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

CLUBS REPRESENTED:

Victoria Fish & Game Protective Association – Wayne ZACCARELLI
Royal Canadian Navy Anglers' Association – Tom COLE
Esquimalt Anglers' Association – Gary CATON
Victoria Golden Rods & Reels – Brian PALAS, Dave COOKE
Clover Point Anglers' Association – Tom VAIDA
Haig-Brown Flyfishing Association – Ian HOLDER
Westcoast Flyfishers Association – Brian ALEXANDER
Goldstream Volunteer Salmonid Enhancement Association – Jim PEARSON

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 06/11/19.

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

SECONDED BY: Tom VAIDA CARRIED

Tom COLE reported to the SFAB South Coast meeting held in Nanaimo November 23-24. DFO has purchased a mass marking trailer at a cost of over one million dollars (two additional units have been ordered). The unit will be stationed at Conuma Hatchery for the next three years to clip and tag up to three million chinook produced each year.

The Salmon Allocation Policy is up for review. This was necessitated by the Five Nations commercial chinook fishery which was instituted in 1998 on the northwest coast of Vancouver Island.

Marine Protected Areas (MPA) are becoming an issue due to the area encompassing no take zones. The Northern Vancouver Island MPA is currently under discussion and includes waters to the Queen Charlotte Islands.

The Sport Fishing Institute (SFI) was awarded \$700,000 from the BC Salmon Restoration & Innovation Fund (SRIF) to develop a Vision 2021 plan to review and modernize the existing SFAB process. This includes a proposal to allow the SFAB to provide services to the Public Fishery and DFO.

The efforts of Grant McPherson and Richard Lake have necessitated that a new Sidney/Gulf Islands SFAC be formed.

Gary CATON stated that the Colquitz fence panel was removed November 29 as no fish had been encountered for 12 days. A total of 116 coho (59 males, 43 females and 14 jacks) were intercepted. No clipped coho were seen. Craigflower Creek has had 291 coho, including over 40 clipped jacks.

A total of 43 were taken to Goldstream Hatchery for brood stock. The fence remains in. Millstream has had 273 coho counted by the in-stream camera.

Dave COOKE reported that the Rods & Reels have developed guidelines for their Legacy Fund. He encouraged everyone to check the Club's website for upcoming meeting speakers. Their meeting is open for those who wish to attend. The Club had their Christmas luncheon at Cedar Hill Golf Club yesterday (Dec. 03).

Tom VAIDA noted that there has been no access to the boathouse of late due to the sewer line force main crossing of the road. New public washrooms are being built which will contain showers and be open 24 hours a day. One of their members, Alec Green, is retiring due to health issues. This is freeing up a spot for another person off the waiting list.

Brian ALEXANDER reported on a recent fishout at Poirier Lake off Otter Point Road. This is a small lake stocked with triploid rainbow trout from the Duncan Hatchery. It is within a CRD Park. The boat launch access could be improved by adding some gravel to cover the mud. The Club's Christmas dinner will be held at Six Mile House.

Ian HOLDER mentioned that the Club's Christmas dinner will be December 11 at Cedar Hill Golf Club. Barry Stokes tied a complicated November fly, the General Practitioneer. The speaker at the November meeting was Melissa Nottingham, the Community Advisor for the south Island.

Jim PEARSON reported egg take totals for Goldstream Hatchery. A total of 306 coho were either placed over the fence or taken to the hatchery. The fence was removed November 26.

Goldstream chum 270,000

Goldstream coho 59,000 (more to come)

Goldstream chinook 10,000 (from 5 females) – only one female in 2018

Craigflower coho 38,000 (more to come)

Tom COLE noted the upcoming SFAB main board meeting in Vancouver February 13-15.

Gary CATON mentioned that the 41 year old San Juan Salmon Enhancement Society at Port Renfrew has been replaced by the 4 Mile Creek Enhancement Society under new management. They are in the process of developing a new three to five year plan. There is no power transmission line to the hatchery. A water turbine system has been created to generate power and they are looking at adding solar power next year.

The meeting adjourned at 2045 hours.