



Minutes

<u>Meeting</u>	Regular Council Meeting
<u>Date</u>	October 3, 2023
<u>Time</u>	7:00 PM
<u>Place</u>	Municipal Hall - Council Chambers and by electronic means

Present Mayor Martin Davis
Councillor Sarah Fowler
Councillor Cheryl Northcott
Councillor Meggan Joseph

Absent Councillor Douglas Elliott

Staff Mark Tatchell, Chief Administrative Officer
Adia Mavrikos, CPA, CA, Director of Finance
Janet StDenis, Corporate Services Manager (by video)
Paige Sawyer, Rural Business Advisor (by video)

Public 5 Members of the public. (3 by video)

A. Call to Order

Mayor Davis called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Land Acknowledgement

Mayor Davis acknowledged and respected that Council is meeting upon Mowachaht/ Muchalaht territory.

B. Introduction of Late Items

None.

C. Approval of the Agenda

Joseph/Northcott: VOT 0320/2023

THAT the Agenda for the October 3, 2023 Regular meeting of Council be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

D. Petitions and Delegations

None.

E. Public Input # 1

A member of the public commented on the proposed Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 660,2023.

F. Adoption of the Minutes

1 Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on September 25, 2023.

Northcott/Joseph: VOT 0321/2023

THAT the Regular Council Meeting minutes of September 25, 2023 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

G. Rise and Report

None.

H. Business Arising

1 None.

J. Council Reports

Mayor Davis

I attended the Union of BC Municipalities annual convention in Vancouver last month. This is an opportunity to meet local government representatives from across BC as well as to schedule meetings with cabinet ministers and parliamentary secretaries to discuss issues of concern in our communities. I attended a total of eleven meetings, including a couple on behalf of Strathcona Regional District and the Island Coastal Economic Trust. Issues discussed included the poor condition of the Head Bay Road and advocating for further paving of the road, building on the 12km added last year. The letter of support we requested from the Nootka detachment of the RCMP was received and presented in our meeting with the Ministry of Transportation. We will be seeking other stakeholder's letters for the same purpose. We advocated for action being taken on the old millsite contamination issue and learned that the site is still highly contaminated, but not all of it. There is movement on allowing subdivision of an uncontaminated section of the site.

We also continue to advocate for public service employees being able to relocate and work online in small communities such as ours and are making progress in that the provincial government now sees the benefit of this and are no longer impeding progress. We also continue to advocate for a community forest, mental health supports, transitioning fish farms to land-based, better police services for Tahsis and finalizing old growth protections surrounding town, including the McKelvie watershed. And finally, I continue to advocate for cave protection legislation for BC and am now getting support and advocacy from other elected representatives in BC.

The Strathcona Regional District (SRD) has received \$147,700 from the Union of BC Municipalities to begin planning a poverty reduction strategy for the region. The strategy is to gather information and plan ways to break the cycle of poverty and strengthen resilience in the region.

I note that Councillor Elliott has twice stated publicly that he planned to resign on September 19; this did not happen. As per the Community Charter, and in light of him not attending several meetings, including four regular council meetings, we will be seeking to have him removed from council and then schedule a byelection.

Councillor Joseph (verbal report)

I think I might be a little bit late on this, but I just want to send in my thoughts to those affected by the fire at the Tahsis Springs.

Also, the road- after this afternoon's meeting and the communities effort, I'm hopeful to see changes and improvements. I found it rather discouraging how many members of the public did not attend today. I think a lot of the questions and information everyone has been seeking was available today and discussed openly. I hope that people will make more of an effort to come to Committee of the Whole meetings.

Councillor Fowler (written report)

I have started this report many times, as I wanted to share the slides I made for the climate caucus rural and small food security discussion that took place virtually last Thursday. The YouTube video is attached below if you are interested in the policy actions taking place in Northern Vancouver Island foodsheds. We are submitting an order of the Tahsis Buyers Club for next Wednesday, October 11 pick up, just in time for Thanksgiving weekend.

I also wanted to share the agenda and rebranding for the Nootka Sound Watershed Society work because the meeting last Wednesday was an opportunity to hear about the local leadership of our MMFN neighbours with Salmon Parks, Tidal Power at Yuquot and the German Alone production to be filming in the next month starting at Moutcha bay.

