

# Freshwater-Alexander Bays Ecosystem Corporation (FABEC)



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Date: September 28, 2016

Meeting: Regular Monthly

Place: Development Association Building

Time: 7:00 PM

Present:

John Baird	John Hollohan	Kevin Stroud	Paul Stewart
Alice Hollohan	Chris Warford	Harvey Garrett	

Agenda:

- MFF 2016 Project Progress Report.
- Forestry Division Zone 3 new 5 year plan (2017 – 2021).
- Treasurer’s progress Report.
- SCNL’s annual meeting.

Motion: To adopt the agenda as discussed  
 Moved by Paul Stewart  
 Seconded by Alice Hollohan  
 Carried

MFF 2016 Project Progress Report:

- ✓ Total salmon counted through the Mollyguajeck Falls Fish way as of September 27, 2016:
  - Salmon ≤ 63 CM = 847
  - Salmon ≥ 63 CM = 107
  - Total count = 954
- ✓ The salmon count at Mollyguajeck Falls is indicating a large number of small salmon in the 2016 run. It is estimated a significant portion of the fish are ≤ 45 CM. This trend was more prevalent during September.
- ✓ On August 20 the crew built a coffer dam deflector wall into the main stem of the river to increase water flow in the fish way. This deflector wall immediately increased water height in the fish trap from 13 CM to 26 cm. This coffer dam was instrumental in preventing a repeat of the 2015 situation where by there was insufficient water to move salmon through the fish way.
- ✓ The total salmon count on the lower TNR fish way at Grant Falls was 5635 as of September 11, 2016. Thus approximately 17% of the 2016 run is now into the upper watershed above Mollyguajeck Falls.
- ✓ In previous years DFO scientists published the following stock growth potential for the TNR above Grant Falls:

	<u>Stock Growth Potential</u>		
	<u>Egg Requirements</u>	<u>Fish Required</u>	<u>%</u>
Total watershed above TNR Lower Fish Way	14,235,104	8937	
- Lower to Upper Fish Way	957,600	599	7
- Upper Fish Way to Mollyguajeck Falls	4,652,880	2922	33
- Above Mollyguajeck Falls	8,624,624	5416	60

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- ✓ The Mollyguaeck Falls Fish Way is a rustic Fish Way created in 1985 by blasting pools and channels in granite rock around the south side of Mollyguaeck Falls. The Terra Nova River Salmon Enhancement Program operated a counting fence as follows:

Year	Grilse	Large Salmon	Total Fish Count
Sept 27- Oct 29, 1985	6	0	6
July 21- Sept 17, 1986	1	0	1
Aug 24- Sept 1, 1988	0	0	0
July 28- Oct 7, 1992	98	10	108
July 15- Oct 15, 2001	292	37	329

- ✓ In 2015 FABEC counted salmon at Mollyguaeck Falls and the count was 300 fish. The 2015 count was considered incomplete in that the fish way did not have a sufficient flow of water to allow salmon to migrate through to the upper watershed.

### Forestry Division Zone 3 New 5 Year Plan (2017- 2021):

The new proposed 5 year forestry plan for the Terra Nova, Gambo River and Middle Brook watersheds was reviewed by John Baird. The plan proposes approximately 85 kms of new access roads in the Terra Nova, Gambo and Middle Brook watersheds. FABEC's major concerns are as follows:

- Rodney Pond Block CC06018 new proposed access road. FABEC had prior agreement with Gambo Forestry Branch to decommission existing road after silviculture completed. Additionally FABEC does not agree with the new proposed access road in the Rodney Pond area.
- Miller's Angle/ Lower Terra Nova River Block CC05010 in the area of Grant Falls. FABEC will request Gambo Forestry to stay north of the existing power line and to protect the view shed from Terra Nova River.
- Chain Pond East Block CC05011 and the proximity of cutting operations to Big Falls and the impact on the view shed for the Terra Nova River. FABEC to request the proposed approximate 5.8 KM of access road between the T' Railway and the Terra Nova River be decommissioned after silviculture operations are completed.
- Maccles Lake and Chain Pond Blocks, FABEC to present list of required buffer zones around the lakes and streams in the proposed cutting blocks.

### Treasurer's Financial Update:

FABEC's various operations during the summer are all within budget and the MFF project is within its operating budget for the year. Currently there are a number of outstanding committed funds from various sponsor/funding partners and these funds should be received within 30 days.

### SCNL Annual Meeting:

The annual general meeting for SCNL will be Sept 30 to October 2, 2016 and FABEC is a member and will be attending.

The **next** regular meeting will be **7:00 PM, Wednesday October 26, 2016** at the Development Association Building in Glovertown.

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