

FABEC – February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2013

**Members Present:**

Kevin Stroud, Steve Way, Jeff Roberts, John Hollohan, Alice Hollohan, Gil Stone, Gord Stewart, Paul Stewart

**Agenda:**

Summer Students

Fishways

AGM

Terra Nova Cabin Owners

Motion: Adopt agenda (Alice)

Carried.

Minutes

**George's and Butt's brook:**

Discussion about regulations at Salmonid council did take place. It was changed (under suspicion) to catch and retain. Should they have a right to have a retain area in these areas also? Fabec's concern would be how important is this area as spawning habitat?

Is there a way FABEC can reach out to people who use the upper part of the river and invite them to share their opinions/have a say in what we recommend.

Motion: To draft a letter for public notice concerning who we are and our mandate and this letter would contain our web address and Facebook page. (by Paul) (Seconded by Alice)

Carried

**Salt Water Salmon Angling:**

Old regulations would not be fair to people outside Wolf Island as that would be the outer limit for retention. It would make more sense to have retention out as far as St. Brendan's to extend the area in which salmon can be retained legally. This could reduce illegal activities.

A question FABEC should consider would be weather to contact the wildlife federation as they would probably support this idea. Would DFO consider a trial fishery in this bay?

Motion: To contact Rich Bouzanne with the Wildlife Federation to attend our meetings and discuss persuing this issue and/or contact him about the issue. (By Paul)

Seconded: John

Carried

**Motion:**

To draft a letter for public notice on this issue and bring it forward to a meeting for approval.

Seconded by Gil.

Carried.

**Middle Brook Watershed:** Mr. Grandy has been invited to attend a meeting and discuss. The road is supposed to be decommissioned but has not been yet. We are hoping to prevent cabin development on First Burnt, Second Burnt and Rodney pond.

**Atlantic Salmon Farming:** Should our organization be concerned? Is there a possible impact here? We can leave this issue alone for now and look into the biology further.

**Money:** We owe Terra Nova Development Association \$500 for services last summer.

Motion: To pay them the \$500 (Gil Stone). Seconded by Gord Stewart. Carried.

**Summer Students:** Deadline is tomorrow to apply for summer students. We have to apply for them tomorrow.

**AGM:** The AGM is usually the last weekend in April but Kevin will be away. We can look at having it in May this year?

**Extra Fish:** 1996: 1269    2000: 220    2002: 454    2005: 271    2009: 487    2011: 762

These were the numbers of salmon retained on TNR for these years.

Should we make a change given these data?

**Eels:** Why are there no eels visible? Are lamprey eels down in numbers as well.