

**MINUTES OF THE AMALGAMATED CONSERVATION SOCIETY MEETING HELD  
WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 01, 2017 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  
Sidney Anglers` Association - Dave STEPHEN  
Victoria Golden Rods & Reels - Brian PALAS  
Clover Point Anglers` Association - Tom CELUSZAK

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The meeting called to order at 1940 hours with president Tom COLE in the chair.

The secretary read the minutes of the previous monthly meeting held 04/10/17.

**MOVED BY:** Dave STEPHEN that the minutes of the October meeting be adopted as read.

**SECONDED BY:** Brian PALAS **CARRIED**

Dave STEPHEN reported that the club`s Annual General Meeting would be held November 27 at which time election of a new executive will take place. Dave announced that they will have a new location for the open salmon derby weigh in scheduled for May 2018.

The Sidney Anglers` has approved funding to send two delegates to the International Pacific Halibut Commission (IPHC) January 2018 meetings in Portland. The club will also be making a donation to the Millstream Fishway Project proposed by Peninsula Streams Society.

Dave noted that he fished the Tyee Pool at Campbell River this past summer. The Tyee Club had its best season in probably 20 years in 2017.

Brian PALAS reported that the club would be visiting the annual salmon run at Goldstream on November 09.

Tom CELUSZAK mentioned that the club experienced another graffiti attack on their boathouse. Tom Vaida is recovering from kidney stone removal but was successful in getting a moose on his recent hunting trip.

Tom COLE announced the recent passing of Bob Rogerson at the age of 90 years on October 09. Bob was a life member of the RCNAA and served many years as the ACS secretary-treasurer. He also represented the ACS at the SFAB for many years. Wayne ZACCARELLI posted an announcement on the Sportfishing B.C. Forum.

Tom presented a bill for \$28.00 covering the web hosting of the ACS website for a period of one year.

Tom announced two new DFO personnel changes which affect the recreational fishery. Devona Adams is retiring on November 03 as the Recreational Fisheries Coordinator. She is being replaced by Carole Eros. A new position of Recreational Fisheries Manager is being filled by Ms. Terry Charron.

Tom reported that he and Chris Bos attended a Southern Resident Killer Whale (SRKW) Symposium at the Vancouver Convention Centre on October 10-12. Expenses were covered by SVIAC. Attendance was by invitation only. Tom criticized the fact that they were not initially invited but had to contact the organizer to secure an invitation.

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**Tom** circulated his letter dated October 18 to Minister LeBlanc, requesting approval, funding and resources necessary to produce net pen reared Chinook in the Juan de Fuca area to sustain the SRKW and enhance local sport fishing.

**Tom CELUSZAK** noted an opinion editorial by Tom Fletcher in the November 01 edition of the News Group papers which addressed salmon farming. In it, the author states that commercial salmon farming is ``...the most obvious threat to wild salmon...``. Much discussion ensued regarding salmon farming and Atlantic salmon and its impact on wild Pacific salmon.

**Dave STEPHEN** reported that the Cowichan River has had 10,000 Chinook salmon through the fence to date. The approach waters and river were opened November 01 to the retention of coho.

**Tom COLE** stated that the next South Coast SFAB meeting would be held December 2-3 in Nanaimo. A local Victoria SFAC meeting will be held in the next couple weeks.

The meeting adjourned at 2115 hours.