

## **Freshwater–Alexander Bays Ecosystem Corporation**

Date: February 29, 2012 Meeting: Monthly  
Place: Stroud Building, Glovertown Time: 7:30 PM

Present:

Kevin Stroud	Gordon Stewart	Jim Crewe
John Baird	Rudy Davis	John Hollohan
Lisa Gosse, DFO	Paul Stewart	Alice Hollohan
Max Holwell, DFO		

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

Moved by Jim Crewe                      Seconded by Alice Hollohan  
Carried

**Motion:** To adopt the minutes of the meeting of January 25

Moved by Paul Stewart                  Seconded by Alice Hollohan  
Carried

### **Business Arising**

#### **Angler's Guide**

At FABEC's request, DFO has changed the wording in the Angler's Guide that describes the location of the Class IV area above the Terra Nova Lake dam. The wording has been simplified to reduce confusion.

Max Holwell and Lisa Gosse addressed concerns regarding the lack of clarity in the Guide with respect to Class III and Class IV areas downstream from the lower fishway. A number of suggestions were discussed. Paul Stewart agreed to meet with Max in the coming days to review the map and discuss improving the physical descriptions of the Class III and IV areas.

#### **Proposed Angler Opinion Survey on Hook and Release**

FABEC received a request from Dr. Allister Bath for a contribution of funds toward the cost of carrying out an opinion survey of anglers on catch and release fishing. Given financial limitations, it was decided that funds could not be contributed. However, as previously communicated to Ward Samson of NL Wildlife Federation, FABEC is willing to contribute in-kind to a survey by using student employees to survey anglers in our area.

#### **Workshop on Salmon Management Options for Terra Nova River**

It was agreed to hold a workshop meeting on Wednesday, March 21, 7:00 PM to discuss possible changes to the Terra Nova River salmon management plan. Several options will be drafted for discussion. A person from DFO Science branch will be invited to provide advice and participate in the discussion.

#### **Possible Funding Sources**

Jim Crewe suggested possible funding sources for FABEC activities, including Department of Justice funding for enforcement and education initiatives (contacts: Tony Porter, Lewisporte; Jim Maloney, Chief of Enforcement) and the Atlantic

Salmon Endowment Fund. Funding available from these programs is usually small but is usually flexible money that can be used to complement (and get more bang from) student employment grants.

### **HST**

FABEC has received an HST licence and has paid the HST owing to Revenue Canada.

### **Guiding Regulations**

There are no special regulations for angler guiding on Terra Nova River. However, no overnight guiding camps are licensed on Terra Nova River. This means guides can only provide services to anglers for daytime visits.

### **AGM**

FABEC's AGM will take place at the Glovertown Firehall on April 25, 7:00 PM.

### **Correspondence**

#### **Dave Poole, DNR, Re: George's Pond Road**

A letter was sent to Dave Poole of DNR requesting an update on the status of the decommissioning of George's Brook Forest Access Road. No response has been received as yet.

#### **Rob Perry, DEC, Re: Presentation on Middle Brook Trout**

Rob Perry was invited to attend our AGM on April 25 to discuss Middle Brook trout conditions and management options. No response has been received.

#### **Martha Robertson, DFO, Re: Salmon returns on Terra Nova River**

Martha Robertson of DFO Science was asked to provide weekly salmon returns for a 10-year period. A spreadsheet was received showing daily returns for 2002-2011.

#### **Jonathan Grandy, Land Management, DEC**

An email invitation was sent to Jonathan Grandy to meet with FABEC to discuss planning for cabin development areas in our area. No response has been received.

#### **Town of Glovertown**

A letter was sent to the Town of Glovertown requesting a "NO OVERNIGHT CAMPING" and "NO DUMPING" sign be placed at the boat landing. Also request the Town to place garbage receptacles at the site and collect the garbage weekly. A verbal response was received that our request will be accommodated.

**A special meeting to discuss salmon management options for Terra Nova River will take place on Wednesday, March 21, 7:00 PM at the R. E. Stroud Building, Glovertown.**

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