## MINUTES OF THE AMALGAMATED CONSERVATION SOCIETY MEETING HELD WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 02, 2019 AT THE ESQUIMALT ANGLERS' RAMP

## **CLUBS REPRESENTED:**

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

**Guests: Chris Bos (South Vancouver Island Anglers' Coalition)** 

**Tom Davis (Independent Angler)** 

The meeting called to order at 1930 hours with president Brian ALEXANDER in the chair.

The secretary read the minutes of the previous monthly meeting held 04/09/19.

MOVED BY: Tom COLE that the minutes of the September meeting be adopted as read.

SECONDED BY: Jim DOW CARRIED

Tom Davis delivered additional I FISH. I HUNT. I VOTE bumper stickers from Ontario based keepcanadafishing.com. Tom criticized the poor effort by anglers to get public media coverage on the upcoming October 21 general Federal election. Consultants used by the 'greens' are putting out inflated numbers for chinook catch & release mortalities without collecting their own data. This may hamper our efforts to get a marked selective fishery in 2020.

Tom COLE noted the next Victoria Sport Fishing Advisory Committee (SFAC) meeting will be held at 6:00 PM at the Esquimalt Anglers' ramp on Tuesday October 08. The agenda includes the usual reports and updates. Tom called for a good turnout of ACS clubs.

Brian PALAS reported that the Golden Rods & Reels' Christmas dinner would be held December 03 at the Cedar Hill Golf Course.

Brian ALEXANDER announced their Sooke River fishout on October 20. It is a joint effort with the Haig-Brown club and the Golden Rods & Reels. The event includes a barbecue and raffle for a fly rod.

Ian HOLDER stated that their next meeting would be held on the 9<sup>th</sup> with fly tying on the 16<sup>th</sup>. The Haig-Brown Christmas party will be held at Cedar Hill Golf Course on December 11.

Don McIVOR reported that the Sidney Anglers held a club derby recently with five salmon entered. Their large open derby scheduled for March 2020 is under review in consideration of weather, regulations and U.S. participation. Fishing effort in the area is down about 50% as are related revenues. Less and less money is available for enhancement as derbies are being cancelled due to more restrictive regulations; despite the fact good numbers of hatchery chinook are available throughout most of the year. Members are also more reluctant to do enhancement work which they feel DFO should be doing.

Jim PEARSON noted that the fence site at Goldstream has been prepared and the fence put in about 10 days ago. The hatchery is clipping coho now and an Esquimalt Anglers' team will be clipping on Saturday October 05. The in-stream camera on Millstream has counted 11 coho so far.

Wayne ZACCARELLI reported that the Craigflower Creek fence was operational a couple days ago. The Colquitz fence was in on September 26. Wayne noted that a good number of mature chinook are in Esquimalt Harbour – he has caught three around the mouth of the harbour. Well over 100 were trapped in the drydock a few weeks ago. Membership is at 375; down 90 from last year, and has been decreasing steadily since the 530 reached in 2015. A recent peak of 1004 was reached in 1989.

Tom COLE attended a service for Mike Chipps of the Becher Bay band who recently passed away at 51 years. He worked for about 30 years at Cheanuh Marina. Tom sent flowers on behalf of the RCNAA. A coho derby will be held October 12 at Sooke. The commercial crabbers are out of Becher Bay.

Chris Bos reported that 535,000 netpen Nitinat chinook were released this spring at Sooke. Of these, 103000 were fin clipped and 50,000 were CWT. DFO is trying to block the planned increase to 1,000,000 in 2020. A demonstration netpen of maybe 50,000 chinook could be placed at Cheanuh Marina in 2020. A Sooke area round table is needed to address issues which arise concerning the enhancement and management of these fish.

Chris noted that there will be no Cowichan brood chinook available for egg/fry production and release at Goldstream in 2020. First Nations approval is needed. A round table for Saanich Inlet is needed to address these issues.

The meeting adjourned at 2130 hours.