However, all that business as usual was eclipsed by the fire experienced by some residents in our community. Many are still displaced from their homes due to smoke damage. The thing I most want to say about this incident is sincere thank you to our volunteer fire fighters for saving the structure and responding so quickly. So much gratitude for attack team one on the nozzle, the crew members on hydrant & pump and also for to the duty officer for being ready to respond so quickly.

Submitted respectfully.
Councillor Fowler

Attachment J3 a Nootka Sound Watershed Society September 28, 2023 Logo Presentation.

Attachment J3 b Nootka Sound Watershed Society Meeting Minutes - September 27, 2023

Link to Video Re: Rural and Small Communities - Food Security and Local Farming

https://youtu.be/zIDGC2WzfLk?si=0eCV10RQMCW_E8IS

Councillor Northcott (written report)

I just want to put my thanks out there again to the Volunteer Fire Department.

As councillor Fowler noted. They were fast. They limited it to a single unit. When I heard where it was, I was worried my husband wasn't going to come home.

Because if it got out of hand, that could have been an absolute disaster.
And I'm just really grateful that we have the fire department that we do and I really hope that others in the community will join to take some of the burden off those who are there all the time.

Councillor Elliott

Absent.

Fowler/Joseph: VOT 0322/2023

THAT the Council Reports be received.

CARRIED

K. Bylaws

Report to Council Re: Zoning Bylaw Amendment- Tiny Home and RV permanent residency - Rugged Mountain Rd.

Fowler/Northcott: VOT 0323/2023

THAT this Report to Council be received.

CARRIED

THE CAO spoke to this Report to Council.

Fowler/Northcott: VOT 0324/2023

THAT option # 1 be approved (that Council give 1st and 2nd Reading to Bylaw 660, 2023; and that Council direct Staff to coordinate a public hearing.

CARRIED

Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 660, 2023 Re: Tiny home and RV permanent Residency- Rugged Mountain Road.

1st and 2nd Reading

Fowler/Northcott: VOT 0325/2023

THAT Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 660, 2023 be received for consideration.

CARRIED

The CAO noted that the words "or permanent" should be deleted from the definition of a Tiny Home's foundation as per section 7d) of the Bylaw under conditions of use.

Fowler/Northcott: VOT 0326/2023

THAT Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 660, 2023 receive a first reading the 3rd day of October 2023.

CARRIED

Fowler/Northcott: VOT 0327/2023

THAT Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 660, 2023 receive a second reading the 3rd day of October 2023.

CARRIED

The CAO responded to question about the Public Hearing, the next step in the zoning amendment bylaw process .

L. Correspondence

- 1 September 15, 2023 email from Representative Advocates for Legalizing Aquamation in BC to all municipal governments of BC Re: Resolution in support for the inclusion of aquamation (aka alkaline hydrolysis) in the Cemetery Interment and Funeral Services Act of the Province of British Columbia.

- 2 September 26, 2023 email from the Honourable Mitzi Dean, Minister of Children and Family Development Re: Celebrating October as Foster Family Month.

Northcott/Fowler: VOT 0328/2023

THAT these correspondence items be received.

CARRIED

M. New Business

- 1 **2024 Budget Meeting Dates**

Northcott/Fowler: VOT 0329/2023

THAT the draft list of meeting dates for the 2024 Budget be received for consideration.

CARRIED

November 14, 2023 changed to November 15, 2023.

November 28, 2023 changed to November 29, 2023

Fowler/Northcott: VOT 0330/2023

THAT the 2024 Budget Meeting dates be approved as amended.

CARRIED

- 2 **2024 Regular Council Meeting Dates**

Fowler/Northcott: VOT 0331/2023

THAT the draft list of Regular Council meeting dates for 2024 be received for consideration.

CARRIED

September 17th, 2024 changed to September 24th, due to conflict with the 2024 UBCM.

Fowler/Northcott: VOT 0332/2023

THAT the 2024 Regular Council Meeting dates be approved as amended.

