

## Freshwater–Alexander Bays Ecosystem Corporation

Date: March 28, 2012 Meeting: Monthly  
Place: Stroud Building, Glovertown Time: 7:30 PM

Present:

Kevin Stroud	Scott Pritchett	Gil Stone
John Baird	Fred Holloway	Dave Parsons
Bill Blandford	Paul Stewart	Alice Hollohan
John Hollohan	Max Holwell, DFO	Gord Stewart

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

Moved by Gord Stewart      Seconded by Alice Hollohan

Carried

**Motion:** To adopt the minutes of the meeting of January 25

Moved by Gil Stone      Seconded by Scott Pritchett

Carried

### **Proposed Wording for Angler’s Guide**

Paul Stewart suggested wording changes for the Angler’s Guide to reduce confusion about the boundaries between retention and catch and release only salmon angling areas on Terra River. After some discussion, members agreed to recommend the changes for the 2013 angling season. These were submitted to the DFO representative, Max Holwell.

**Motion:** To accept the proposed wording for changes to the Angler’s Guide for the Terra Nova River.

Moved by Scott Pritchett

Seconded by Gord Stewart

Carried

### **TNR Salmon Management Plan**

Further discussion took place on salmon management options for Terra Nova River. Three management options were discussed, ranging from maintaining the status quo to allowing the retention of an extra two salmon in some or all of the existing Class III areas if an in-season review in late July shows significantly above-average returns.

There was agreement that more time is needed to determine if the recent higher returns are part of a long-term trend or a temporary phenomenon. Given FABEC’s priority on conservation, the consensus of members was that the current limit of two salmon per season should not be increased.

**Motion:** To recommend that the current salmon management plan for Terra Nova River be maintained as is for 2013.

Moved by Scott Pritchett

Seconded by Gord Stewart

Carried

### **DFO Responsibility for Fish Habitat**

Scott Pritchett reported that the Atlantic Salmon Federation is concerned that the federal government could be planning to drop habitat protection as a DFO responsibility. Enshrined in the Fisheries Act in 1976, the removal of this

responsibility would be a devastating blow to environmental protection of water systems and fish habitat.

To sign an ONLINE PETITION for continued inclusion of habitat protection in the Fisheries Act, visit the ASF website ([www.asf.ca](http://www.asf.ca)) or open the following link:

[http://www.thepetitionsite.com/124/389/037/keep-protection-of-habitat-in-the-canada-fisheries-act/?cid=FB\\_TAF](http://www.thepetitionsite.com/124/389/037/keep-protection-of-habitat-in-the-canada-fisheries-act/?cid=FB_TAF)

### **Annual General Meeting - April 25**

The AGM will take place at the Glovertown Firehall at 7:00 PM, Wednesday, April 25. The agenda will include:

- President's annual report on FABEC activities
- Treasurer's annual report
- Guest speaker – Robert Perry, Fisheries Biologist, Department of Environment and Conservation. Topic – Health and management of trout stocks in the Middle Brook watershed.
- Election of officers for 2012/13

### **Northwest Brook Trout Fishing**

Concern was expressed to the DFO representative, Max Holwell, that there have been incidents where anglers ice fishing at the mouth of Northwest Brook are exceeding their bag limits. Mr. Holwell responded that DFO would step up patrols in the area.

### **Correspondence**

#### **Town of Glovertown**

A letter was received from the Town of Glovertown that it will place a “NO OVERNIGHT CAMPING” and “NO DUMPING” sign at the boat landing at Spencer's Bridge.

**Next meeting will be the AGM. Time 7:30 PM, Wednesday, April 25<sup>th</sup> at the Firehall, Station Road, Glovertown.**