

Freshwater-Alexander Bays Ecosystem Corporation (FABEC)



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Date: August 5, 2015 Meeting: Monthly
Place: R. E. Stroud Memorial Building Time: 7:00 P.M.

Present:

Kevin Stroud	John Baird	Chris Warford	Dennis Lilly	Max Feltham
Rod Cox	Wayne Holloway	Fred Eckert-Maret	Harvey Garrett	

Agenda:

- FABEC insurance policies.
- FABEC operated fishways count update.
- MFF 2015 progress update.
- Service Canada student summer program.
- First and Second Burnt Ponds- remote cabin lots.
- ASCF visit August 20, 2015.
- Ministerial Advisory Committee on Atlantic salmon.

Motion: To adopt the agenda as discussed
Moved by John Baird
Seconded by Chris Warford
Carried

Motion: To adopt minutes of regular meeting of June 24, 2015
Moved by John Baird
Seconded by Chris Warford
Carried

FABEC insurance policies:

FABEC's general liability insurance was renewed on July 31, 2015 at a cost of \$946.00 and the policy covering FABEC's Officers and Directors was also renewed on July 31, 2015 at a cost of \$857.00.

Fishway count updates:

	<u>Aug 2/15</u>	<u>Aug 2/14</u>
✓ Terra Nova River	3354	2286
✓ Middle Brook	2830	2333

MFF 2015 Progress Report:

- The fish trap was installed on July 30 and 31/15.
- Camp renovations substantially completed on July 31/15.
- Painting inside and outside camps required.
- Co-operation from funding partners is excellent.

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- Helicopter airlift of camp supplies and materials to renovate the camps was very effective and efficient.
- All funding partners for the MFF project will receive acknowledgement letters thanking them for supporting the project. Additionally, FABEC will recognize the partners by means of posters publicizing the project.
- DFO trap license is posted at the MFF camp site.
- FABEC purchased a GPS unit (Approx., value \$700.00) to facilitate safe passage for the workers along the MFF wilderness trail.
- Listing of emergency telephone numbers and the camp GPS co-ordinates to be posted at the MFF camp.
- The WCB premium for the MFF project is \$745.00 and it is paid.
- MFF fish count as of August 4, 2015:

	<u>Salmon</u>	
	<u>≤ 63cm</u>	<u>> 63 cm</u>
July 30/15	5	0
July 31/15	-	-
August 1	2	0
August 2	1	0
August 3	38	1
August 4	4	0
<u>Total</u>	<u>50</u>	<u>1</u>

- A major focus of the MFF project is to monitor environmental conditions at the fishway throughout the 12 week project. Fishway water and air temperature along with water levels and naturally occurring debris build up in the fishway will be recorded.
- FABEC will do a press release on the project.
- John Baird & Harvey Garrett to visit MFF site on August 9 & 10/15.
- The Mollyguajack Falls is 56 KM upstream on the main stem of the Terra Nova River from Alexander Bay and is 6.4m high.

Service Canada Summer Student program:

The 2015 program is producing a large number of salmon angler surveys along with numerous fish scale samples. The program is superior to the 2014 program in the number and the quality of the surveys.

First and Second Burnt Ponds remote cabin lots:

A further check with the regional forestry office in Gambo revealed there are only 2 lots approved for this area and both lots were approved before FABEC negotiated a cabin development freeze. There are an additional 4 applications on file with the office but are not approved.

Atlantic Salmon Conservation Foundation:

ASCF is the major funding partner with FABEC in the 2015 MFF Project and ASCF will visit on August 20, 2015 to conduct a progress audit to ensure the project is progressing on schedule and on budget. This

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review will encompass financial records, site visitation, meeting minutes, partner agreements and general correspondence.

Ministerial Advisory Committee on Atlantic Salmon:

The committee has filed a report containing 61 recommendations and the report can be viewed on the following web site: <http://news.gc.ca/web/article-en.do?mthd=tp&ctr.page=1&nid=1014279>

Muskrat Falls Transmission Line:

There was general discussion on the status of the transmission line construction on the island.

Additionally there is concern about whether all new access roads that will be built will be decommissioned in the Gambo and Terra Nova River watersheds once the transmission line is finished and operational. It was agreed to request a meeting with NALCOR to see their plans for road decommissioning to prevent future open access to remote wilderness areas.

The next regular monthly meeting will be 7:00PM, Wednesday August 26, 2015 at the R. E. Stroud Memorial Building in Glovertown.

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