

Freshwater-Alexander Bays Ecosystem Corporation (FABEC)



P.O. Box 153
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Date: January 27, 2016

Meeting: Regular Monthly

Place: Development Association Building

Time: 7:00 PM

Present:

Kevin Stroud	John Hollohan	John Baird	Paul Stewart
Alice Hollohan	Max Feltham	Rod Cox	Rudy Davis
Fred Echert-Moret	Harvey Garrett		

Agenda:

- Pussel's Pond Forestry Access Road MOU with Kruger.
- Mollyguaжек Falls Fishway 2015 Project Final Report.
- ASCF and Canada Revenue Agency outstanding funds.
- Mollyguaжек Falls visit with DFO Real property December 17, 2015.
- FABEC AGM April 27, 2016.
- Service Canada Summer Student program 2016.
- Mollyguaжек Falls 2016 Project.
- 2015 River Monitor/Creel Surveyor Reports.
- DFO Fishway Camera System and Upper Terra Nova Fishway winter stop logs.
- George's Pond access road/Butt's Brook/Muskrat Falls Transmission Line.
- DFO Stakeholder's workshop on fisheries protection NL.
- FABEC web site re TNR Atlantic Salmon Enhancement Reports 1985 - 2001.
- FABEC monthly meetings/conference calls for directors.

Motion: To adopt the agenda as discussed
Moved by John Hollohan
Seconded by Max Feltham
Carried

Motion: To adopt the minutes of November 27, 2015
Moved by Alice Hollohan
Seconded by Fred Echert-Moret
Carried

Pussel's Pond Forestry Access Road MOU with Kruger:

The changes to the original road plan are completed and all logging operations in the Pussel's Pond area will be completed winter 2016. The MOU with Kruger was signed by Kevin Stroud and John Baird representing FABEC and once logging operations is concluded winter 2016 temporary barriers will be put in place pending completion of reforestation operations and then the forestry road and bridge will be removed per agreement in the MOU between Kruger and FABEC.

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Mollyguaieck Falls Fishway 2015 Project Final Report:

The final report on the MFF 2015 project is completed and John Baird will supply a copy of the report to each member on the FABEC Board of Directors. Additionally, the final report along with pictures will be published on the FABEC web site.

ASCF and Canada Revenue Agency outstanding funds:

The final ASCF progress payment of \$6,567.50 is now received and all outstanding funds for the MFF 2015 Project from funding partners are received. Additionally, the overpayment by FABEC to CRA of \$1,071.20 has been received.

Additionally, FABEC remitted \$3,889.60 to CRA to cover GST on the 2015 DFO fishway contracts.

Mollyguaieck Falls visit with DFO Real Property December 17, 2015:

On December 17, 2015, John Baird and Harvey Garrett travelled to Mollyguaieck Falls with Jacquelyn Rodway of DFO and Chad Fisher and Paul Stagg of Meridian Engineering to investigate water flow problems through the Mollyguaieck Falls Fishway during periods of low water levels in the Terra Nova River. During dry periods when water levels are low in the main stem of the Terra Nova River insufficient water enters the fishway channel and consequently salmon are unable to navigate the fishway.

It is expected Meridian will identify and confirm the water flow problems reported to DFO by FABEC and recommend solutions to correct the problems.

FABEC AGM April 27, 2016:

FABEC will hold its annual general meeting at 7:00 PM on April 27, 2016 at the Glovertown Lions Club building. The meeting agenda will cover FABEC's Presidents' annual report, the Treasurer's annual financial report, election of officers and a guest speaker. All FABEC members and the general public are welcome to attend. Public notices announcing the meeting time and place will be published in local media.

Service Canada Summer Student program 2016:

FABEC has applied to Service Canada for funding to hire 10 summer students for 2016 to fill positions in its river monitor/creel surveyor programs on the Terra Nova River, Maccles Brook and Middle Brook and to fill positions as fishway attendants at the Lower Terra Nova and Middle Brook fishways.

Mollyguaieck Falls 2016 Project:

FABEC has applied for funding from various funding partners to operate an Atlantic salmon count project at Mollyguaieck Falls again in 2016. The 2015 project did not establish the number of salmon entering the top 60% of the Terra Nova River watershed due to low water levels encountered in the Mollyguaieck Falls Fishway. The 2015 project identified fundamental problems with water flow levels in the fishway during extreme dry seasons. This rustic fishway was created in 1985 and it is important to identify the number of salmon reaching the upper watershed above Mollyguaieck Falls after 30 years of operations.

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2015 River monitor/Creel Surveyor reports:

The reports for all 5 river monitors for 2015 are now filed with DFO Science Branch. The monitors surveyed Maccles Brook, Middle Brook and the mid section of the Terra Nova River for 7 weeks during the salmon angling season.

DFO Camera System and Upper Terra Nova Fishway- winter stop logs:

During a visit to DFO St. John's, Kevin Stroud viewed the camera system used by DFO to monitor salmon migration through certain fishways. This system is potentially suitable for future counts at the Mollyguaheck Falls Fishway.

The winter stop logs were not installed in the upper Terra Nova Fishway due to an early freeze up and DFO personnel were unable to get to the site. The winter stop logs are important to keep debris from build up inside the fishway. It is planned to visit the fishway and install the stop logs once conditions are safe for winter travel.

George's Pond Access Road/Butt's Brook/Muskrat Falls Transmission Line:

It appears the portion of the George's Pond access road that was decommissioned after logging operations were completed will be reopened for construction of the Muskrat Falls Transmission Line. It is important to ascertain whether this decommissioned road will be reopened and the future of the road once the transmission line construction is completed.

DFO Stakeholder's Workshop on Fisheries Protection NL:

On February 24, 2016 the DFO Fisheries Protection Program will host a workshop on fisheries protection in NL. The workshop will run from 9:00 am to 4:30 pm at the Capital hotel in St. John's. FABEC will send a representative.

FABEC monthly meetings/conference calls for Directors:

During the next monthly meeting FABEC will test the effectiveness for out of town directors using the conference call method to participate in the meeting.

TNR Atlantic Salmon Enhancement Reports 1985 – 2001:

The annual reports for the Terra Nova River enhancement projects were secured from the Alexander Bay/Terra Nova Development Association. All reports except the years 2000 and 2001 were located and it is believed the two missing reports were never published. It is expected that all existing annual reports will be made available to the public through the FABEC web site. This work should be completed during the FABEC summer student work program.

The **next** regular monthly meeting will be **7:00 PM, Wednesday February 24, 2016** at the Development Association Building in Glovertown.

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