

Freshwater–Alexander Bays Ecosystem Corporation

Date: July 29, 2009 Meeting: Regular Monthly

Place: R. E. Stroud Building Time: 7:30 PM

Present: Kevin Stroud Rudy Davis John Baird Derek Stewart

Moved by Derek Stewart. Seconded by Rudy Davis.
To adopt the agenda. Carried

Moved by John Baird. Seconded by Derek Stewart.
To adopt the minutes of June 24 Meeting Carried

Discussion

1. Fishway Counts

The most recent salmon counts (approx July 27) on the three fishways operated by FABEC were:

Terra Nova River – 1650

Middle Brook – 1410

Salmon Brook – 926

2. Cabin on Rodney Pond

There has been no update from Scott Pritchett on communications with government on the cabin permit issued by Crown Lands on Rodney Pond.

3. River Monitors and Fishway Attendants

Problems in attendance have been experienced with one of the student river monitors hired for the Terra Nova River. There was discussion about how to ensure better work performance in future years.

It was also noted that one of the current Terra Nova River fishway attendants will not be back next year as he will be graduating. Kevin has identified a local student who would be a good candidate for the job next year. He plans to give him an orientation tour of the fishway operation.

4. Infilling of Shoreline around Glovertown

Discussion continued concerning the development of shorefront land and infilling of water in Glovertown. While most of this development has proceeded without government approval, there have been few

repercussions for landowners. The Department of Environment and Conservation is known to have turned down applications to infill shoreline property, but has not taken action against landowners who have proceeded without a permit. This is obviously a case where it pays to ask for forgiveness rather than ask for permission.

Relevant legislation and policies include:

Provincial (<http://www.env.gov.nl.ca/Env/env/waterres/Policies/PolicyList.asp>)

- *Water Resources Act*, Sections 48 and 64
- Water Resources Division Policy Directives
 - W.R. 91-1 – Infilling of Water
 - W.R. 96-1 – Floodplain Management
 - W.R. 97-1 - Development in Shore Water Zones

Federal

- Fisheries Act - Sections 35, 36, and 37
(http://www-heb.pac.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/habitat_policy/hab_law_article/hablaw_e.htm)
- DFO Operational Statement on Cottage Lot Development
(http://www.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/oceans-habitat/habitat/modernizing-moderniser/epmppmpe/nl/pdf/cottage_e.pdf)

5. Proposed Cranberry Farm near Drovers Brook

A proposal to develop a cranberry farm near Drovers Brook has been registered with the Department of Environment and Conservation with a deadline for comments of August 4th. It was agreed that FABEC should submit a letter asking that several concerns be addressed.

- The effect of water removal on trout spawning habitat
- Effect on waterfowl habitat
- Effect of fertilizers and pesticides on water quality and aquatic habitat

6. Workers Compensation

Kevin indicated that the bill for workers compensation will be paid.

7. Liability Insurance

As a condition of our fishway contract with DFO, FABEC must maintain a liability insurance policy. The bill this year is about \$1,000.

Moved by Rudy Davis. Seconded by John Baird.

To renew our insurance policy at a cost of approximately \$1000

and to request DFO to reimburse all or part of this cost in next year's contract.

Carried.

The next Meeting will be Wednesday, August 26th, 2009 at the R.E. Stroud Bldg. Starting 7:30PM.