

**MINUTES OF THE AMALGAMATED CONSERVATION SOCIETY MEETING HELD  
WEDNESDAY APRIL 05, 2017 AT THE ESQUIMALT ANGLERS' RAMP**

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**CLUBS REPRESENTED:**

**Victoria Fish & Game Protective Association - Wayne ZACCARELLI  
Royal Canadian Navy Anglers' Association - Tom COLE  
Clover Point Anglers' Association - Tom VAIDA  
Haig-Brown Flyfishing Association - Ian HOLDER  
Esquimalt Anglers' Association - Gary CATON  
Westcoast Flyfishers Association - Brian ALEXANDER  
Goldstream Volunteer Salmonid Enhancement Association - Jim PEARSON**

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The meeting called to order at 1935 hours with president Tom COLE in the chair.

The secretary read the minutes of the previous monthly meeting held 01/03/17.

**MOVED BY:** Gary CATON that the minutes of the March AGM be adopted as read.

**SECONDED BY:** Jim PEARSON **CARRIED**

There was no correspondence.

Wayne ZACCARELLI reported that the Victoria Fish & Game annual game dinner and fundraiser held March 04 was a sellout with approximately 360 persons attending. The event raised about \$19,000.

Gary CATON mentioned an interesting presentation on vessel surveys made at the EAA April meeting. Jim Normey, of Nordik Marine Surveyors, discussed the various techniques and equipment involved. Costs ranged from \$15 per foot for pre-purchase surveys to \$18 per foot for insurance purposes.

Gary also noted that DFO will be meeting with some of the EAA executive on April 27 to discuss the reasons behind their refusal to approve the chinook net pen project planned for Ogden Point.

Tom VAIDA reported that the entire executive was re-elected at their recent AGM. Three boat spots became available and were filled from the waiting list. Membership dues have been increased to \$170 from \$150. A small raffle was held at the AGM and \$270 was raised for the Goldstream Hatchery. A work party will be held May 13.

Tom stated that four positions are available on the Elk/Beaver Lake Recreational Use Advisory Group. The annual Island Outfitters Elk/Beaver Lake trout and bass derby will be held April 08.

Ian HOLDER reported that the April meeting will be held on the 12<sup>th</sup> with fly tying on the 19<sup>th</sup>. At their March meeting they had a presentation on the impacts of the radiation from the Japanese nuclear reactor leak on fish populations in the Pacific Ocean. Very low levels were detected in a single sockeye salmon from B.C.

Ian noted that their April meeting is the AGM where they will be electing a vice-president and secretary for a two year term. This month's fly tying will demonstrate body type flies. The club has a new webmaster and they are in the process of finding a new server.

Brian ALEXANDER reported that the club finally held the Durrance Lake fish out after the ice melted. The cold weather and water yielded few fish. The club will be touring the Sooke Salmon Enhancement Society hatchery on Saturday April 08.

Jim PEARSON updated fish totals at the Goldstream Hatchery: 31,000 Craigflower coho; 36,000 Goldstream coho and 98,000 Nitinat Chinook [ which will be donated to the Sooke basin netpens being operated by the SVIAC as a result of the EAA Ogden Point netpen project being rejected by DFO ].

Jim mentioned an experimental artificial, in-stream redd next to the hatchery. The redd is raised above the stream bed with selected rock and gravel sizes and results in better water flow.

Tom COLE reported on the South Coast SFAB meeting held April 01-02 in Nanaimo. Laura Brown is the new DFO Director of South Coast Operations stationed in Nanaimo. At the meeting, Chris Bos stated the difficulties encountered by the EAA in seeking DFO approval for their chinook net pen to be sited at Ogden Point.

This year's abundance of 5(1) and 5(2) chinook is projected to be low. Our fishing plan will be determined by the IFMP which should be finalized by the April 07-09 SFAB meeting in Vancouver.

Tom noted that a motion was passed at the South Coast meeting to require recreational prawn harvesters to release berried prawns.

Tom mentioned that a motion to decrease the chinook minimum size limit within the Strait of Georgia from 62 cm. to 55 cm. is being prepared for SFAB approval. The goal is to have it effective starting April 2018.

Tom again noted that the B.C. Steelhead Society is in a conflict of interest considering that they have a seat at both the SFAB and the Marine Conservation Caucus. They should relinquish one of these seats.

Tom reported that Chuck Ashcroft was a recipient of the Recreational Fisheries Award for 2017.

Tom noted that someone is needed to regularly update the ACS website. Tom VAIDA indicated that he may have someone within the CPAA who is capable of the task.

The meeting adjourned at 2100 hours.