

Angela reported on her attendance at a View Royal meeting on January 07 to discuss a planned condo/townhouse development on the former site of Jenkins Marine on Erskine Lane. The developer is aware of our concerns to protect the riparian areas and waters of Craigflower Creek. There is some contamination of the soils within the site which require remediation.

Tom CELUSZAK indicated that he would post information concerning the proposed BC Transit facility on the ACS website if supplied the necessary details.

Brian ALEXANDER stated that the club would be holding their AGM on January 16.

Brian PALAS reported nothing happening at the club. Weather is too cold and wet for fishing, although outings may be planned for February.

Jim PEARSON gave outplanting figures as follows:

500 coho to Douglas Creek; 2000 coho to Sandhill Creek; 8000 coho to Tod Creek (500 PIT tagged); 20000 total chum & coho to the ~105 school classroom incubators; 40000 chum to Pender Island; 50000 chum to Saturna Island; 5500 chum + 5500 coho to Saltspring Island; 40000 to Tseycum Creek (as both eggs & fry).

The Goldstream Hatchery still has about 30,000 of the 130,000 coho pre-smolts to fin clip.

Tom COLE stated that the Becher Bay First Nations are demanding that DFO approve a demonstration chinook netpen at Cheanuh Marina. DFO has been reluctant to approve because of concerns [maybe unfounded] of potential straying and harvest issues. DFO wants to set up a trapping program in Becher Bay (and maybe Sooke Harbour?) to address the invasive Green crabs.

The SFAB Main Board meeting is scheduled for Thursday February 13 through Saturday February 15 in Vancouver. Tom suggested that the ACS pay expenses to send an observer to the meeting. There was agreement that the ACS would cover expenses for a representative to attend. There was no interest from those in attendance.

The International Pacific Halibut Commission (IPHC) holds their annual meeting in Anchorage, Alaska from February 03-07. The South Vancouver Island Anglers' Coalition (SVIAC) is sending Chris Bos to the IPHC meetings.

Tom noted that the SFAB South Coast meeting will be March 28-29 in Nanaimo. The ACS should have someone there; especially for the Saturday which is most important.

DFO is considering the use of the U.S. Corp of Engineers and other private contractors to remove the slide debris from the site to make the river passable for fish.

Wayne ZACCARELLI reported that the Victoria Fish & Game has a current 2020 membership of 2540, which is 300 above last year at this time. Memberships are available electronically only.

Wayne reviewed the Phase One progress of the *Portage Inlet Cutthroat Initiative* (PICI) project and plans for Phase Two in 2020-21. World Fisheries Trust (the lead organization) is looking for funding for the next phase. In July 2018, the ACS donated \$1000 to the PICI project.

MOVED BY: Gary CATON that the ACS donate \$1000 to Phase Two of the PICI project.

SECONDED BY: Tom COLE

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Wayne read Sooke River chinook enhancement information from a DFO bulletin which noted concerns by Jack Brooks, a local DFO fish warden, for declining chinook escapement. Enhancement efforts were formalized in 1981 with the incorporation of the Sooke Salmon Enhancement Society and the opening of the Jack Brooks Hatchery. The hatchery operated until 2018 when increasing water constraints resulted in the construction of a new facility on the site of the Charters River Salmon Interpretive Centre. The new Jack Brooks Hatchery was operational in the fall of 2019.

Wayne read excerpts from a Pacific Herring Fact Sheet published in 1966 by the Fisheries Research Board.

- Commercial fishing started in 1877 - Annual catch averaged 210,000 tons from 1959-1963
- Largest catch by single net was 1260 tons from Prince Rupert in 1950
- Oldest herring on record was 15 years old
- Average sized herring deposits about 20,000 eggs each year
- Population made up of major migratory stocks (at least 9) and minor resident stocks

The meeting adjourned at 2150 hours.