

**MINUTES OF THE AMALGAMATED CONSERVATION SOCIETY MEETING HELD
WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 06, 2019 AT THE ESQUIMALT ANGLERS' RAMP**

CLUBS REPRESENTED:

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

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

The secretary read the minutes of the previous monthly meeting held 02/10/19.

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

SECONDED BY: Tom VAIDA CARRIED

The secretary referenced correspondence which included:

- 1. A letter dated October 08 from Esquimalt Anglers` Association to the Minister of Transportation, Claire Trevena, expressing concern and opposition to the BC Transit proposal for a handyDART maintenance facility adjacent to Craigflower Creek.**
- 2. A reply to the above letter from the Minister of Transportation dated October 25, stating in part that ``BC Transit is committed to engaging with View Royal staff on the handyDART facility`s design, possible improvements and environmental protections. Furthermore, BC Transit has committed that the facility`s designer will be contractually obligated to ensure the project meets all View Royal`s existing bylaw requirements, as well as other provincial and regulatory requirements, including streamside protection and enhancement areas.``**

Tom COLE submitted a paid invoice from Island Hosting in the amount of \$28.00 for our domain (acsb.ca) renewal for one year. There will be another bill shortly for the website hosting. Tom to be reimbursed for these at later date.

Gary CATON reported on the volunteers trip to Nitinat hatchery in early October to assist with chinook brood stock and egg takes. About 1,500,000 chinook eggs were placed during the three days; with 500,000 of these destined for the Sooke netpen project. At the time, there were no coho and only a few chum.

Gary noted tallied coho counts of 90+ at Colquitz and 163 at Craigflower. There have been few jacks this year, but a good portion have been fin clipped. Shawnigan Creek has had another good return with 2036 coho to October 27. World Fisheries Trust wishes to PIT tag Goldstream coho.

Details still have to be worked out. There will be an enhancement planning meeting on November 28 hosted by Melissa Nottingham (Victoria area Community Advisor).

Tom VAIDA mentioned that a few winter Chinooks are starting to show up in local waters but fishing has been spotty. Tom described his visit to the Fulton River sockeye facility at Babine Lake and conversations he had while there.

Ian HOLDER stated that their November meeting would be held on the 13th with fly tying on the 20th.

Brian PALAS noted that the Golden Rods & Reels would be visiting Goldstream to view the spawning salmon on Thursday November 14 and to consume soup and hot dogs.

Jim PEARSON reported 291 coho to the hatchery and released above the fence at Goldstream. They have taken eggs from four chinook (compared to only one in 2018). About one half (ie. 60,000) of the coho have been fin clipped to date. All of the tanks from the lower field have been removed in preparation for the new 12 foot tanks coming from up Island. CRD Water had been releasing extra water to Goldstream from October 10 to 17.

Tom COLE announced that the Public Fishery Advisory Board (South Coast) would be meeting in Nanaimo November 23-24. Tom Cole will attend. The meeting is open to the public. The Sport Fishing Institute (SFI) will be holding their AGM November 15.

Tom reported on new facilities to be built at Cheanuh Marina as part of the Oceans Protection Plan to moor a 45 foot oil spill recovery vessel and two barges. Tom and Chris Bos attended a meeting on October 18 at Cheanuh Marina. The commercial crab closure in Becher Bay is being enforced by the local First Nations band, but is not recognized by DFO. As long ago as 2017, the request for a closure was put to the Victoria SFAC and has worked its way through the SFAB process. Failure for DFO to recognize this commercial crab closure could result in the Becher Bay band expanding its closure to include all waters inside a line from Aldridge Point to the Big Bedford Island. There is concern regarding the invasion of Green crabs into local waters.

Wayne ZACCARELLI mentioned a letter written October 31 by the B.C. Wildlife Federation and other fishing organizations to Premier Horgan requesting a November meeting to discuss selective fishing methods for Fraser River First Nations fisheries which impact Interior Fraser Steelhead (IFS).

The meeting adjourned at 2050 hours.