CARRIED

3 Councillor Fowler- Notice of Motion Re: Economic Development Leadership Learning Exchange

WHEREAS to develop an Economic Development Strategy is part of Tahsis Council's Strategic Priorities; and

WHEREAS it will have future effects on sustainable economy and local culture;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED to enroll available members of Council in BCEDA's (British Columbia Economic Development Association) Economic Development Leadership Exchange.

Councillor Fowler spoke to her resolution.

N. Public Input #2

A member of the public commented on how other Council's set/approve councillor travel spending.

Gratitude was extended to the Fire Department and its response to the recent fire.

Several members of the public commented on the flood wall and the trail along the wall.

A member of the public advocated for more community wildlife awareness.

There was a question about disposing of the items in the school wood shop to which the CAO responded.

Adjournment

Fowler/Northcott: VOT 0333/2023

THAT the meeting be adjourned 7:52 p.m.

CARRIED

Certified Correct this

the 17th Day of October 2023.



Chief Administrative Officer

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CLEAN WILD
TRADITIONAL FUN
APPROACHABLE TECH SAVVY
RESPONSIBLE RUGGED
ENVIRONMENTAL RESPECTFUL BOLD
CREATING CHANGE

PREVIOUS LOGO



UPDATED LOGO



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PEOPLE



FIRST NATIONS PADDLE
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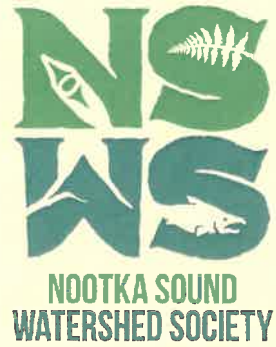


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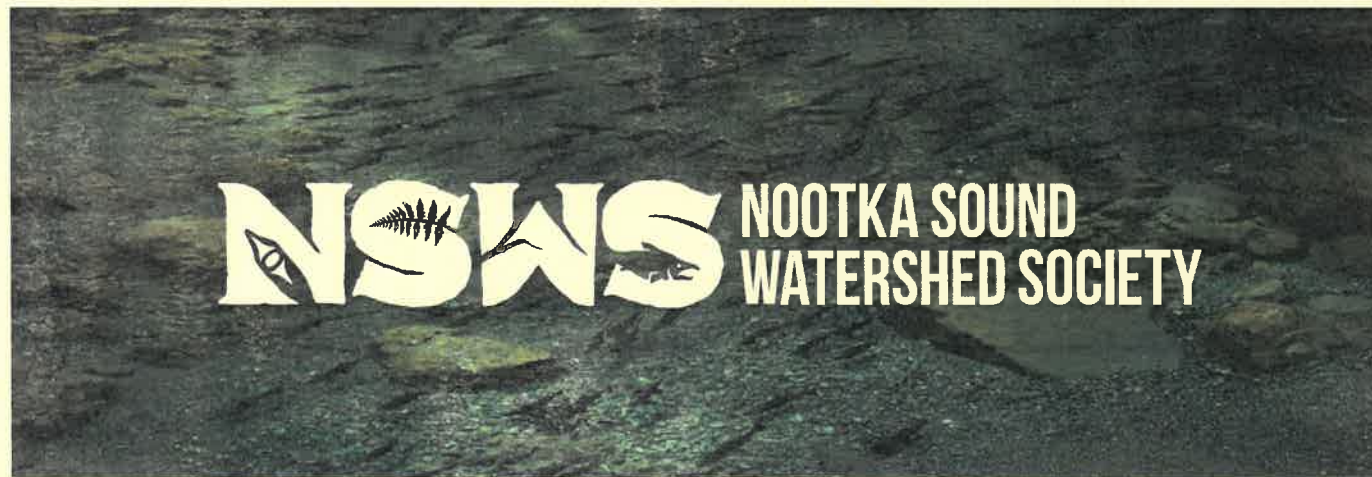
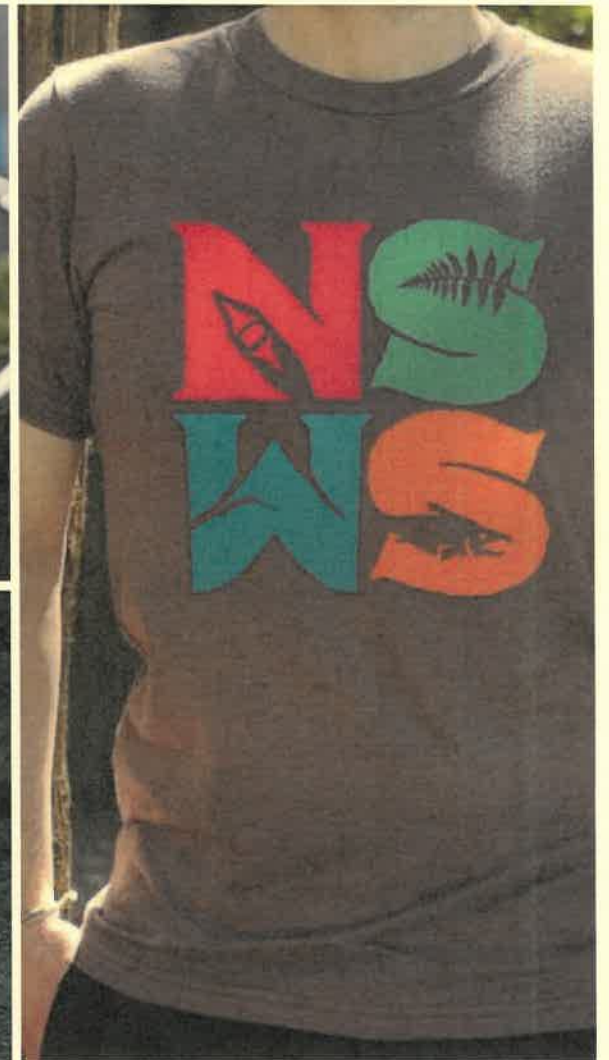
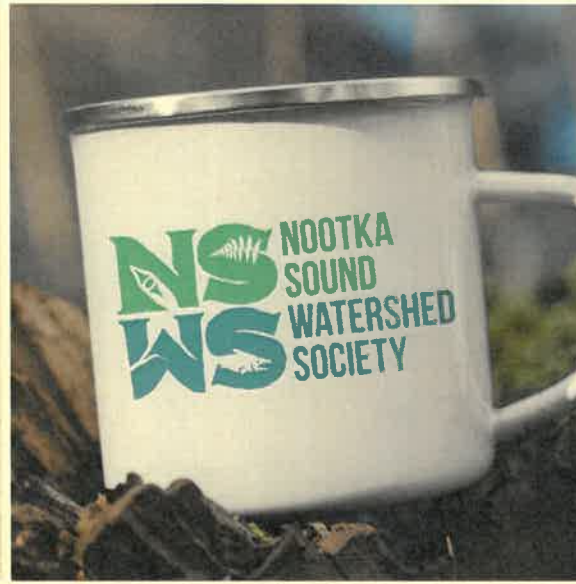


