

Freshwater-Alexander Bays Ecosystem Corporation (FABEC)



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Date: October 26, 2016 Meeting: Regular Monthly
Place: Development Association Building Time: 7:00 PM

Present:

John Hollohan	Kevin Stroud	Max Feltham	Chris Warford
Dennis Lilly	Alice Hollohan	Gil Stone	Harvey Garrett

Agenda:

- MFF 2016 Project Progress Report.
- Forestry Division Zone 3 new 5 year plan (2017- 2021).
- SCNL meeting and AGM.
- DFO meeting Gander November 1 & 2, 2016.
- Aquaculture Coalition.
- RFCPP Program.

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

Motion: To adopt the minutes of September 28, 2016
Moved by John Hollohan
Seconded by Max Feltham
Carried

MFF 2016 Project Progress Report:

- ✓ The 120 mm of rain in mid October resulted in significant damage to equipment at Mollyguajeck Falls. The 14 ft aluminum boat swamped with rain fall and broke clear from its mooring and tether rope and was swept down river to the top of Mollyguajeck Falls where it is now bottom up and caught on a rock approximately 40 feet from shore. It appears the boat is unrecoverable in its location and will be destroyed once it tumbles over the remaining falls. This boat will have to be replaced.
- ✓ The steel fence erected to prevent salmon from by passing the counting trap was knocked down with the force of the current rushing through the fish way after the 120 mm rain fall. Once water levels return to normal the steel fence can be recovered from the fish way.
- ✓ On October 21, 2016 the MFF project was shut down for the season and all supplies and staff gear flown to Pinsent's Landing for pick up by FABEC.
- ✓ The fish trap and steel fence was not removed from the fish way and this will be accomplished once water levels return to a manageable level to permit staff to work safely.

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Forestry Division Zone 3 New 5 Year Plan (2017 – 2021):

On October 4, 2016 FABEC members John Baird, Kevin Stroud, Chris Warford and Harvey Garrett had a follow up meeting with Rebecca Parsons of the Gambo Forestry Division to request the following changes to the new 5 year plan for Zone 3 starting in 2017:

Item	FABEC issues and Concerns	Gambo Forestry Division proposed mitigation
1	Miller’s Angle CC05010. Concerns that harvesting past the transmission line will allow for greater access to the Terra Nova River and FABEC is mandated to protect/improve fish stocks.	Miller’s Angle Block CC05010 was amended to make the transmission line the new western boundary.
2	Chain Pond East CC05011. Concerns include with Road access (after harvesting is completed) and View scape along the Terra Nova River regarding harvesting activity. FABEC requested that some stands be removed from the North Eastern boundary of the block to reduce access to the Big Falls area of the Terra Nova River.	New road construction will be decommissioned after harvesting and silviculture work is completed. The block boundary was amended to Remove proposed stands along the North East boundary of the block closest to the Big Falls area as requested.
3	Maccles Lake South a (CC05005a) and Maccles Lake South b (CC05005b). FABEC requested a 50 meter buffer be placed on the 2 salmon run brooks between Rocky Pond and Maccles Lake.	A 50 meter buffer was placed on both brooks.
4	Rodney Pond CC06018a &b. There remains concern within the Rodney Pond harvest block of future access to the area after harvesting is completed.	Rodney Pond resource road is to be decommissioned following harvest/site prep and planting. FABEC and FFA will continue to work closely with Crown Lands to prevent cabin development on Rodney Pond which would help minimize potential conflicts with cabin sites that may deter plans for decommissioning.
5	Rodney Pond CC06018a. FABEC has requested that the access roads as currently proposed to gain access to the center portion of this commercial block e be amended to gain entry from the eastern or southern portion of the block, as FABEC feels the access road as presented would delay decommissioning.	Proposed access road amended to the southern portion of the block.

FABEC has agreed to write a letter of support for the application by the Forestry Services Branch (FSB) to access 19.8 KM of the Newfoundland T’Railway for the trucking of wood harvested in the area south of Maccles Lake and west of Terra Nova River. FABEC letter of support for FSB’s application is conditional

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that trucking operations be subject to a high safety standard to minimize hazards for recreational users, non-interference with snowmobiling, and proper maintenance to deal with wear and tear to T'Railway infrastructure.

SCNL meeting and AGM:

The Salmonid Council of Newfoundland and Labrador (SCNL) held meetings/AGM in St. John's September 30, October 1 and 2, 2016. There were presentations from the Federal Department of Fisheries and Oceans, Nalcor, Emera and various SCNL member watershed groups from around the province. The last day of the event was devoted to the SCNL AGM.

The major focus for SCNL during the last year was the Grieg Aquaculture Salmon Nurseries/ Farms in Placentia Bay. It appears the Provincial Government has not applied sufficient due diligence to this proposal by Grieg and it appears there is a conflict by the Government itself, in that both levels of Government are investors into the project. SCNL and its affiliates are exploring ways/means to persuade the provincial government that greater oversight is required before the project is given the green light to proceed.

DFO meetings Gander November 1 & 2, 2016:

FABEC will send representatives to the DFO Gander meetings.

Aquaculture Coalition:

The Salmonid Council of Newfoundland and Labrador (SCNL) and various member watershed groups within the province are forming a coalition to explore ways /means to address perceived deficiencies by the Provincial Government with its current fin fish aquaculture farming policies/regulations.

Motion: To approve FABEC joining and supporting the coalition for aquaculture reform proposed by The Salmonid Council of Newfoundland and Labrador (SCNL) and its various participating Affiliated watershed groups.
Moved by John Hollohan
Seconded by Chris Warford
Carried

RFCPP Program:

The Recreational Fisheries Conservation Partnership Program (RFCPP) is now calling for proposals for 2017.

The **next** regular meeting will be **7:00 PM, Wednesday November 30, 2016** at the Development Association Building in Glovertown.

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