown. Starting at 7:30 PM.

Agenda

- Discussion on future cabin development in Gambo River and Middle Brook watersheds with John Grandy of Crown Lands.
- Discussion on DFO funding assistance with Dave Ball and Lloyd Slaney of DFO.