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The logo for the Nootka Sound Watershed Society (NSWS) is displayed in a bold, stylized font. The letters are colored red, green, teal, and orange. The 'N' is red and contains a white stylized eye. The 'S' is green and contains a white stylized fern frond. The 'W' is teal and contains a white stylized fish. The 'S' is orange and contains a white stylized fish. The logo is set against a background that is split diagonally from the bottom-left corner to the top-right corner, with a light beige upper half and a dark brown lower half.

APPLICATIONS



Nootka Sound Watershed Society
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday September 27th, 2023
Via Zoom

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89035778227?pwd=c2pWZkjiY2Y3eDQ3UmlBYzBhSi90dz09>

Meeting ID: 890 3577 8227

Passcode: 039429

Welcome and attendance.

Kent O'Neill - NSWS President Teresa O'Neill - NSWS Treasurer Marcel Miner - Resident, Gold River Roger Dunlop - MMFN Lands Manager Sarah Fowler - Council, Village of Tahsis Brenda Overton - Resident, Village of Tahsis Lyndy Vroom - DFO Conuma Hatchery	Kira Marshall - NSWS Communications Specialist Claudia Tersigni - NTC Regional Biologist, Nootka Sound area Leigh Stalker - Forester, A&A Trading Craig Blackie - Scoot Science Nikki Pichert - NSWS Secretary
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- Review and adopt of the agenda - **Motion to accept:** Sarah Fowler **2nd:** Roger Dunlop
- Review and adopt of the Minutes from June meeting - **Motion to accept** - Sarah Fowler **2nd:** Leigh Stalker
- Review of action items from June meeting, 2023

