

Freshwater–Alexander Bays Ecosystem Corporation

Date: November 28, 2012

Meeting: Monthly

Place: Stroud Building, Glovertown

Time: 7:30 PM

Present:

Kevin Stroud	Alice Hollohan
John Baird	John Hollohan
Gil Stone	Scott Pritchett
Gord Stewart	

Motion: To adopt the agenda as discussed

Moved by Alice Hollohan Seconded by John Hollohan

Carried

Motion: To adopt the minutes of the meeting of October 31

Moved by Kevin Stroud Seconded by John Hollohan

Carried

Saltwater Salmon Fishery

- Members discussed the concept of allowing anglers to use salmon tags for saltwater angling.
- This would add a new dimension to the sport for anglers and create an opportunity for coastal residents who don't normally participate in river angling.
- From a conservation perspective, the case has been made that legalizing saltwater angling will discourage poaching in coastal waters by increasing public presence.
- It was agreed members will suggest questions for DFO regarding current salmon angling regulations in saltwater.
- It was suggested that Bonavista Bay or a portion of it would be a good location for a pilot project for a salmon trolling test fishery.
- This should be put on the agenda for AGM.

HST

Motion: To pay HST owing when funds are available

Moved by Gil Stone Seconded by Kevin Stroud

Carried

Cabin Development on Middle Brook watershed

- Jonathan Grandy of the Land Management Division responded to FABEC regarding cabin development in the Middle Brook watershed. Rodney Pond is closed to cabin applications. However First and Second Burnt Ponds are open but there has not been any demand.
- There was consensus that FABEC should ask for a freeze as well on First and Second Burnt Pond due to the importance of the upper watershed for trout habitat.
- Invite Mr. Grandy to meet with FABEC to discuss this issue.

Counting Fence Contracts

- Due to DFO budget cuts, it is expected that counting fence operations will be reduced in 2013. However, there was consensus that FABEC should apply to Service Canada as in previous years for funding to employ students on the three counting fences operated by FABEC.

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

This has been rescheduled to Wednesday, February 6.