

Freshwater–Alexander Bays Ecosystem Corporation

Date: September 29, 2010 Meeting: Regular Monthly
Place: R. E. Stroud Building Time: 7:30 PM

Present:

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| Scott Pritchett | Kevin Stroud | Jonathan Grandy, Crown Lands, St. John's |
| Lisa Gosse | John Baird | Dave Mercer, Crown Lands, Gander |
| Fred Jeans | Dave Ball, DFO | John Howley, Crown Lands, St. John's |

Motion: To adopt the agenda as discussed

Moved by Fred Jeans Seconded by Scott Pritchett

Carried

Business

Crown Lands Cottage Development Areas

Crown Lands officials at the meeting included Jonathan Grandy and John Howell of St. John's and Dave Mercer of Gander. They were responding to an invitation from FABEC to discuss planning for new cabin development in the Gambo River/Middle Brook watersheds.

- The Lands Division has approved 12 new cottage lots on Gambo Pond and is looking for other cottage areas in the vicinity.
- The boundary shown on the map at the meeting depicts the "Gambo Pond cottage planning area."
- According to Crown Lands criteria, this area has a carrying capacity of 3,000 cabins. There was no information provided on what these criteria are.
- The Water Resources Division does its own studies of proposed cottage areas to assess carrying capacity and potential impacts on water.
- Presently there are 252 cabins within 150 metres of the Gambo Pond shoreline.

FABEC requested a freeze on cabin development in Middle Brook watershed between Rodney Pond and First Burnt Pond. We were advised to send a letter to Director of Land Management, Reg Garland.

Decision: Write to Reg Garland, Director of Land Management to request a freeze on cabin development on Rodney Pond, Second Burnt Pond, First Burnt Pond and areas in between. Ask Robert Perry of Inland Fish Division to send a letter re: the sensitivity of this area to overfishing.

DFO Stewardship Funding

Dave Ball, Field Supervisor with DFO presented information on DFO's funding program for local stewardship groups.

Contact info: dave.ball@dfo-mpo.gc.ca (note: add to email list)

Presentation:

- DFO has a small amount of money (about \$50,000 annually) available to assist stewardship groups in NL.

- Court fine redirection funding. Last year \$10,000 in fines were levied in the Glovertown area.
- Dave will forward his power point presentation.
- December 31 is the deadline for applications for stewardship funding to be dispersed by June 2011.

SCNL AGM, Camp Hancock

Kevin Stroud and John Baird will attend the annual meeting of the Salmonid Council to be held at Camp Hancock, Square Pond. Scott Pritchett and Fred Jeans may be able to attend as well.

Terra Nova River Salmon Management Plan

Chuck Bourgeois is expected to attend the SCNL meeting.

- FABEC will ask for a retention variation to be considered each year if an in-season review indicates a strong salmon run relative to the average of past years. The in-season review would determine if anglers could take another salmon in addition to the two that are presently permitted.
- The conservation target for TNR is 7,000 salmon through the Lower Fishway.
- This target excludes Maccle's Brook. Nothing can be changed on Maccle's Brook until a study is undertaken.
- Based on the last few years, Chuck has said that he does not see why a third salmon cannot be taken.

Filling-in of Glovertown Shoreline

Kevin Stroud tabled a public notice from the Glovertown Town Council stating that no shoreline landfilling will be permitted unless approval has been provided by the Department of Environment and Conservation. FABEC congratulates the Town of Glovertown for taking this strong position.

DFO Eel Study on TNR

John Murray, a biologist with DFO, is conducting a DNA study of lamprey eels on Terra Nova River. In an electrofishing survey, a sample of 70 small lampreys was collected.

Next regular meeting is Wednesday, October 27th at the R. E. Stroud Building, Glovertown. Starting at 7:30 PM.