

**MINUTES OF THE AMALGAMATED CONSERVATION SOCIETY MEETING HELD  
WEDNESDAY MAY 03, 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, Tom CELUSZAK  
Esquimalt Anglers' Association - Gary CATON  
Victoria Golden Rods & Reels -Brian PALAS  
James Bay Anglers' Association - Jim DOW  
Haig-Brown Flyfishing Association - Ian HOLDER  
Westcoast Flyfishers Association - Brian ALEXANDER  
Goldstream Volunteer Salmonid Enhancement Association - Jim PEARSON**

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The meeting called to order at 1930 hours with president Tom COLE in the chair.

The secretary read the minutes of the previous monthly meeting held 05/04/17.

**MOVED BY:** Ian HOLDER that the minutes of the April meeting be adopted as read.

**SECONDED BY:** Gary CATON                      **CARRIED**

There was no correspondence.

Wayne ZACCARELLI reported that a \$4000 cheque from DFO was recently received for the 2017 angler activity survey in Areas 19 & 20.

Tom COLE mentioned that 32 guides and avid anglers met May 02 in Colwood to receive information on the log book program and DNA sampling to be conducted May through July in Areas 19 & 20.

Tom noted that the court case being pursued by three lower Fraser native bands against DFO challenging their previous chinook management plan for Areas 19 & 20 is proceeding.

Gary CATON reported on the meeting held April 27 between Esquimalt Anglers and DFO to review the reasons for DFO rejecting an EAA proposal for a chinook netpen at Ogden Point this year. Attending were David Willis (DFO-hatchery enhancement), Dale Desrochers (CA supervisor), Chantelle Nessman (South Island CA), Brad Beaith (DFO-South Coast Recreational Coordinator), Peter McCully (Goldstream Hatchery manager) and seven EAA executive.

Reasons given for lack of project support included insufficient ability to meet harvest objective, lack of a terminal river and the risk of straying.

The EAA passed a motion at their May 02 meeting to return the 98,000 Nitinat fry being held at Goldstream Hatchery to DFO for a decision on their release.

Gary also reported that he assisted the South Vancouver Island Anglers' Coalition (SVIAC) with placing 100,000+ unmarked Nitinat chinook fry into their Sooke Harbour netpen on May 02. Another 100,000+ clipped and tagged Nitinat chinook will be moved into the seapen on May 03.

**Ian HOLDER** stated that their next meeting would be on the 10<sup>th</sup> with fly tying being held on May 17<sup>th</sup>. Membership is about 60 with some new members attending. Their new website is up and running.

**Tom VAIDA** reported on recent Island Outfitter derbies. The April 08 Elk Lake derby had 2 lb 11 oz trout and 4 lb 14 oz bass as first place winners. The April 22-23 Halibut derby saw 431 tickets sold and a 72.1 lb winning fish. Tom noted that he caught a 4 lb 14 oz carp in the Elk Lake derby.

**Tom VAIDA** introduced **Tom CELUSZAK** who has volunteered to maintain and update the ACS website. Historical information and meeting minutes should be posted. **Wayne ZACCARELLI** will forward material to Tom for posting.

**Brian PALAS** stated that club members will be heading to Buttle Lake a week before the May long weekend for their annual camp out and fishing trip.

**Jim DOW** informed the members that the JBAA clubhouse will be torn down and removed as part of the sewage treatment project involving the construction of an undersea pipe from Ogden Point to the McLoughlin Point treatment plant. The boat ramp is open but parking has been relocated nearby.

**Brian ALEXANDER** reported that the club had a tour of the Jack Brooks Sooke Hatchery. **Bob Giles** gave a presentation on his fly reel collection numbering over 400 at the club's May 02 meeting. About 80 of his reels were on display at the meeting.

**Brian** noted that the club is still working on obtaining access to several lakes on CRD controlled lands.

**Jim PEARSON** mentioned that about two thirds of the coho have been ponded. Some hatchery members attended the Shaw Ocean Centre in Sidney to move their chinook fry to the Goldstream estuary for release.

At their AGM, **Judy Ackinclose** was re-elected President and **Phil Graydon** re-elected Secretary-Treasurer. An interesting presentation on dolphins was given at the meeting.

**Tom COLE** noted that **Rick Hanson** will be the feature speaker at the National Recreational Fisheries Conference being held in Victoria this summer.

**Tom COLE** gave a brief report on the April 27 town hall meeting hosted by Victoria Fish & Game at the Strawberry Vale Hall. **Al Martin** of the B.C. Wildlife Federation gave a presentation on the state of the fisheries and wildlife resources in B.C. and their management shortcomings. South Island candidates in the May 09 provincial election were invited to attend and speak to their party's position.

The meeting adjourned at 2035 hours.