MINUTES OF THE AMALGAMATED CONSERVATION SOCIETY MEETING HELD WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 07, 2018 AT THE ESQUIMALT ANGLERS' RAMP

CLUBS REPRESENTED:

Victoria Fish & Game Protective Association - Wayne ZACCARELLI
Royal Canadian Navy Anglers' Association - Tom COLE
Clover Point Anglers' Association - Tom VAIDA, Tom CELUSZAK
Victoria Golden Rods & Reels - Brian PALAS
Sidney Anglers' Association - Don McIVOR
Esquimalt Anglers' Association - Gary CATON
James Bay Anglers' Association - Jim DOW
Westcoast Flyfishers Association - Brian ALEXANDER
Haig-Brown Flyfishing Association - Ian HOLDER
Goldstream Volunteer Salmonid Enhancement Association - Jim PEARSON

The meeting called to order at 1920 hours. Tom COLE reported on the Victoria Sport Fishing Advisory Committee meeting held in Sooke November 06. About 60 persons attended. Controversy erupted concerning the elections held at the October 17 meeting. The validity of the election was challenged due to the elections not being posted on the agenda of the meeting. A new election was called for by Ward Bond and others. A new election was held with Ryan Chamberland being elected chair with Chris Bos as alternate chair. The previous meeting elected Chris Bos as chair with Tom Cole as alternate. The majority of those in attendance left the meeting after the elections were held. The agenda items were not completed.

Tom COLE advised that he would be attending the South Coast SFAB meeting in Nanaimo on December 01-02. Tom then left the meeting.

The meeting was then chaired by Brian ALEXANDER.

The secretary read the minutes of the previous monthly meeting held 03/10/18.

MOVED BY: Gary CATON that the minutes of the October meeting be adopted as corrected.

SECONDED BY: Tom VAIDA CARRIED

PAYOUT

DFO \$

Wayne ZACCARELLI reported on the status of the DFO contract monies received over the past five years and the payouts to date as follows:

TOTAL	\$33,400	\$22,721.83	BALANCE REMAINING	\$10,678.17
2018	\$5000	\$4000.00		
2017	\$4000			
2016	\$5000	\$4230.00		
2015	\$9900	\$13432.00		
2014	\$9500	\$1059.83		
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Gary CATON reported volunteers assisted with Chinook brood stock capture at Nitinat Hatchery October 07-09. They took 1.3 million eggs during this period and now have 6.3 million - a slight increase from recent years but still well below their historic highs.

YEAR

Gary updated members on the status of the EAA wharves replacement project. The bid of Pacific Industrial Marine was in error. Their corrected bid was in excess of \$400,000. It was decided to go with Jenkins Marine as the number two choice. A concrete slab will be poured under the first couple wharves on each side of the ramp to create a level surface for the new wharves to rest on. Eleven wharf sections will be replaced at a cost of approximately \$225,000.

Gary noted that the Colquitz fish trap box was blocked off and a panel removed from the fence due to 11 mortalities over the past weekend. The water is being tested as are dead fish samples to determine cause of the mortalities. Otters have been taking some coho. Totals to date are 42 males, 35 females, 9 unidentified adults and 113 jack coho. Craigflower Creek has had 42 males, 72 females and 125 jack coho. No clipped adult coho have been observed so far at Craigflower. Coho presmolts being held at Goldstream will be moved to Prior Lake over the next couple weeks.

Tom VAIDA reported that \$775 was donated to Goldstream Hatchery.

Brian ALEXANDER reported on their successful Sooke River fish out held October 21. A total of 42 persons attended and several fish were caught. Six seals were observed chasing fish in the area. The Club's Nov. 13 meeting will be held at Robinson's Outdoor Store viewing fly fishing films.

Ian HOLDER stated that their next meeting will be on the $14^{\rm th}$ with fly tying on the $21^{\rm st}$. Both will be at 7:00 PM at the CPO Mess. Their Christmas party will again be held at Cedar Hill Golf Club. A band and draw prizes will accompany the December $12^{\rm th}$ event.

Brian PALAS noted that the VGR&R would be visiting Goldstream to view the spawning salmon on November 08. Soup and hotdogs will be served.

Don McIVOR announced that the SAA open derby would again be held on the first weekend in May 2019. Weigh in will again be at the North Saanich Marina with dinner and prize presentation at the Mary Winspear Centre.

Gary CATON mentioned a recent Washington State task force recommendation to impose a 3-5 year moratorium on commercial whale watching of SRKW within Puget Sound.

Jim PEARSON reported on spawner totals being held at Goldstream. Currently, 110 chum, 94 coho and 17 Chinook (16 males, 1 female) are being held. About 100 Shawnigan coho were transported to Goldstream recently to provide additional brood stock. A school tour and egg take took place today November 07. On Saturday November 10, a demonstration egg take will occur at the Goldstream Nature House.

Wayne ZACCARELLI reported that the VFGPA board of directors have approved paying off their mortgage on the land parcel purchased a few years ago.

Wayne read a news release from the Pacific Balance Pinniped Society noting approval for a harvest of 30 seals from Georgia Strait. Samples of meat, blubber and liver will be laboratory tested to determine whether they meet CFIA standards for human and animal consumption.

MOVED BY: Tom VAIDA that the ACS write the Pacific Balance Pinniped Society supporting their efforts to develop a seal and sea lion harvest coast wide.

SECONDED BY: Brian ALEXANDER CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 2030 hours.