Ongoing Items

Action	Who	Status
Review EcoFish Tool	Paul/Leigh	Ongoing
Reach out to BCIT	Madison	Ongoing - Waiting to hear back after spring 2023 program revamp

New Business

Wave Capture -

Roger - We've changed tech from the Korean tech to CalWave. We're looking at a site 2km south of Maquinna point. The buoy floats above the surface. We have set two instrumented buoys out there. We'll have a boat out the 10th of October. It will produce 5 megawatts, enough for 80 houses.

Alone Productions -

Roger - A wilderness survival show. They signed a contract to work in Mowachaht territory, they will look at Conuma and Bligh also. Will be starting the 8th of October coming to Moutcha bay, and will get into gear after that.

Old Business

1. Stewardship Coordinator Report

Madison is away - Kent to read and present the Coordinator report for Madison:

Madison Stewart – Stewardship Coordinator Report

September 2023

SUMMARY

September has been a busy month for the NSWS. Multiple granting opportunities have opened up that would be eligible for further Habitat Restoration in the Nootka Sound. I have attempted to open the conversation with BCIT again to discuss the possibility of hosting students of a living Lab program, with no success. I was excited to take part in the Brood Stock collection in the Gold River this month! I learned to throw a fish and almost learned how to determine their sex.

Further, when time allows, I am continuing to read 'A Drum in One Hand, a Sockeye in the Other: Stories of Indigenous Food Sovereignty from the Northwest Coast.' This book is opening my eyes further to the loss of culture in our West Coast Indigenous Communities and how that has played out in our ecosystems.

TERMS OF REFERENCE

The NSWS Terms of Reference (ToR) is a living document - meaning that it can be reviewed at the request of the members at any time. I am working with the Communications Coordinator to ensure that the values and principles of the NSWS layer out in the ToR are represented in the in progress Communications Plan.

NSWS x Research and Education opportunities

I have reached out to our BCIT contacts regarding the Living Labs opportunity which was discussed in the late Winter of 2023. We know that the program was revamped in the Spring of 2023 and we are now waiting to hear back how the NSWS could be involved.

Question for the BoD: I am wondering if any of the NSWS Board of Directors have connections to the Bachelor of Science faculty at Vancouver Island University (VIU). The university is holding an Indigenous Fisheries conference in Fall 2023 that I will be attending and there may be opportunity to discuss Living Lab's with student and faculty from VIU as well.

Kent - Roger do you have any connections there?

Roger - I would welcome anyone to come, the students were great.

Kent - We'll let Madison follow up with you on that.

STEWARDSHIP AND ENGAGEMENT

The proposed Nootka Sound Watershed Benefit Fund project is on hold until I can get a solid answer from BC Societies to whether we can advertise this without a charitable status.

FUNDING

In September I held two meetings related to grant opportunities with Ecofish and other collaborators. I submitted an application to the Southern Fund for \$300,000 and began an application to the Pacific Salmon Foundation for \$30,000 which will be submitted on October 15th.

Other partners are working on defining our eligibility to the 10 Billion Trees Funding Program.

Motion to accept- Roger Dunlop

2nd: Leigh Stalker

2. Communications Specialist Report

Re-Branding presentation by Kira:

Kira shared the initial rebranding concept from Roam Media after receiving feedback and surveys from the board.

Roger - You're supposed to stick with one version, with the specific fonts and colours, Never deviate from that, it always has to be consistent.

Kira - If everyone can provide feedback by next Wednesday that would be great.

Leigh - It's great when you hire a professional, that concept is really us and really represents all our aspects.

Kent - My perspective from the Lodge is to look at how it can be used for merchandise.

Kira - Yes, we can look at that in the future.

Kent - The only thing I was going to ask is about the paddle at the end of the logo. Does it represent a specific tribe or anything in particular?

Kira - No, it's not specific, it's symbolic of the Pacific NorthWest.

Roger - If we want First Nations engagement, I would need an extension as I won't sit with the Chiefs before next week. I have a meeting on the 4th and can put that logo up there and ask people to comment on it.

