

# Freshwater-Alexander Bays Ecosystem Corporation (FABEC)



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Date: July 27, 2016 Meeting: Regular Monthly  
Place: Development Association Building Time: 7:00 PM

**Present:**

John Baird	Kevin Stroud	Paul Stewart	Max Feltham	Chris Warford
Ed Stewart	Rod Cox	Dennis Lilly	Harvey Garrett	

**Agenda:**

- 2016 salmon counts on Middle Brook and Terra Nova River.
- Salmon Farms Placentia Bay.
- Mollyguaheck Falls 2016 Project update.
- Service Canada Summer Student Program.
- Crown Lands re Middle Brook Watershed.
- DFO caution boards lower Terra Nova River.

**Motion:** To adopt the agenda as discussed  
Moved by Paul Stewart  
Seconded by Dennis Lilly  
Carried

**Motion:** To adopt the minutes of June 29, 2016  
Moved by Kevin Stroud  
Seconded by Max Feltham  
Carried

**Salmon Counts:**

The Atlantic salmon counts at the Middle Brook Fish way and the Lower Terra Nova Fish way as of July 24, 2016 are as follows:

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>Variance</u>	<u>% Change</u>	<u>2014</u>
✓ Middle Brook.....	1445	1896	(451)	(23.8%)	1850
✓ Terra Nova River.....	4049	2090	1959	93.7%	1793

Note: The 2014 numbers are approximate for the same date as in 2015 and 16.

Given the success of the salmon run on the Terra Nova River in 2016 and it does appear the run will reach an historic record, research is required to gain an understanding on the conservation requirements for the river. The various Atlantic salmon enhancement projects beginning in 1984 documented the estimated conservation requirements for the Terra Nova River and these reports will be reviewed at the next regular FABEC meeting.

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### Mollyguaieck Falls 2016 Project update:

- ✓ On July 14, 2016 camp supplies for the season and 200 sand bags were transported via helicopter to Mollyguaieck Falls.
- ✓ The water level in the MFF was too high to install the fish trap. A section of steel fencing was erected in the fish way.
- ✓ On July 25, 2016 the fish trap was installed in the fish way and counting operations were started for the season. On July 25, 2016 a total of 23 salmon were counted in the fish way.
- ✓ Meridian Engineering has indicated that follow up engineering work will be conducted at the Mollyguaieck Falls Fish way in late August 2016.

### Service Canada Summer Student Program:

FABEC was approved for 7 student positions by Service Canada and unfortunately only 6 students were recruited. There were 3 students assigned as river monitors on the lower Terra Nova River, 1 monitor on Middle Brook and 2 were assigned to assistant fish way attendants on Middle Brook and the Terra Nova River.

### Crown Lands meeting re Middle Brook Watershed:

On May 12, 2016 FABEC met with Crown Lands in St. John's to discuss the prior agreement FABEC had with Gambo Forestry Division concerning a cabin freeze development above Square Pond in the Middle Brook Watershed. To date FABEC has not received any follow up from Crown Lands in St. John's regarding the possibility of amending the Port Blandford/Gambo Cottage Development Plan to accommodate FABEC's concerns.

### DFO Caution Board Lower Terra Nova River:

Paul Stewart to request a meeting with DFO Clarenville to review the caution boards on Ryan's Pool, The Run and Island Pool.

### Salmon Farms Placentia Bay:

FABEC is a member of the Salmonid Council of Newfoundland and Labrador (SCNL). FABEC is in full support of the position taken by SCNL on the Placentia Bay Atlantic Salmon Aquaculture Project by Grieg NL Nurseries and Sea Farms. The president of FABEC will write the Minister of Environment and Conservation expressing FABEC concerns and opposition to the Government's decision to allow this project to proceed without a full environmental review.

The **next** regular monthly meeting will take place at **7:00 PM, Wednesday August 31, 2016** at the Development Association Building in Glovertown.