

# Freshwater-Alexander Bays Ecosystem Corporation (FABEC)



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Date: April 29, 2015

Meeting: 21<sup>st</sup> Annual General Meeting

Place: Glovertown Lions Club Building

Time: 7:00 P. M.

Present:

Kevin Stroud	John Hollohan	John Baird	Fred Holloway	Paul Stewart
Alice Hollohan	Chris Murley- FWED Justice	Ryan Critchley- FWED Justice	Rod Cox- Parks Canada	Chris Warford
Dennis Lilly	Rudy Davis	Ed Stewart	Darren Dyke	Harvey Garrett

Agenda:

- President's report on activities.
- Treasurer's financial report.
- Election of Officers.
- Guest speaker- Mr. Chris Murley, Detachment Supervisor Fish and Wildlife Enforcement Division Gander.

Motion: To adopt the agenda as discussed  
Moved by John Baird  
Seconded by Harvey Garrett  
Carried

Motion: To adopt the AGM minutes of April 30, 2014  
Moved by Alice Hollohan  
Seconded by Paul Stewart  
Carried

President's annual report:

## **THE FRESHWATER-ALEXANDER BAYS ECOSYSTEM CORPORATION (FABEC) Annual Report- April 29, 2015**

### **Fish way Counts**

#### Terra Nova River

2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	Avg 2009-13	Avg 1992-2013	Avg 1984-91
3,837	4,185	4,119	5,175	4,539	4,131	2,837	1,323

#### Middle Brook

2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	Avg 2009-13	Avg 1992-2013	Avg 1984-91
3,116	2,994	2,719	2,564	2,500 (approx)	2,517	1,780	863

### **Summer Project Activities**

- Contracted with DFO in 2014 to operate salmon counting fences on Terra Nova River and Middle Brook. Previously operated Salmon Brook at Glenwood but it did not operate in 2014.

- Employed a fish way attendant and student assistant for each of the two counting traps.
- Employed four students as river monitors for upper Terra Nova River and Maccle's Brook. Unfortunately the closure to angling due to high temperatures meant data could not be collected for a good part of the summer.
- Will operate Terra Nova and Middle Brook fish ways again in 2015.

### **Terra Nova River Management Plan**

With input from 2 public meetings in 2013, FABEC supported a proposal by the Terra Nova Angling group to open two sections in the upper watershed for retention angling. One section lies above and below the old Terra Nova River dam and the other lies above and below 8-Mile Bridge upstream from Terra Nova Lake. DFO accepted this recommendation and the two sections are now included for retention angling in DFO's 5-Year Management Plan for Terra Nova River.

Two FABEC employees were assigned to monitor the two sections in 2014. Due to the river closure through much of summer, observed angling activity was minimal and cannot be relied on as a reliable indicator of what might occur in a normal year.

### **Mollyguajeck Fish way Project**

FABEC's application to the Atlantic Salmon Conservation Foundation (ASCF) to assess salmon returns to the upper Terra Nova has been approved. Financial and in-kind support was also approved by Terra Nova National Park, DFO Science, and the Towns of Glovertown, Terra Nova and Traytown. We have not yet heard from the DFO Grants and Contributions program. The estimated total project cost is \$75,265. The project will employ four staff to monitor how the fish way is working and operate a counting trap in the fish way.

This will help to determine the extent to which the upper watershed is responsible for total salmon returns to the river, and evaluate how effective the salmon enhancement project from the mid-1980's to 2001 was in colonizing the upper watershed.

### **Middle Brook Activities**

FABEC has recommended a freeze on cabin development in the Middle Brook watershed above Square Pond. In 2013 letters of support for this were sent to the Land Management Division by the Inland Fish branch of the Wildlife Division and the Town of Gambo. We have not succeeded in getting a positive response on the proposal from the Division despite numerous attempts to communicate with the officials responsible (by phone and email).

