



Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District

MINUTES OF THE REGIONAL FISHERIES RESOURCE COMMITTEE MEETING WEDNESDAY, JUNE 27, 2012

Regional District Board Room, 3008 Fifth Avenue, Port Alberni, BC

- ATTENDEES** Bill Irving, Chairperson, District of Ucluelet
- PRESENT:** Tony Bennett, Electoral Area "C" (Long Beach)
Penny Cote, Electoral Area "D" (Sproat Lake)
- REGRETS:** Glenn Wong, Electoral Area "F" (Cherry Creek)
John Jack, Huu-ay-aht First Nation
Don Hall, Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council
Mayor Perry Schmunk, District of Tofino
Mr. Dennis Chalmers, Province of BC
Mr. Bill Shaw, Dept. of Fisheries and Oceans
Andrew Day, West Coast Aquatic

STAFF PRESENT: Robert Gunn, Contractor
Tracy Bond, Secretary

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chairperson called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

- a. Alberni-Clayoquot Regional Fisheries Resource Committee Meeting –
May 23, 2012

MOVED: Director Bennett

SECONDED: Director Cote

THAT the minutes of the Regional Fisheries Committee held on May 23, 2012 be received.

CARRIED

3. REPORTS

- a. Ministry of Environment – British Columbia's Seafood Policy

MOVED: Director Cote

SECONDED: Director Bennett

THAT the British Columbia's Seafood Policy Discussion Paper be received.

CARRIED

- b. Robert Gunn
Somass Basin Water Management Plan & Study Update

R. Gunn updated the Committee on the Somass Basin Water Management Plan & Study. R. Gunn advised that the group has been working closely with the Barkley Wild Salmon Working Group and it is possible the two groups could join in the future. Ownership of the Great Central Lake dam is still a concern. The background to the concern is that climate change could result in more rain and less snow in future, with the result that Great Central and Sproat Lakes could get warmer earlier. The presence of the dam at Great Central and the weir at Sproat tend to result in these structures skimming off the surface water and sending that down the two rivers. This is of special concern for migrating sockeye, who require cold water to migrate up river. Over the last few years the region has experienced good snow packs and cool spring temperatures with the result that many sockeye have easily made the transit.

MOVED: Director Bennett

SECONDED: Director Cote

THAT the verbal report be received.

CARRIED

MOVED: Director Cote

SECONDED: Director Bennett

THAT the Fisheries Resource Committee invite a Department of Fisheries and Oceans representative to the next Fisheries meeting to give an update on the Great Central Lake Dam issue and the water temperature issue for the migrating fish at the next Fisheries Resource Committee meeting.

CARRIED

- c. Robert Gunn
Nahmint Enhancement Team (NET) Team Charter

R. Gunn spoke regarding the importance of the Nahmint Chinook stocks and the support that the Committee has provided to the Nahmint Enhancement Team in their efforts to rebuild these stocks. This is the Fisheries Committee's main direct activity with the sports fishery and with the Ucluelet First Nation.

MOVED: Director Bennett

SECONDED: Director Cote

THAT this verbal report be received.

CARRIED

- d. Tony Bennett
West Coast Aquatic Update

T. Bennett advised that West Coast Aquatic continues to move forward on their plan and that the results of their efforts will be circulated for the approval and endorsement of the Regional District and other stake holders later this year.

MOVED: Director Bennett

SECONDED: Director Cote

THAT this verbal report be received.

CARRIED

- e. Minutes from the Barkley Wild Salmon Working Group Meeting -
April 27, 2012
Minutes from the Barkley Wild Salmon Working Group Meeting - June 22,
2012

MOVED: Director Bennett

SECONDED: Director Cote

THAT the Minutes from the April 27, 2012 meeting and the June 22, 2012 meeting of the Barkley Wild Salmon Working Group be received.

CARRIED

MOVED: Director Cote

SECONDED: Director Bennett

THAT the Fisheries Resource Committee bring forward the Barclay Wild Salmon Working Group's resolution on Salmon Enhancement/Habitat Restoration fees to Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District Board of Directors for submission to the UBCM Convention in September 2012.

CARRIED

4. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Draft Terms of Reference – Fisheries Resource Committee

MOVED: Director Bennett

SECONDED: Director Cote

THAT the Fisheries Resource Committee receive the Draft Terms of Reference and forward to the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District Board of Directors for approval with the noted changes and send a letter to Committee representatives clarifying their representative and request appointment of alternate ;

- i Under Scope of Work item "c" add: social, culture and economic,*
- ii Under Scope of Work item "d" change sentence to read: The Committee will attempt to avoid taking sides on issues of allocation disputes between gear types but may recommend processes to resolve such issues.*

CARRIED

- b. Staff was requested to place the Province of BC's Seafood Policy document on the next Fisheries Resource Committee agenda.

4. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Priorities over the next year.

MOVED: Director Cote

SECONDED: Director Bennett

THAT the Regional Fisheries Committee request Mr. Robert Gunn to set up a region wide Fisheries Resource Database that would include assets within the region , e.g. marinas, fish plants, fish farms, hatcheries numbers of commercial fishing licences and licence holders, vessels at each port, size of charter fleet, First Nations fishery, spin off industries etc., vessels that winter Regional District Ports but whose owners live outside the Region to be included in the database.

CARRIED

- b. Salmon Enhancement.

MOVED: Director Irving

SECONDED: Director Bennett

THAT the Regional Fisheries Committee send a letter to the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans requesting further funding for Salmon Enhancement facilities with copies of this letter to be sent to the Provincial Minister in charge of Fisheries, the MP, the Department of Fisheries and Oceans Regional Director and Mr. Mel Shang.

CARRIED

- c. Mr. Robert Gunn was requested to look into Community Allocation for the Committee.

10. ADJOURN

MOVED: Director Bennett

SECONDED: Director Cote

THAT this meeting be adjourned at 11:35 am.

CARRIED

Next Fisheries Committee Meeting: Call of the Chair

Certified Correct:

Bill Irving,
Chairperson