

Gary announced that volunteers will be helping with Chinook brood stock capture at Nitnat starting October 08. About 500,000 fry will be net pen reared in Sooke Harbour in spring 2019 as part of the SVIAC Sooke Chinook Initiative.

The private land owner at Pike Lake is having some beavers trapped and removed as their dams have caused the lake to rise to excessive levels which has caused some damage to property.

Gary stated that EAA is upgrading the trap box at the Colquitz fish counting fence. An aluminum lid and catwalk are being added to improve safety and hopefully reduce vandalism. Estimated cost is \$9,000-\$10,000. An application for \$3000 has been submitted to Sidney Anglers' for partial funding. The Victoria Fish & Game has approved \$2000. Additional funds will come from Goldstream Hatchery and Esquimalt Anglers'. Donations from others are welcome.

Gary noted that the Millstream Fishway Project did not proceed this summer as construction costs have increased.

Tom VAIDA reported that a new graffiti artist has visited the site. The CPAA annual fishing derby was held August 11-12. Only 8 fish were entered with the largest being 21 lb 12 oz. A total of 39 chinooks have been recorded by members to date in 2018. Many of these have been from one angler who has been doing very well jigging. Construction around Clover Point has reduced access to the club on occasion.

Brian ALEXANDER noted their upcoming Sooke River fishout and barbecue scheduled for October 21.

Don McIVOR reported that SAA netted over \$36,000 for support of salmonid enhancement projects from this years' derby. The 2019 derby will take place on the first weekend of May. The venue is still undecided. A Club derby was held September 02 with only 5 fish to 13 pounds.

The SAA have heavily supported Cowichan River and watershed enhancement with their donations. They have two members on the Cowichan Stewardship Roundtable. However, the Club is considering imposing conditions on these donations which would give access to Cowichan salmon stocks. Closed areas and other restrictions have almost eliminated their access to these stocks.

Ian HOLDER gave his monthly report noting a meeting date of September 12 with fly tying on the 19th. The Club has made a donation of \$500 to Cowichan One to support their campaign to have a Water Services referendum passed in the Cowichan Valley Regional District (CVRD). The referendum must pass by a 2/3 majority. It will allow the ability for the CVRD to accept Federal and Provincial funding towards the construction of a new and higher weir at the lake outlet.

Jim DOW noted that the Club has only about 40 members currently. There is little fishing activity around the ramp due to the construction associated with the sewage treatment plant and associated pipes.

Jim PEARSON reported that SAA is funding a new aluminum fish transfer tank. Volunteers are prepping the fence area for a machine to remove extra gravel and sediment on September 17. A group is coming in on September 26 to clean the fish trap.

Craigflower coho will be ready for transfer to Prior Lake in late October or early November. Volunteers have been trapping and rescuing approximately 2000 coho fry over the last couple months in Waugh Creek and the upper Goldstream. These fry will be re-located to Tod Creek.

Wayne ZACCARELLI noted new Fisheries Minister Jonathon Wilkinson, MP North Vancouver (102 West 3rd Street, North Vancouver, V7W 1E8, 604-775-6333).

Wayne mentioned formation of a new group, the Pacific Balance Pinnipeds Society, which is comprised of Tsawwassen First Nations, commercial and sport fishermen. They are calling on the new Fisheries Minister to allow a seal and sea lion harvest with an initial goal of 3000 animals.

Wayne reported that he received a call from Ken Pleasance, former head of the Greater Victoria Water District, on June 19. Ken offered his assistance with issues affecting Goldstream. Ken had earlier talked to Peter McCully who informed him of the issues affecting the river and salmon.

Wayne presented the results of his 2017 chinook DNA sampling. Of 12 samples, three were Fraser/Thompson fish and nine were U.S. (4 from Soos Creek).

Wayne presented results of EAA derby summaries from 2001 to 2018. The weights of first, second and third place fish were averaged for each year. These averages were then averaged over a three year grouping. The results show the declining size of Chinook over the past few decades; from 27 lb 3 oz in 2001-03 to 18 lb 4 oz in 2015-18. The spreadsheet analysis will be distributed with the meeting minutes.

Tom COLE questioned why the Northern Resident Killer Whales are listed under SARA when their population is stable and increasing. Tom then explained vessel noise detection in relation to SRKW disturbance.

Tom noted that Cheanuh Marina is under new management. An oil spill response base is being established there with another scheduled for Port Renfrew.

The meeting adjourned at 2110 hours.