Also in 2014, FABEC signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Corner Brook Pulp and Paper on a new access road constructed into the Pussel Pond area from the TCH near Square Pond. The company has agreed to decommission the road permanently after harvesting and silviculture work is completed. This will be done by removing a bridge about a kilometre from the highway, ditching the access at the TCH, and decommissioning 200 metres of road on the inner side of the bridge. In the interim, when logging is complete, the company will install a gravel barrier outside of the bridge.

### **MOUs with Corner Brook Pulp and Paper Ltd. (CBPPL) and DNR**

FABEC has now signed three MOUs with Corner Brook Pulp and Paper regarding forestry practices in the Middle Brook and Terra Nova River watersheds. Despite some hiccups along the way, we are pleased to

say that the company has now fulfilled all of its obligations. This included the removal of a bridge across Middle Brook downstream from Second Burnt Pond.

The company has also agreed to meet with FABEC annually to report on activities in our area. Barry Elkins of CBPLL attended our meeting in November, and along with Faron Knott, gave a tour of the harvesting operation on Pussel Pond Road.

FABEC also has an MOU with the Gambo Forestry Office to reroute a proposed long-term road farther from the south end of Rodney Pond. We were concerned about what the road's long-term effect would be on the sensitive aquatic habitat in this area. In addition, the Department will remove the current road to Rodney Pond after silviculture has been completed.

### **Lands Act Review**

The Province is currently undertaking a review of the Lands Act. FABEC has presented a written submission to the Department citing our concerns about the impact of cabin development in backcountry areas. We recommended that more stringent planning should be undertaken in deciding where cabins will be permitted. The development of plans for cottage development areas should be an explicit requirement of the Act, and the planning process should allow for public participation similar to the development of five-year forestry plans.

### **Ministerial Advisory Committee on Atlantic Salmon**

FABEC was invited to make a submission to the Advisory Committee at a meeting in St. John's on April 23. At our last meeting in March, we reviewed a paper by the Atlantic Salmon Federation that raised concerns about declining salmon numbers and came up with several recommendations to present to the Committee. Kevin Stroud and John Baird attended the meeting and submitted FABEC's recommendations along with other groups from the island and Labrador. These are included in our submission paper.

### **Student Employment Applications**

Service Canada has approved five student positions to work for FABEC this summer. In addition the Development Association has two positions approved that will work on FABEC activities.

Motion: To adopt the President's Annual Report as presented  
Moved by John Baird  
Seconded by Harvey Garrett  
Carried

#### Treasurer's Annual report:

FABEC's annual financial report for year ending 12/31/14 was presented by the treasurer. FABEC had a successful year with a small surplus of \$ 255.91 on total revenue of \$47,090.61 with total operating expenses of \$46,834.70. FABEC's bank account balance as of 12/31/14 was \$18,800.00.

Motion: To adopt the Treasurer's Annual Report as presented  
Moved by Kevin Stroud  
Seconded by Harvey Garrett  
Carried

#### Election of Officers:

The election of officers was conducted by Fred Holloway.

Motion: To dissolve the old executive

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Moved by Fred Holloway  
Seconded by Harvey Garrett  
Carried

**Motion:** To add the position of Public Relations Officer to the executive  
Moved by John Hollohan  
Seconded by John Baird  
Carried

### Nominations:

The following accepted nomination for the executive and board of directors for the coming year.

- President.....Kevin Stroud.....Accepts
- Vice-President.....John Hollohan.....Accepts
- Treasurer.....John Baird.....Accepts
- Secretary.....Harvey Garrett.....Accepts
- Public Relations Officer.....Paul Stewart.....Accepts
- Directors: - Gil Stone
  - Max Feltham
  - Alice Hollohan
  - Fred Holloway
  - Fred Jeans
  - Wayne Holloway
  - Scott Pritchett
  - Rudy Davis
  - Chris Warford

### Guest Speaker:

The guest speaker for the evening was Mr. Chris Morley, Detachment Supervisor, Fish and Wildlife Enforcement Division-Gander, Government of NL. Mr. Morley gave an overview of the Departments mandate on enforcement of laws governing fish and wildlife resources in the province.

The **next monthly meeting** will take place at **7:00 PM, Wednesday, May 27, 2015** at the R. E. Stroud Memorial Building, Glover town.

