MINUTES OF THE AMALGAMATED CONSERVATION SOCIETY MEETING HELD WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 04, 2019 AT THE ESQUIMALT ANGLERS' RAMP

CLUBS REPRESENTED:

Victoria Fish & Game Protective Association – Wayne ZACCARELLI Clover Point Anglers' Association – Tom VAIDA, Tom CELUSZAK Victoria Golden Rods & Reels – Brian PALAS Esquimalt Anglers' Association – Gary CATON Haig-Brown Flyfishing Association – Ian HOLDER

The meeting was called to order at 1935 hours with Vice President Gary CATON in the chair.

The secretary read the minutes of the previous monthly meeting held 05/06/19.

MOVED BY: Tom VAIDA that the minutes of the June meeting be adopted as read.

SECONDED BY: Ian HOLDER CARRIED

The secretary read the correspondence which included:

1. a letter to Fisheries Minister Jonathan Wilkinson dated July 10, 2019 requesting a regulation change to allow the retention of at least one hatchery marked chinook from July 15 to July 31 in southern Georgia Strait and Juan de Fuca Strait (effective Aug 01 to Aug 30, daily limit is one chinook, hatchery or wild).

Gary CATON noted that volunteers will be assisting Nitinat Hatchery staff with chinook brood stock capture and egg takes from October 07-09. The new Charters River (Jack Brooks) hatchery is progressing well and is scheduled to be functional this fall.

The Esquimalt Anglers' received a donation of display cases and old fishing equipment, including numerous reels. The items will be sold as part of fund raising efforts.

Tom VAIDA reported the leading salmon (23-5 chinook) and bottom fish (40 lb. lingcod) in the Clover Point Anglers' so far this year. Their successful derby raised \$1080 for Goldstream Hatchery. A total of 39 derby tickets were sold and 33 fished. Tom took honours with a 20 lb. 9 oz. Chinook.

Ian HOLDER stated that their next meeting would be September 11 with fly tying on the 18th. Fishing success on interior lakes was not too successful for club members.

Brian PALAS reported that the Goldstream Hatchery has received their John Deere 'Gator' which they ordered a few months ago. The Club has donated \$2000 to World Fisheries Trust for their work on local herring populations.

Wayne ZACCARELLI spoke on Colquitz and Craigflower enhancement work being done through the PICI Project by Peninsula Streams Society. Spawning gravel is being added, log jams removed and large woody debris (LWD) placed on Craigflower in the area of Phelp's subdivision. Electrofishing was carried out on sections of Colquitz on July 13 and 14. Spawning gravel was added over a 125 metre section and some LWD placed.

A pipe being layed under Colquitz at Marigold and Interurban has caused sediment contamination of the waters. Knappett Projects was issued a stop work order on August 27 and another for an indefinite period on August 28 until such time as an environmental management plan has been approved. We can thank Dorothy Chambers for drawing this to the attention of the appropriate authorities.

Wayne attended a public meeting on July 31 held to report on developments concerning Elk/Beaver Lake water quality and remediation plans to correct the problem. Approximately 100 persons attended.

Wayne reported on the July 15 protest fishery off Victoria breakwater which was held to draw attention to unfair regulations which prevented anglers from catching at least one hatchery chinook from July 15 to July 31. About 40 boats participated. Fishing was excellent for 'catch and release' anglers. There was excellent media coverage of the event which failed to get the necessary regulation change.

The meeting adjourned at 2030 hours.