

**MINUTES OF THE AMALGAMATED CONSERVATION SOCIETY MEETING HELD
WEDNESDAY JUNE 05, 2019 AT THE ESQUIMALT ANGLERS' RAMP**

CLUBS REPRESENTED:

**Victoria Fish & Game Protective Association – Wayne ZACCARELLI
Esquimalt Anglers' Association – Gary CATON
Royal Canadian Navy Anglers' Association – Tom COLE
Sidney Anglers' Association – Don McIVOR
Victoria Golden Rods & Reels – Brian PALAS
Haig-Brown Flyfishing Association – Ian HOLDER
James Bay Anglers' Association – Jim DOW
Goldstream Volunteer Salmonid Enhancement Association – Jim PEARSON**

The meeting called to order at 1948 hours with Past President Tom COLE in the chair.

The secretary read the minutes of the previous monthly meeting held 01/05/19.

MOVED BY: Don McIVOR that the minutes of the May meeting be adopted as read.

SECONDED BY: Gary CATON CARRIED

There was no correspondence.

Tom COLE reported that a motion put forward by a Conservative MP member of the Select Standing Committee on Fisheries & Oceans to evaluate the socio-economic impacts of the recent chinook non-retention regulations, was defeated by the Liberal majority on the Committee.

Gary CATON noted that the former Eagle Eye Outfitters store property in Sooke has been sold for about \$700,000. Gary announced that all of the Nitinat chinook fry have been released from the SVIAC Sooke netpens. Fifty thousand have been clipped and CWT tagged (because of the doubling in price of the tagging, this was only half of the 100,000 originally planned to be coded wire tagged).

Gary reported that the Colquitz fish trap box has been rebuilt and a new aluminum lid has been installed. Total cost was not yet available but will be covered by the \$9000 donated by various organizations last fall. Coho fry and Cutthroat trout salvage is underway in Craigflower Creek due to falling water flows.

Ian HOLDER mentioned that the May meeting will be held on the 12th with fly tying on the 19th. Club membership now stands at 58 – close to the approximately 60 annual total. The swap meet held in April was a great success. A second monthly fly tying session was recently held at the Saanich Commonwealth Pool facility on May 25 @ 10:00 AM. It is hoped to hold these sessions regularly on the last Saturday of the month.

Don McIVOR noted that the Sidney Anglers' ramp use and revenue is down considerably due to the chinook non-retention and closed areas. Club derbies are on hold this year.

Brian PALAS reported that most of the Club executive is trout fishing in the B.C. interior.

Jim DOW noted little fishing activity from James Bay.

Jim PEARSON announced that chum fry outplants have been made to Douglas, Tseycum and Saturna Island creeks. Several thousand coho fry have been lost due to BKD infections. The condition has been resolved now and the balance of the fish are doing fine. Persons under the care of the John Howard Society recently released chum fry to Goldstream. One of the tank drainages has become plugged with roots. It is currently being repaired.

Tom COLE stated that he is trying to find a permanent home for the RCNAA fishing trophies at the DND base museum. Tom noted that the Pacific Salmon Foundation (PSF) has recently approved \$25,000 for the SVAIC Sooke Chinook netpen project.

Wayne ZACCARELLI reported that the Victoria Fish & Game membership has just passed 3500 and is expected to reach 4000 by year end. A possible purchase of additional adjacent property is on hold because of a combination of factors; one being the possible ban of handguns and restricted firearms by the Liberal government which would adversely affect the membership numbers. Plans are continuing for the VFGPA 100th anniversary celebrations on June 15-16, 2019.

Ian HOLDER mentioned that dogs are being used to detect orca scat (at distances of up to 2 km.) which is then sampled and analyzed for diet content.

The meeting adjourned at 2105 hours.