

Freshwater–Alexander Bays Ecosystem Corporation

Date: October 31, 2012

Meeting: Monthly

Place: Stroud Building, Glovertown

Time: 7:30 PM

Present:

Kevin Stroud	Max Holwell
John Baird	Jeff Roberts
Paul Stewart	Howard Elms
Lisa Gosse	Bill Blandford
Dave Parsons	Alice Hollohan
	John Hollohan

Motion: To adopt the agenda as discussed

Moved by Kevin Stroud Seconded by Dave Parsons

Carried

Motion: To adopt the minutes of the meeting of March 28

Moved by Alice Hollohan Seconded by Bill Blandford

Carried

Business Arising:

- Count on Mollygoejack Falls
 - A one time count next summer perhaps to see what enters the upper part of the watershed.
 - Will work on a proposal to submit to the Atlantic Salmon Endowment Fund
- Butts Brook/Georges Brook
 - Fabec has asked for these tributaries to be reclassified back to Class 4.
- DFO Meeting(status on Salmon in NL)

Classification on TNR:

- Max feels that given recent runs (4000-5000), to give ease of fishing, to open up from Brown Rock to Island Pool at the beginning of the season.
- Question as to whether this opening will have a detrimental affect on salmon runs.
- How much extra fishing effort will come from this change?
- Some members present feel that this management change will have very little impact on salmon runs as it will not result in increased fishing pressure.
 - They also feel that it is important for there to be more areas for anglers to fish and retain a salmon due to limiting factors such as age and health issues. (I.e., Pools that are open to retention now such as Tobin's and Starlight are difficult to access and fish.)
- Some members present feel that fishing pressure will increase significantly and, therefore, result in an increase in the number of fish retained.
 - Reference to fishing pressure in the past was made (large numbers of anglers at the falls staying in cabins, tenting and coming up from

below). This pressure could return if Penny's pool and the Trench were open to retention from June 1.

- Argument that the current regulations are a compromise between conservation and the right to retain so why change?
- Can we get more stats to see if you can match environmental conditions with run?
- Will make a decision next month or later.
 - Motion: To make a decision on this in the next meeting or the **AGM**.
 - Agreed

Signage:

- DFO ordered signs and should be in soon.
- Signs at the bench need to be clarified and on both sides of the river.
- Starlight pool sign to say C&R (Class IV) until July 10, and retention (Class III) afterwards.
- Another for Brown Rock.....15m below to say C&R above and retention after July 10.

**Next regular meeting will be 7:30 PM, Wednesday,
November 28th at the R. E. Stroud Building, Glovertown.**