

Freshwater–Alexander Bays Ecosystem Corporation

Date: August 28, 2012 Meeting: Monthly
Place: Stroud Building, Glovertown Time: 7:30 PM

Present:

Kevin Stroud	Gordon Stewart
John Baird	Tiffany Cheeks
Paul Stewart	Max Feltham
Sandy Feltham	

Motion: To adopt the agenda as discussed

Moved by Kevin Stroud Seconded by Gord Stewart

Carried

Motion: To adopt the minutes of the meeting of July 25

Moved by Paul Stewart Seconded by Sandy Feltham

Carried

Business Arising:

- Contact made to investigate Stroud's Cove. DFO have investigated...not sure the result at this point.
- Gravel Pits:
 - Concern about plant road and the potential of the pit being extended across the river.

Survey Results:

- Middle brook:
 - An equal number of people believe that the trout population is not as healthy as they used to be.
 - A discussion about the cause/effect of the regulations causing trout size to decrease??
 - 14/26 are satisfied with the current management strategy.
 - 20/26 support a minimum size limit.
 - 9/26 agree with designating an area of a pond for no fishing. Majority disagree.
- Salmon:
 - 17/29 fish for sport.
 - 12/29 say having fish to eat is important. An equal number say it is not important.
 - 16/29 agree that current regulations are important to the success of the river.
 - 4/29 agree that netting is a problem.
 - 18/29 agree to increase retention after mid-season review.
 - 11/29 agree that catch and release areas help to conserve salmon stocks.
 - 13/29 agree that catch and release angling kills more salmon than it saves and 18/29 think that it is being abused.
 - 17/29 agreed to a saltwater salmon fishery.

Summer Projects Update:

- River monitors are finished and so is the trap attendant.
- Only got 5 scale samples.
- May need to look at student work ethic.
- Adults finished September 14.
- Tiffany will work a day later in the fall to analyze future surveys.

Sinage:

- Hoping to have DFO to a meeting soon to discuss.

Fishway Counts:

- Total up to the August 28th
 - Good returns. No numbers but double 5 years ago on TNR.

Budget for Next Year:

- Fish way for next year?
 - Waiting for budget to come down.
 - We may be able to get funding to do it ourselves.
 - Push at SCNL this fall.
 - We can also contact Fred Parsons in Grand Falls to see what they know about funding.

Tags (2 to 4):

- Have a public meeting the last of September.
- Have Erin Dunne or Martha Robinson out.
- We will take a conservation approach....2 extra tags would be in August.
 - This is done on another river.
- What is going on in Mollyguajek falls?
 - Are fish getting around this area.
 - Is the fish way working?
 - We could look at doing a 1 summer count.
 - We need to look for money to help support this.
- Motion: We do not go for the extra salmon for next year but wait to see what the returns are for next year and make a decision from there.
 - Moved by: Kevin Stroud
 - Seconded by: Gord Stewart
 - Carried

Expenses:

- \$174.47 for Tiffany.
 - Motion: Pay her.
 - Moved by: Gord Stewart
 - Seconded by: Paul Stewart
- \$235.04 for Kevin for website, ink and paper.
 - Moved by: Gord Stewart
 - Seconded by: Paul Stewart

Items for next meeting:

- George's road.
- George's brook and Butt's brook.
- Fishway for next year.

Motion: To adjourn meeting:

- Moved by – Paul Stewart
- Seconded by – Kevin Stroud
 - Carried

Next regular meeting will be 7:30 PM, September, 26th at the R. E. Stroud Building, Glovertown.