

**MINUTES OF THE AMALGAMATED CONSERVATION SOCIETY MEETING
HELD WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 05, 2018 AT THE
ESQUIMALT ANGLERS' RAMP**

CLUBS REPRESENTED:

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

Guest: Chris Bos (Victoria SFAC second seat/alternate chair)

The meeting called to order at 1930 hours with president Tom COLE in the chair. Tom distributed several handouts from the SFAB South Coast meeting of Dec. 01-02.

The secretary read the minutes of the previous monthly meeting held 07/11/18.

MOVED BY: Ian HOLDER that the minutes of the November meeting be adopted as corrected.

SECONDED BY: Brian ALEXANDER

CARRIED

The secretary referenced correspondence which included:

1. A letter to Pacific Balance Pinniped Society dated November 13, supporting their efforts to develop a seal and sea lion harvest program as a means to increase survival of salmonids; particularly Chinook salmon. The letter was previously circulated to members via e-mail. The secretary noted that the ACS support was mentioned in a writeup on page 2 of the Winter 2018-19 edition of *Island Angler*.

Gary CATON reported coho counts from local creeks. Colquitz has had about 210 as follows: 42 males, 35 females, 9 unsexed adults, 113 jacks and 11 dead adults. The Craigflower count totals 303 with 71 males, 106 females and 126 jacks. This has been a sub-average year for both creeks.

Ian HOLDER raised concern about a possible 12 storey condo development adjacent to the counting fence on Colquitz. It was stated that the creek riparian area is protected within the Colquitz Linear Park. Chris Bos stated that an environmental technician should be required to regularly monitor the site during any construction.

Gary reported that the EAA has contracted Jenkins Marine to construct nine (9) wharves at a cost of \$208,500 installed, taxes included. An initial payment of \$100,000 has been made.

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Gary and Chris Bos spoke on the media event scheduled for 10:00 AM at the Esquimalt Anglers' ramp. Chambers of commerce, various stakeholders and politicians are to speak regarding the detrimental socio-economic impact of additional proposed recreational fishing closures and/or restrictions.

Tom VAIDA noted several proposed provincial angling regulation changes which included retention of brown trout in some lakes and closure of many southern Island streams and rivers (MU 1-1 to 1-6) from July 15 to August 31. No daily limit is also proposed for yellow perch, largemouth and smallmouth bass; with some exceptions noted for smallmouth where the daily limit would be four (4).

Brian ALEXANDER reported on a recent fish out to Poirier Lake (off Otter Point Road) for rainbow and cutthroat trout. The Club's Christmas dinner was held at 6 Mile Pub on December 04. A steelhead fish out is planned for sometime between Christmas and New Year's. The WFA is contemplating moving their regular meetings from Sooke to EAA lounge as most of the attendees are from Victoria.

Ian HOLDER noted that the December meeting will be their Christmas dinner at the Cedar Hill Golf Club on December 12. No fly tying is scheduled for December. Because the speaker was not available for the last meeting, a successful swap meet was held instead.

Don McIVOR stated that a new executive was elected at their AGM on November 26. Grant McPherson is the president and Peter Bey the vice-president. Sales of 50/50 tickets over the year raised \$850 which was donated to the Sidney Lions Food Bank.

Brian PALAS reported that their Christmas luncheon would be held December 11. A new president was elected at the recent AGM.

Jim PEARSON stated egg take projections for Goldstream as follows: 300,000 chum, 160,000 coho and 2,000 chinook (one female - eggs taken). Eleven school tours have visited the hatchery this fall.

Wayne ZACCARELLI noted that the Victoria Fish & Game is preparing for their 100th anniversary celebrations over the Father's Day weekend in 2019. Wayne mentioned the recent passing of past president, Bill Hodgson, who served in 1977-78.

Tom COLE reviewed preliminary Fraser Chinook escapements which show all groupings substantially below brood year numbers. More than 100 illegal gill nets were seized during a one night operation by C&P (Conservation & Protection) staff on the Fraser this fall.

Chris Bos noted that Albion Test Fishery catches were the lowest ever for Chinook this year. This, in part, is a result of the decreasing size of the fish, many of which may pass through the eight inch mesh undetected.

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Chris noted substantial planned enhancement of Chilliwack (Harrison stock) Chinook.

Tom COLE related his efforts to contest the Victoria SFAC elections of the November 06 meeting (initial election held at October 27 meeting). Tom sought legal advice and wrote letters to DFO and the SFAB to overturn the November 06 results. The request was denied by SFAB Chair, Gerry Kristianson. To proceed further would be too costly.

The next meeting of the SFAB is scheduled for February 7,8,and 9 in Vancouver.

The meeting adjourned at 2115 hours.