

Freshwater - Alexander bays  
Ecosystem Corporation

Date: October 31, 2007  
Meeting: Regular  
Location: R.E. Stroud bldg.  
Time: 7:30 P.M.

Present: Scott Pritchett      Gordon Stewart      Gil Stone  
          Rudy Davis            Lisa Gosse, DFO      Kevin Stroud

Moved by Gil Stone

Second by Gordon Stewart

That we adopt the agenda as discussed

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that we adopt the minutes of July 25 as presented

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\*Forestry Road access to the new cutting area on the north side of Terra Nova River.

Our summer student program “river Monitors” started with a good training program in June, however; because we were unable to secure the JCP/supervisor position, we were left without a supervisor. Our trout study on the Middle brook water shed did not get done. As well, some of the work done by the river monitors wasn’t what it should have been.

Our fishway contract will see some changes for the next year, this will be discussed with Art Walsh, DFO.

Scott, next spoke on the Enforcement Workshop held in Gander on October 25, 2007:

Discussed:

1. Purposed changes for the use of bait nets - size, etc.
2. Salmon count is down all over.
3. St. Pierre Fishery
4. Enforcement - Provincial and Federal
5. Redirecting fines - DFO policy
6. Stewardship Co-ordinator (Judy Dwyer)

Discussion: Salmon runs are down, Sea Survival seems to be the big question. What is happening at sea? We need more science, more money put into this study.

Conservation Plan for 2008

Our count on the Terra Nova River is down and the confusion as to the Hook and Retain and the Hook and Release areas near the fishway is a problem. To help protect the fish stocks we have to consider what we should do!, What will we recommend to DFO for the up coming season?

Consider this:

All areas above Island Pool to the Fishway to be Hook and Release only for 2008, this will be considered again in 2008 for 2009 season.

OR

All areas above Island Pool to the Fishway to be closed to fishing for the 2008 season and reviewed for the 2009 season.

On a liter note, our sea run trout has good news. The run was early , the fishing was great and lasted to the end of the season.

Lack of Interest / Attendance!

Our group needs assistance with projects. There are a lot of little things we could be doing. we need more members to have a say in the decisions.

Our next meeting will be on November 28, at the R.E. Stroud Bldg. Starting at 7:30 P.M.

Agenda:

Conservation measures for the up coming season on the Terra Nova River.

Co-ordinator workshop at St. John's or Gander.  
Who's available to attend?

From the floor.....