

## Freshwater–Alexander Bays Ecosystem Corporation

Date: August 31, 2011 Meeting: Regular Monthly  
Place: R. E. Stroud Building Time: 7:30 PM

Present:

Gil Stone	Kevin Stroud
Scott Pritchett	John Baird
Jack Taite	

**Motion:** To adopt the agenda as discussed

Moved by Scott Pritchett                      Seconded by Gil Stone

Carried

**Motion:** To adopt the minutes of the special meeting of May 6.

Moved by Jack Taite                      Seconded by Gil Stone

Carried

### **New Business**

#### **Fishway Counts**

As of today, August 31, the salmon count was 5,153 on Terra Nova River and 2,530 on Middle Brook. Numbers were not available for Salmon Brook. The three fishways will be closed on September 9.

#### **Salmon Retention Limit on Terra Nova River**

Due to healthy returns on Terra Nova River, there is public interest in the possibility of increasing the annual salmon retention limit. The meeting discussed options that might allow a higher limit, for example, having a mid-season review, and if returns are above a certain trigger level, allowing an additional fish or two to be taken. This approach is used on Northwest River (Terra Nova), Flat Bay Brook, and Harry's River. An added advantage of a higher limit might be to reduce fishing pressure on Gambo River, which is being hit hard because of the 4 tag limit.

**Motion:** To hold a public meeting on September 21 to discuss the possibility, subject to a mid-season review, of allowing an extra 2 tags on the Terra Nova River if returns are significantly healthy. DFO representatives will be invited.

Moved by Gil Stone                      Seconded by Scott Pritchett

Carried

#### **Upper Fishway**

Kevin Stroud checked to see if the problem of security for salmon at the outlet of the Upper Fishway has been corrected. No work has been undertaken to date. Kevin will talk to Art Walsh of DFO to ask that this be addressed.

#### **SCNL Annual Meeting**

Will take place on October 7-9 at Camp Hancock. Kevin confirmed he will attend on behalf of FABEC. Others were not sure.

**SCNL Annual Membership**

Motion: To pay the SCNL annual membership fee.

Moved by Gil Stone

Seconded by Scott Pritchett

Carried

**DFO Compliance Workshop**

Will take place in Gander on October 19-20. Kevin confirmed he will attend. Gil and Scott may be able to attend.

**A special meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 21 at the Glovertown Fire Hall. Starting at 7:00 PM.**

**Next regular meeting will be Wednesday, September 28<sup>th</sup> at the R. E. Stroud Building, Glovertown. Starting at 7:30 PM.**