

**MINUTES OF THE AMALGAMATED CONSERVATION SOCIETY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD WEDNESDAY MARCH 06, 2019 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  
Esquimalt Anglers' Association – Gary CATON  
Clover Point Anglers' Association – Tom VAIDA , Tom CELUSZAK  
Victoria Golden Rods & Reels – Brian PALAS, Dave COOKE  
Sidney Anglers' Association – Don McIVOR  
Haig-Brown Flyfishing Association – Ian HOLDER  
James Bay Anglers' Association – Jim DOW  
Westcoast Flyfishers Association – Brian ALEXANDER  
Goldstream Volunteer Salmonid Enhancement Association – Jim PEARSON

Guest: Chris Bos – South Vancouver Island Anglers' Coalition

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The meeting called to order at 1930 hours with president Tom COLE in the chair. Tom and Chris Bos updated members on the February 07-09 SFAB meeting in Vancouver and the March 04 Victoria SFAC meeting.

Halibut – starting April 01 new size/possession limits of 126 cm. (possession limit of 1) OR possession limit of two fish of 90 cm. or less. Will try to add uncaught 2018 quota to the 2019 TAC.  
Prawns – DFO proposing to reduce daily limit from 200 to 100 as a result of pressure from First Nations. SFAB opposed; recommending enhanced catch monitoring.

Clams – SFAB proposing area closures where overharvest may be a problem instead of coastwide harvest reductions.

Chinook – recommend leave regulations same as 2018. Recommend mark all hatchery Chinook production. Chilliwack (Harrison stock) hatchery to increase release to two million in 2019.

Crab – two motions excluding commercial crabbers from areas off Victoria have passed through the SFAB main board.

SRKW – two main areas of concern are *prey availability* and *refuge/closed areas*. Passed motion to cancel the 'closed to fishing' area from East Point to Otter Point.

The March 04 Victoria SFAC meeting had 16 attendees. There was support for lowering the minimum Chinook size from 62 to 55 cm. in the Area 18 & 19 waters north of Cadboro Point. Sidney Anglers have been trying for several years to have this change put in effect as most of the Chinook they catch through much of the year, are U.S. hatchery fish.

A SFAB news release is expected March 07 concerning the 2019 Chinook fishery options. The SFAB South Coast meeting will be in Nanaimo March 30-31. Tom requested a significant attendance by ACS clubs as he is attempting to have the ACS re-instated as a member of the SFAB (now called the Public Fishery Advisory Board after the name was changed at the last SFAB

meeting). Clubs were asked to submit a brief bio of their history – year formed, number of members, contributions to salmonid enhancement, etc. This information will be combined into a submission to the SFAB and DFO.

Chris Bos spoke on SVIAC's Chinook net pen efforts on the south Island. He is trying to get surplus Cowichan Chinook for a net pen at Mill Bay. Chris is attempting to secure an additional one million Chinook for south Island net pens; exclusive of the current Sooke operation. A public meeting will be held March 25 at the Metchosin Community Hall to discuss the possibility of a demonstration netpen at Cheanuh Marina for 25,000 – 50,000 chinook.

The Sooke salmon hatchery operations are being transferred to Charters Creek where a new Jack Brooks hatchery is being built. Construction is underway and Mike Hicks is looking for volunteer labour to assist.

At 2030 hours the secretary read the minutes of the previous monthly meeting held 06/02/19.

**MOVED BY:** Gary CATON that the minutes of the February meeting be adopted as read.

**SECONDED BY:** Tom VAIDA

**CARRIED**

Under business arising from the minutes, the secretary noted that the Pacific Balance Pinniped Society does not appear to have regular memberships for sale. Instead, they have supporters join their Facebook page. The Society was formed October 10, 2018 and had 3351 subscribers to their Facebook page as of February 13. At our February meeting it was approved that the ACS join the PBPS.

The secretary referenced correspondence which included:

1. A letter to DFO (Pacific Salmon Management Team) dated February 22 commenting on the DFO Chinook fishery regulations *Options Paper* issued February 05. The letter rejects both Options A&B and suggests several measures which would address the declining abundance of Chinook. The secretary sent a 'letter to the editor' of the Times-Colonist (March 05) including the same content as our February 22 letter to DFO.

Gary CATON reported that the first of the EAA nine new wharves have been delivered by Jenkins. Divers checked the condition of the bottom and existing wharves last week. Concrete pads of 6 feet long and 8 feet wide have been poured. These will be placed under the first two wharves on each side of the ramp.

Tom VAIDA reported that a large raft of tires washed ashore at the boathouse and soon washed away. The Club has a Facebook page now. Their AGM is March 25. The Island Outfitters Elk Lake trout/bass derby is scheduled for April 13 and their halibut derby for April 27-28.

Jim DOW had nothing to report as the area is being utilized by the CRD sewage project.

Dave COOKE stated that the Club has a good website where fish outs are listed. They are heavily involved with the Portage Inlet Cutthroat Initiative (PICI). Dave will be attending a meeting at Elk

**Lake on March 10 concerning the lakes' rehabilitation. The Golden Rods & Reels have 48 members. A St. Patrick's pot luck dinner will be held March 14.**

**Brian ALEXANDER reported that the Club had their first meeting at their new meeting location (ie. Esquimalt Anglers) which was well attended with 18 present. Their guest speaker from the Freshwater Fisheries Society of B.C. spoke on the different strains of rainbow trout which the FFSBC utilizes. The WFA has 3-4 new members.**

**Ian HOLDER announced that their next meeting would be on March 13 with fly tying on the 20<sup>th</sup>. Their last meeting was cancelled due to the snow and moved to the following Wednesday. The Club's April 13 Swap&Shop will be for members only. At their last two meetings, Barry Aldred spoke on saltwater fishing in Cuba.**

**Don McIVOR stated that the Sidney Anglers have cancelled their May 04 salmon enhancement derby due to the uncertainty regarding regulations. The Club will be holding a halibut derby in March.**

**Jim PEARSON** noted that the hatchery will be moving the coho pre-smolts (with PIT tags) to Tod Creek on March 15. Their AGM is April 17.

**Tom COLE reported that the RCNAA have paid their 2019 dues and will be sending out memberships to life members.**

**Wayne ZACCARELLI stated that the Victoria Fish & Game is considering purchasing adjacent property as a noise buffer. The Chinook escapement to the Elwha River in 2018 was 7500.**

**Wayne presented the annual financial statement which showed an opening balance of \$12,129.54. Revenue was \$5273.62 which was primarily our DFO contract of \$5000. Expenses totaled \$5120.62 which included \$1000 donation to World Fisheries Trust for the PICI project and \$4000 for the angler activity trailer counts. Profit for the year was \$153.00 leaving a bank balance of \$12,282.54.**

**MOVED BY: Tom VAIDA that the Annual Financial Statement be accepted as presented.**

**SECONDED BY: Ian HOLDER** **CARRIED**

**Election of officers was held with the following positions filled by acclamation:**

**President:** Brian ALEXANDER  
**Vice-president:** Gary CATON  
**Secretary-Treasurer:** Wayne ZACCARELLI

**Jim PEARSON thanked Tom COLE for the excellent job he has done serving as president since 2010.**

**The meeting adjourned at 2150 hours.**