

- The priority project for this year was the recently completed watershed development strategy. This project required the appointment of the consultant, six public meetings in the communities of the watershed area, numerous directors meetings and much time from the regular monthly meeting.

- A follow up submission to the Department of Environment regarding the North West River (P.B.) proposed Hydro project.

- A submission to the Department of Environment regarding their white paper changes to environmental impact process.

- Attempts to raise public awareness of our Association by advertised public meetings, and newspaper items.

- Monthly updating of the current Enhancement project sponsored by the Alexander Bay, Terra Nova Development Association.

In concluding his review, Chairman Fred Holloway thanked the Executive and Board of Directors for their involvement in the years activities. He indicated, most of our objectives had been met - what we set out to do, we did.

Watershed Plan

- The plan is now ready to be released to the public. People present were offered copies of the plan for \$10 with the option to return and have the \$10 refunded. Several people purchased copies.

Motion 96-05-16-03

A. Stewart/K. Robinson

That copies demanded tonight be sold and copies be placed in Libraries at Eastport, Glovertown, Gambo, Clarenville and the Council office at Terra Nova. **Carried.**

- The plan was well received in St. John's: it is being used as a model for other areas interested in watershed management.

Monroe Greening of Clarenville publicly insinuated that the Stewart's of Glovertown were in "conflict of interest," (as ecosystem association members) because a family member had applied for a permit to build an outfitting lodge in the lower

section of the second steady.

The family member accused of applying for a permit stated publicly:

- That he had applied for such a permit a number of years before the "Ecosystem Association" was formed.
- That he is not, and has not been a member of the Ecosystem Association.
- That, because of his concerns for the continued growth and success of the Ecosystem Association, he has withdrawn his application for the permit.

An Ecosystem Association director from Gambo stated that the "Monroe insinuations," insulted his and the intelligence of the other directors and members who have worked hard to develop a watershed management plan, which would be in the best interests of communities in the watershed area.

Motion 96-05-16-04

J.Baird/M. Gordon

Members of the "Ecosystem Association" will have equal rights with all other people in the province to apply for land within the Ecosystem area for business or other purposes. **Carried**

New Business

Closing of Port Blandford River

The decision to close these rivers was apparently made without prior consultation with:

- (1) Citizens in the Port Blandford Area
- (2) The Freshwater Bay Alexander Bay Ecosystem Association and other interested groups.

The neglect to consult was a factor in much negative reaction to these decisions. In the future DFO and Terra Nova National Parks are strongly advised to:

- (1) Meet with local residents and discuss plans, offer sound reasons, and seek reactions.
- (2) Consult with "Ecosystem Association" and other interested groups in the "Park" area.

Enhancement Activities

- A fishway has been constructed around Mollyguaheck Falls for 11 years. The first fishway around this falls has been improved; salmon and other migratory fish use the fishway.
- For five years adult salmon were transferred to suitable spawning and rearing habitat above Mollyguaheck Falls. They are returning via Mollyguaheck fishway.
- Fall 1994, 97,000 salmon eggs were incubated at the Terra Nova Incubation facility; Falls 1995, 401,000 eggs were hatched in the facility. The fry resulting from the incubation process were subsequently released in suitable rearing habitat. The survival rate was 88- 89%; this compares with 15% survival rate in the wild. eg. Normal spawning process
- These efforts are intended to stock the section of the river above Mollyguaheck Falls; the section below this falls stocks itself by the normal process.
- Visitors are welcome to view the Incubation Facility; Fred Holloway, James Short or Sam King may be contacted for tours.

Quotas

The Ecosystem Association should seek the right to (in co-operation with DFO scientists) set river and Normal quotas; sustaining the stock must be a priority.

Election of Officers

Upon invitation Maxine Gordon agreed to conduct the election.

Results

President - Fred Holloway	moved M.Parsons seconded C.Riggs
Vice President - John Gardnier	moved A.Stewart seconded S.Pritchett
Secretary - Gordon Stewart	moved James Short seconded M.Parsons
Treasurer - Austin Stewart	moved J.Baird seconded William Hounsell

(The above officers were elected by acclamation.)

Election of Directors

Nominees

Scott Pritchett	-	Gambo
Fred Gill	-	Gambo
Terry Greening	-	Clareville
Glennys Squire	-	Eastport
Ralph Genge	-	Glovertown
Roger Brooking	-	Glovertown
Melvin Parsons	-	Glovertown
John Baird	-	Traytown
Phil Riggs	-	Glovertown
James Short	-	Terra Nova
Kevin Robinson	-	Terra Nova National Park
Edmund Genge	-	Clareville
William T. Ford	-	Glovertown

Motion 96-05-16-05 S.Pritchett/R.Brooking

That nominations cease. **Carried**

Motion 96-05-16-06 A.Stewart/S.Pritchett

That directors be elected in block as per above list of nominees.

Carried.

Plans and Objectives for the upcoming year

- Meetings are being arranged with Ministers to discuss issues relevant to the "Community Watershed Development Strategy"

Members-Directors who cannot attend the May 20, meeting are asked to write their concerns and pass to the Chairman Fred.

- The meeting with the ministers will take place on a Saturday - perhaps May 25. (Hon. Beaton Tulk, Hon. Judy Foote, Hon. Sandra Kelly, Tom Lush.)

- MEETINGS - Directors May 20, 7:30 p.m. Stroud Building

- Next regular meeting - May 30, 7:30 p.m. Stroud Building