

Freshwater - Alexander Bays Ecosystem Corporation

Public Meeting

DATE: August 28, 1997

TIME: 7:30 PM

LOCATION: R.E. Stroud Building

Attending:

Raymond Holloway
Austin Stewart
Rod Keats
Les Warren
Roy Croke
Maxine Gordon

Ralph Genge
Calvin Holloway
Gil Stone
Walter Ledrew
Glenn Briffett
Fred Holloway

Melvin Parsons
Kent Pritchett
Art Wells
Don Briffett
Mac Wyatt
Gordon Stewart

Chairman, Fred Holloway, opened the meeting by welcoming those attending.

MOTION: 97-08-28-01

A. Stewart/M. Parsons

To adopt the Agenda.

CARRIED.

MOTION: 97-08-28-02

M. Parsons/A. Stewart

To adopt the Minutes. **CARRIED.**

Business Arising from Minutes:

- Plant Road (Old Mill to Spencer's Bridge) Project:
The proposal for the project has been submitted to funding agencies; There is no response except an acknowledgement of the application.
- Implementation Plan - a first draft is practically completed; should be ready for September meeting.
- Status of the Salmon Stocks - The Terra Nova River salmon run is down considerably, perhaps as much as 50%; Final counts are

not available yet. 1600 salmon over 1st Falls; 900 over 2nd Falls. Suggestion - demand a bay watch team to curb potential poaching on the Bay.

- Information Survey - Highlights for Planning:

(i) It is important that the Terra Nova River reach maximum salmon runs? Response - 85% important, 8% unimportant, 6.7% neutral

(ii) To achieve maximum salmon runs we must use conservation measures? - 78.85% important, 5.3% unimportant, 16% neutral

(iii) Salmon and trout stocks should be preserved for future generations. 92% most important, 2.7% important, 1.3% least important, 4% neutral

(iv) Local management is important to properly manage rivers. 74% important, 16% unimportant, 9.3% neutral

(v) Trout deserves increased management. 86.7% important, 8% unimportant, 5.3% neutral.

(vi) Outfitting in the more remote areas of the River. 25.3% important, 68% unimportant, 6.7% neutral.

New Business:

- River closure: DFO rationale - low counts, poor water conditions: DFO monitors water levels and temperatures, when levels are too low, temperatures high, closure options are considered.

- Rapport with DFO: Members questioned DFO decisions to close all rivers when counts were normal and water conditions were OK.

- River seeding: The need for the extension of the salmon habitat was questioned.
- New access roads to the Terra Nova River: Members expressed opinions that such access should be discouraged.
- Rotation of Pools: Let strangers know that we rotate.
- Request that Crown Lands seek our input on all future road and cabin development.

Next Meeting: September 25, 1997