

# Freshwater-Alexander Bays Ecosystem Corporation (FABEC)



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Date: March 25, 2015

Meeting: Regular monthly

Place: R. E. Stroud Memorial Building

Time: 7:00 PM

**Present:**

Kevin Stroud	John Hollohan	John Baird	Alice Hollohan	Max Feltham
Fred Holloway	Gil Stone	Mark Parsons- DFO	Ken Sheppard- DFO	Harvey Garrett

**Agenda:**

- Lands Act Review.
- The Fisheries Ministerial Advisory Committee – St. John’s April 22- 24, 2015.
- Kruger /FABEC MOU on Pussel Pond forestry access road.
- FABEC 21<sup>st</sup> AGM April 29, 2015.
- NALCOR/ Muskrat Falls Transmission Line.
- Mollyguajeck 2015 fish way project.

**Motion:** To adopt the agenda as discussed  
Moved by Fred Holloway  
Seconded by John Baird  
Carried

**Motion:** To adopt the minutes of February 25, 2015  
Moved by Alice Hollohan  
Seconded by John Hollohan  
Carried

**Lands Act Review:**

The Lands Branch of the Department of Municipal and Intergovernmental Affairs is currently conducting a review of the Lands Act to ensure it is still relevant and an efficient means to manage crown lands within the province. FABEC will do a presentation at the St. John’s session on April 7, 2015. The focus of the presentation will cover the following areas:

- ✓ Review FABEC’s past experience in dealings with the Lands Branch of the Department of Municipal Affairs.
- ✓ Transparency for all Government crown lands transactions.
- ✓ Public planning that involves different regions of the province.

**Motion:** To present position paper encompassing the above criteria to the Lands Act Review Committee in St. John’s April 7, 2015  
Moved by John Baird  
Seconded by John Hollohan  
Carried

**FABEC 21<sup>st</sup> AGM 7:00 PM April 29, 2015 at Glovertown Lions Club:**

The general public is encouraged to attend to participate in discussions with regards to the watersheds of the Terra Nova River, the Gambo River, Middle Brook and North West Brook. The guest speaker will be Mr. Chris Murley, supervisor with Inland Fish & Wildlife- Enforcement Division, Department of Justice.

**NALCOR/Muskrat Falls Transmission Line:**

FABEC has not received any reply to e mail enquiring into future status of access roads that will be built in the Terra Nova River/ Gambo River watershed to accommodate construction of the Muskrat Falls Transmission Line.

**Mollyguajeck 2015 fish way project:**

On Monday March 25, 2015 Kevin Stroud, John Baird and Harvey Garrett met with Mr. Bill Brake, Superintendent of Terra Nova National Park to review and give update on the status of the project. The Terra Nova National Park is confirmed as a partner to the project pending final approval from other major partners.

Additionally, it is planned to do an actual sight visit to Mollyguajeck Falls during the week of March 30, 2015 to identify and mark the trail leading from the Terra Nova forestry access road to the river valley where the falls and fish way are located.

The project will be register with the OH &S section of The Workers Compensation Commission.

The application to DFO for funding under section S.79.2 of the Fisheries Act is in progress and we are optimistic this funding request will be approved by the department.

The Federal Ministerial Advisory Committee on Atlantic Salmon:

On December 18, 2014 the Federal minister of Fisheries and Oceans announced the creation of a new ministerial Advisory Committee on Atlantic salmon to help determine the course of action to address low returns of Atlantic salmon on East Coast Rivers.

The committee will focus on the following:

- Conservation and enforcement measures.
- Predation.
- Strategy to address international, unsustainable fishing.
- Focused areas for advancing science.

In response to the ministerial advisory committee consultations, FABEC will present a position paper to the committee at the scheduled meetings in St. John's April 22- 24/15 recommending initiatives that will help to conserve and protect Atlantic salmon in NL Rivers and the surrounding ocean:

- Every scheduled Salmon River in NL must have a minimum of one full time DFO River guarding assigned during the 2015 angling season.
- Fines for poaching must be substantially increased for convicted offenses.
- All river classifications above class II that are below the estimated conservation requirements to have angling retention levels reduced by 1 fish for 2015.
- Federal funding for ocean science research on Atlantic salmon to be immediately increased.
- FABEC supports SCNL's position on ocean aquaculture fin fish farming.
- FABEC supports the position that all scheduled rivers with pools that have unusually high catch rates should have these pools closed to angling.

Motion: To present a position paper encompassing the above criteria to the Ministerial Advisory Committee on Atlantic salmon at the St. John's meetings April 22- 24, 2015

Moved by John Hollohan

Seconded by Fred Holloway

Carried

General:

- The required annual return for FABEC's corporate charter is filed for 2015 with the Registry of Companies in St. John's.
- FABEC to consider a strategy to make the general public more aware of the work that it carries out in the Terra Nova/Gambo/Middle Brook/North West Brook watersheds.

O/S Motions and Correspondence:

- Cabin development freeze on Middle Brook watershed.
- Decommissioning of the George's Pond access road.
- Policy on barbless hooks for trout fishing.
- Funding proposal Maccles Brook counter fence operation.

The next meeting will be the **21<sup>st</sup> AGM** at 7:00 PM, Wednesday **April 29, 2015** at the **Lions Club Building**, Glovertown.

