

FABEC Minutes May 31, 2023

Present

Derek Sparkes
Harvey Garrett
John Baird

Kevin Stroud
Paul Stewart

John Lane
Ed Stewart

Agenda

Safety issues – first aid course

Beaver baffler project

Temperature monitoring project

Salmon tracking study

Devon Bath job offer

FABEC building

DFO Resource Management response to FABEC proposal

Moved by Derek Sparkes, seconded by Kevin Stroud to accept the agenda. Motion passed.

Health and Safety

- A safety committee has been established. Members to include Graham Davis, Dave Snow, Kevin Stroud, John Lane, John Baird, and Derek Sparkes
- It was a consensus that every FABEC meeting will start with a safety discussion
- It was agreed to hire a trainer for a Standard First Aid course for employees and volunteers. Cost for 2-day course is \$175 per person.
- Derek said a daily field level risk assessment should be standard practice for every employee
- Terra Nova Fishway
 - Salmon trap area has some rotten handrails, floorboards, and ladder
 - Concrete is failing
 - As informed by DFO last year, the rocks along the fish ladder are susceptible to crumbling. Employees should stay away from this area.,
 - There should be a handrail overlooking the inlet pool to the trap
 - There should be a sign telling the public to use at own risk
 - FABEC staff can do the repairs and charge materials to DFO

Beaver baffler project

- The plywood boxes and cages are built
- The boxes and cage for Butts Brook is delivered to site.
- Two 10-foot lengths of 16-inch flex pipe were received from Chelsea Boaler at WWF-Canada
- Two sections of 25-foot pipe were ordered in early May. Expect delivery any day.
- Devon purchased for testing a trail camera and waterproof case.

Temperature monitoring project

- John Lane put out four temperature loggers for monitoring air temperature
- Was scheduled to put out receivers with Curtis this week but that is delayed for a couple of weeks
- John Lane is compiling river survey data to pass along to Paola for GIS map

Salmon tracking project

- Checked with supplier about 40 transmitters ordered on May 1. Said they will be ready by the end of June.
- Members – end of June is too late. At least a portion of the tags need to be used before that. Talk to Curtis.

Devon Bath

- Devon has accepted job offer.
- Paul was impressed with the results of his literature review.

FABEC building

- Water is shut off because of water leak under building.
- Note – John Lane did the necessary repairs the next day. Water is now on in the building.

DFO Resource Management

- DFO said no to participating in a public meeting this spring to discuss our proposal for angling closures at the mouth of Maccle's Brook and lower Northwest Brook.
- However, is willing to do it in the fall. If they then agree to making any changes, this would be possible prior to the 2024 angling season
- Jackie Kean sent proposed wording for the catch and release sign on timing of change from catch and release only to retention allowed. FABEC agreed with the wording and offered to assist the DFO officer in selecting the proper location for the sign(s).
- This summer DFO would be willing to consider closing pools if environmental conditions and illegal fishing are such that it becomes necessary. Will rely on FABEC to monitor and report on poor conditions.
- DFO asked if FABEC is interested in taking the lead in a pilot project for 2023 related to implementing the environmental protocol. Answer is yes. Paul will respond to set up a virtual meeting and training session.

ATVs delivered to Terra Nova River

- Derek helped Curtis Pennell transport 2 DFO ATVs to Terra Nova River for access to the lower fishway by DFO staff.

1st Safety Meeting for FABEC
May 31, 2023

~~Paul Strou~~ Paul Stewart

~~Ed Strou~~ Ed Stewart

~~Kevin Strou~~ Kevin Strou

Derek Sparkes.

~~D. Strou~~

~~J. A. Strou~~

John Lane

~~L. Strou~~

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