

Freshwater-Alexander Bays Ecosystem Corporation

Date: June 27, 2012 Meeting: Monthly
Place: Stroud Building, Glovertown Time: 7:30 PM

Present:

Kevin Stroud	Gordon Stewart
John Taite	Tiffany Cheeks
Paul Stewart	

Motion: To adopt the agenda as discussed

Moved by Gord Stewart Seconded by Paul Stewart
Carried

Motion: To adopt the minutes of the meeting of March 28

Moved by Paul Stewart Seconded by John Taite
Carried

Update:

- 3 fishway attendants and 2 river monitors are in place
- We are waiting for SWASP grants for 2 more
- Our Coordinator has been hired (Tiffany Cheeks). She has visited all three fishway sites, is overseeing the student activities and has created a website for FABEC (fabec.weebly.com)
 - We may look to upgrade to fabec.org in the future at a cost of \$6.99/yr.

Salmon Counts:

- TNR has 500 fish gone through to date (48 last year at this time).
- Salmon Brook has 303/97 last year.
- Middle Brook has 370/ 11, 5, and 1 last three years.

Insurance:

- Due last of July.
- **Motion:** To accept Cal Legrow
Moved by Gordon Stewart Seconded by John Taite

Signage and Locations on TNR:

- It was suggested that the catch and release sign between Island Pool and The Run be moved up river so as to include The Run in the class III region and not in the class IV region for the entire summer.
 - Further discussion to take place on this issue when DFO representatives are present.

DFO Trip on TNR:

- 3 DFO officials were given a tour of the TNR from the Fishway to Birch Point. They visited the pools all along the river and agree that better signs are necessary to make the present regulations more clear.
 - They suggest that signs (with descriptions) for each individual pool (particularly at the falls) would be a good way to bring more clarity.
- It was also suggested that FABEC could obtain colored photos of the TNR from the falls down to Moriane's bench to create a large model. This would aid in discussion purposes for future meetings.

Stroud's Cove:

- Rock and sand has been dumped on the outer point. We are not sure if permission has been granted.
 - Will contact Coast Guard and Environment to find out.

Fishway Next Year:

- In lieu of rumours that DFO may withdraw funding for salmon counters, we feel that FABEC should pursue other avenues of funding to continue this process on the TNR.
 - Eg. Service Canada could provide funding for 2 students (2 stints of 7 weeks).
 - Estimated that an adult would cost \$8000.
 - Could we invite our MP to a future meeting?
 - Maybe Tiffany could investigate potential funding opportunities?

Survey for Middle Brook:

- Question debate:
 - #17: Quananiche must be kept or released.
 - Question is fine.
 - #22: Original question was intended to garner public opinion. We see no harm in this and would like to know public opinion.
 - **Motion:** To change #22 to "1 pond on the watershed to produce trophy trout."
 - Moved by – Paul Stewart
 - Seconded by – Kevin Stroud
 - #23: This strategy could be difficult in some ponds but could work in others. Again, we would like to know public opinion on this approach.
 - **Motion:** To leave #23 in the survey as is.
 - Moved by – Kevin Stroud
 - Seconded by – Gord Stewart
- The survey will be administered in the Butt's Pond, Smallwood Park, Gambo Road, and Square Pond park areas.

Items for Next Meeting:

- George's Pond
- Cottage Development Area (Grandy)
- Budget for next year
- Tags (2 to 4)

Motion: To adjourn the meeting

Moved by Paul Stewart Seconded by John Taite

Next regular meeting will be 7:30 PM, Wednesday, July 25th at the R. E. Stroud Building, Glovertown.