

Freshwater-Alexander Bays Ecosystem Corporation (FABEC)



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Date: January 27, 2021

Meeting: Regular Meeting

Place: Brooking House

Time: 7.00 PM

Present:

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| John Baird | Kevin Stroud | Ken McLean |
| Shawn Rowe | Harvey Garrett | |

Agenda:

- Proposed SARA Designation
- DFO Fishway Contracts 2021
- FABEC Directors Liability Insurance
- SAC Membership Application
- FABEC Web site upgrade
- Update Northern Harvest Appeal aquaculture decision.
- Financial Report
- Catch and Release Angling
- Main River

Motion: To adopt the Agenda as discussed:

Moved by Harvey Garrett

Seconded by Kevin Stroud

Carried

Motion: To adopt the minutes of November 2020:

Moved by Harvey Garrett

Seconded by Shawn Rowe

Carried

Proposed SARA designation

The DFO proposal to have all Atlantic salmon populations in the 104 watersheds from Cape Race to Cape Ray on the south coast of Newfoundland designated as threatened under the Species at Risk Act was

discussed. Such a designation would close all rivers in this area to angling. This would include 38% of the scheduled Atlantic salmon rivers in insular Newfoundland. It was agreed that Ken McLean would draft a response from FABEC opposing the listing.

DFO Fishway Contracts

Kevin Stroud reported that the 2021 Fishway contracts have been signed.

FABEC Directors Liability Insurance.

Kevin Stroud reviewed the Liability Insurance covering all FABEC Directors.

SAC Membership Application.

John Baird reported that all information required for the application applying for membership of the Salmon Advisory Council has been forwarded to DFO. FABEC will be able to participate in the SAC meeting scheduled for March 17th, 2021.

FABEC Web site upgrade.

Discussions are taking place for a CO-Op Student through the College of North Atlantic for the summer of 2021.

Update Northern Harvest Appeal.

Northern Harvest's appeal against the decision that went in favour of SAEN et al was heard before the Court of Appeal on January 21-22, 2021. Our legal team is reasonably confident that Northern Harvest's appeal will not be successful.

Financial Report.

Kevin Stroud reported that all projects are on budget and that FABEC is in a sound financial position for 2020.

Catch and Release Angling.

Ken McLean reported that a group calling themselves the Salmon Watchers Assistance Group (SWAG) are circulating a petition to be presented to the House of Commons seeking to ban all catch and release angling for Atlantic Salmon in Newfoundland and Labrador.

Main River.

On December 16th, 2020, a proposal was registered with the Provincial Department of Environment to construct an ATV trail to Four Ponds through the Main River Provincial Waterway Park on the upper section of Main river (Sops Arm). ASF have written to the Ministers responsible as the construction of ATV trails is prohibited by the Management Plan for the Waterway Park and the Canadian Heritage River. Construction of this trail was begun by the proponent in the summer of 2020.

The **next** regular scheduled FABEC will be **7.00pm Wednesday, February 24th, 2021** at **Brooking House, 1 Priscilla Drive, Glovertown.**

