

MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 10TH, 2016 MEETING OF THE
NBWF FISH COMMITTEE

Present: Charlie, Richard, Dave and Jim M. - Acting Chair

Minutes of the September 8th, 2016 meeting were adopted as circulated.

Wes Myles' Letter – Charlie delivered a “thank you” letter to Wes along with an NBWF hat.

Fish Committee Report – Jim M. to send a copy of the report to Sharon to be put on the NBWF website.

Communication with Frédéric Butruille, A/Senior Advisor, Recreational Fisheries – DFO – Charlie confirmed sending a letter to Mr. Butruille.

Brook Trout – There is a need to have a greater focus on Brook Trout. A strategy needs to be developed. Dave to put a discussion format together, with the input of Jim S.

Creel Census –

- (A) DNR – Charlie to prepare a letter asking to have the creel census link on the front page of the DNR website.
- (B) DFO – Striped Bass Creel Census – Charlie to ask Sharon to send a notice of the DFO creel census to the N.B.W.F. branches.

Muskie Cull at Mactaquac – Nothing further was presented regarding this issue.

Miramichi Lake – A letter has been sent to Minister Doucet, DERD, signed by Bill Taylor (ASF), Charlie LeBlanc (NBWF), Mark Hambrook (MSA), and Debbie Norton (MWMC). Charlie to contact Bill Taylor and enquire about next steps.

Petitcodiac Watershed Committee – Not addressed.

Fisheries Resolutions Follow-up – The DERD response has been received. Sharon to be asked to put on the website. Jim M. to send copies to all NBWF branches and the members of the Fish Committee.

Fish Creel Response - Rod Currie to ask Chris Connell at the next Fish Liaison meeting that a link to a pop-up window be created for everyone who purchases a fishing license electronically. This would be similar to the existing one which reminds Crown Reserve Crew Chiefs to send in their survey.

Charlie to address this issue with Minister Doucet when they meet. Also enquire with DERD as to what they do with the information they receive and whether it is shared with DFO.

NEW BUSINESS

(A) **DFO Atlantic Salmon and Striped Bass Surveys** – A letter to be sent to DFO Minister further to the NBWF position concerning Striped Bass.

(B) Dave to review the last couple of letters that have been sent and draft a new letter for Charlie's signature.

FISHERIES ACT – The Act is presently undergoing a review. The restoration of the sections removed by the Harper Government is included. The NBWF to draft a response based on the one submitted by the Canadian Wildlife Federation. Dave offered to draft our response.

FEDERAL DOE STUDY RE: LEAD SINKERS AND JIGS – The study is ongoing and the NBWF should keep an eye on it.

MEETING WITH KEVIN FRAM – A meeting is scheduled for 8:00am at the Beausejour Hotel on November 11th. Dave, Charles, Richard and Jim M. to attend. Items to discuss include: Striped Bass, Miramichi Lake and Atlantic salmon.

CAST – An overview was presented.

FRED WHEATON – How to honour him. – a fisheries related award should be named in Fred's honour. Members of the Fish Committee to be asked for input. Jim M. to advise the committee members. Once Ruth feels the time is appropriate to release Fred's papers, Dave, Richard and Jim will proceed on behalf of the NBWF.

FISHERIES LIAISON COMMITTEE – Charlie to keep in contact with Council.

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COASTAL AND INLAND RECREATIONAL FISHERIES ADVISORY MEETING – The meeting is scheduled to be held December 13th, 2016 at the Crown Plaza. Charlie to represent NBWF with Richard and Dave as support.

Charlie to e-mail DFO and ask for Minutes of the last two meetings (2014 & 2015) and also request the agenda ahead of time.

A meeting by those who will be attending on behalf of NBWF, NBSC, MSA, ASF and MWMC will be held on November 21st at the South-Esk Hatchery.

Submitted by:

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