

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 pre-smolts 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 14th with fly tying on the 21st. 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 12th 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.