

## Freshwater–Alexander Bays Ecosystem Corporation

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

Present:

Gord Stewart	Kevin Stroud
Scott Pritchett	John Baird
Lisa Gosse	

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

Moved by Scott Pritchett                      Seconded by Gord Stewart  
Carried

**Motion:** To adopt the minutes from June 30<sup>th</sup> monthly meeting

Moved by Gord Stewart                      Seconded by Scott Pritchett  
Carried

### **Business**

#### **Upper Fishway Construction Project**

Lisa Gosse reported that the upper fishway was opened on July 20<sup>th</sup> for salmon to pass through. Full completion of the fishway is expected this year. Ray Sheppard will bring DFO's plan for removal of the temporary access road to the site to the next meeting.

Kevin brought up a concern that the water chute at the exit from the top of the fishway can be blocked with a sheet of plywood, which would prevent salmon from exiting. This would make the fishway vulnerable to poachers. This will be brought to DFO's attention.

#### **Green Team Progress Report**

- Obstructions have been removed from lower portion of Penney's Brook (i.e. from TCH to saltwater).
- Pissingmare Brook has been completed
- Lower Indian Brook has been completed
- Brooks remaining to be done – Honeybunch, Northwest Brook, Spar Brook, and Black's Brook
- FABEC is very pleased with the Green Team's progress. Gil Stone meets with them weekly. The students include April Blackwood, Lucas Collins, Jake Sweetapple, and Ian Poole.

#### **Counting Fences and River Monitoring Projects**

- Lisa Gosse brought eleven River Monitor hats for summer staff.
- Six cheques from Service Canada have been received. Six more cheques will be received at the end of the project
- The DFO fishway contract will extend to September 10<sup>th</sup>. We expect half payment within two weeks.
- The student assistant on Middle Brook counting fence, Darrin Wilkins, has collected 55 scale samples, 20 more than was collected this time last year.

- The gate on the catwalk on the Terra Nova lower fishway has not been installed due to a maintenance delay. This allows people to cross the fishway, raising some concern for the security of fish in the fishway counting trap.

### **Salmon Counts**

- As of July 26, the Terra Nova River salmon count was 3,977. On the same date last year, the count was approximately 2,700.
- As of July 26, the Middle Brook count was 2,200 compared to about 1,600 on the same date in 2009.
- As of July 26, the Salmon Brook count was 1,342 compared to 1,100 normally.
- This year's run has seen a higher proportion of very large salmon. One in the Terra Nova River was longer than the length of the counting trap enclosure.
- An above average number of sea trout are going through as well.

### **Other Business**

- Lisa reported that Lloyd Slaney and Dave Ball of DFO will come to the September meeting to provide information on how to access funds from DFO for community management activities.
- FABEC's 2010 liability insurance has been paid up to date.
- A bill was received for the SCNL membership fee of \$250. We normally pay this at the annual meeting in October
- A note was received from Darren Feltham of the Conservation Corps that funds are available to support worthy community projects. Will look at applying.
- The Atlantic Salmon Federation has published an excellent brochure on how to live release salmon. It was suggested we ask Don Ivany of ASF if we could get up to 500 brochures for next year to distribute through license vendors in our area.

**Next regular meeting is Wednesday, August 25<sup>th</sup> at the R. E. Stroud Building, Glovertown. Starting at 7:30 PM.**