

Freshwater–Alexander Bays Ecosystem Corporation

Date: September 28, 2011 Meeting: Special Meeting
Place: Lions Club, Glovertown Time: 7:30 PM

Present:

Gil Stone	Kevin Stroud	Rudy Davis
Shaun Reid	John Baird	James Blackwood
Paul Stewart	Melvin Moulton	John Parsons
Jeff Roberts	Gordon Stewart	Murray Sweetapple
Doug Cheeks	Gus Butt	Martha Robinson

Presentation by Martha Robinson, DFO

- Terra Nova River currently has an in-season review to determine if angling should be halted if the run is too low.
- Conservation egg requirements are determined based on the estimate of how many eggs the river can hold.
- TNR conservation requirement (CR) is 14.3 million eggs – equivalent to 7094 small salmon. Return is increasing closer to CR.
- Currently managed as a Class III river. Already have an in-season review to see if the classification should be changed to a Class IV if the run is low.
- The new management plan being developed this year will be living documents. Can be changed from one year to the next.
- Deadline for recommendations for 2012 is October 20. Special Advisory Committee meeting will be November 23-24.
- DFO will not consider recommendations not raised in the SAC.
- Four fish (Class II) will more than double (probably triple) the take due to impact on increased effort.
- 60% of catch occurs below the lower fishway. Cannot estimate the number of fish below the lower fishway.
- Major question – if 4 fish are permitted, how this will affect fish numbers above Mollyguajeck Falls.
- Class II can be assigned to portions of the river, i.e. below fishway including Maccle's Brook, while other portions can remain as Class III
- How useful are smolt counts? Allows survival and population estimates.
- Federal budget changes – DFO getting out of business of counting fish.

Next regular meeting will be Wednesday, October 25th at the R. E. Stroud Building, Glovertown. Starting at 7:30 PM.