

Freshwater–Alexander Bays Ecosystem Corporation

Date: Jan 27, 2010 Meeting: Regular Monthly
Place: R. E. Stroud Building Time: 7:30 PM

Present:

Kevin Stroud Gil Stone John Baird
Sheena Smith-DFO Ray Sheppard-DFO

Discussion

1. Low Membership Participation

Kevin Stroud voiced concern about the low number of members coming out to meetings. Stronger membership involvement is necessary if we are going to continue activities such as the DFO counting fence contract and river monitoring.

It was decided to call a special meeting for Thursday, February 11 to discuss the future of the organization and the need for more members to show interest.

With respect to diminishing member participation, a major question is “Are we willing to relinquish our influence over how our rivers are being managed?” FABEC has built considerable influence over the years. For example if FABEC did not exist, it is unlikely that DFO would be spending \$2.4 million to rebuild the upper fishway on Terra Nova River or paying for the counting fence operations on Terra Nova and Middle Brook.

It was agreed to hold a special meeting on February 11, 2010 to discuss this problem and the overall future of FABEC.

2. Tributaries above Upper Fishway

Ray Sheppard asked what our understanding is of the angling regulations upstream from the upper fishway. Kevin and Gil indicated that they understood all upstream areas are restricted to catch and release only.

A Special Meeting will be held Thursday, February 11th, 2009 at the R.E. Stroud Bldg. Starting 7:30PM.

Next regular monthly meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 24th at the R.E. Stroud Bldg. Starting 7:30PM.