Kent - If everyone can get back to Kira with comments, that would be great.

Sarah - I will bring the feedback for the Village of Tahsis for council on Tuesday.

Motion to accept- Teresa O'Neill

2nd: Roger Dunlop

3. Hatchery Update

Report provided and presented by Lyndy:

Conuma Hatchery Report - Sept 27, 2023

Stock	Species	Females in Holding	Potential number of eggs	Eggs taken in Incubation	Comments
Conuma R.	Chinook	n/a	n/a	3.2 million	TARGET MET
Burman R.	Chinook	104	n/a	232,822	On track to meet target (comments below)
Gold R.	Chinook	200	n/a	approx. 50,000	On track to meet target (comments below)
Conuma R.	Chum	n/a	n/a	none	Hope to get into the river on Friday if conditions are favourable
Canton Cr.	Chum	n/a	n/a	none	Approx. 100 chum under the bridge today
Tlupana R.	Chum	n/a	n/a	none	Evidence of chum splashing in the upper pools today
Conuma R.	Coho				Have not started coho yet but starting to see some move into the river. Anticipate some returns, but have not seen any yet.

- **Gold R Chinook** - we transported about 200 pairs back to the hatchery Sept 15th and 16th. Today was our first sort and we

spawned 15 ripe females, we were able to confirm, all the sex id-ing was correct.

- Sex ID and give them a salt dip for fungal control.
- We have 200 females and 174 males in holding and will do another sort next week, looking plentiful and good.
- **Burman R Chinook** - we transported just over 100 pairs back to the hatchery Sept 19th and 20th and spawned 27 pairs on the river.
- Sept 21st we handled all the fish, took DNA samples and inserted a pit tag to identify them - we also spawned 27 females that day.
- On our second sort (tomorrow) we will be able to choose and spawn pairs with most Burman-like genetics, also not spawning siblings, and will be culling any direct strays (Conuma, Roberstson, Gold). The 232,822 eggs that were spawned pre-DNA are being held in individual trays.
- **Conuma** - hoping to get out by Friday for Chum and some Coho. Saw about 100 Chum under the Canton creek bridge, and about the same in the Upana River. That will be our main focus in the next few weeks.
- **HUGE THANK YOU TO ALL THE VOLUNTEERS WHO WERE ABLE TO HELP. We were very thankful to get the Burman and Gold transported successfully.**

• Tahsis

Lyndy - They have done a couple of egg takes. They do have some eggs from the Leiner River, and some from the Leiner river in holding. Not sure about the Tahsis river yet.

Roger - Leiner bridge on Sunday before the rain did not have much fish.

Lyndy - I'm not sure what pool, but it was before the rain and there were 200 fish in the pool.

Sarah - The school kids had some exposure, not sure if any egg takes happened.

Lyndy - We had some Gold River school kids scheduled to come out to the Hatchery, but because the road is so bad the bus is not allowed to travel on the road. Maybe we can get them for some chum egg intake in October.

• Zeballos

Ian Douglas DFO Zeballos Hatchery Replumbing - At our in-person June meeting Ian described how the Zeballos hatchery was originally plumped with old pipes that weren't designed for this use, and that burst a few years ago in the power outage and freeze. They are hoping the NSWS could contribute to the replumbing. Ian wrote that the budget is \$25,000 and is wondering what the NSWS could contribute.

Kent - If Madison is doing a PSF grant for us, maybe she can apply for that also for them for part of the funding. The due date is October 15th.

Claudia - You can also tell Madison she can loop me into the funding.

Kent - The one thing about PSF is they really want you to put some skin in the game to help seed the project. We can use that to leverage that and any further funding that we can get.

Teresa - We have \$100,000 in the bank right now.

Sarah - Is that what they need or what they have?

Kent - That is what they need. Any further discussion on the Zeballos stuff.

Sarah - Are there any other expenses that we expect to come forward from that?

Kent - We are in pretty good shape. We will have some expenses with the rebranding stuff. I'll ask for advances from the BCSRIF. We don't owe anything else and don't have anything outstanding. With the requested BC SRIF advances, we'll have some working capital to start the project but we are in good shape financially.

Sarah - I'll move the \$5000 contribution to the re-plumbing.

Roger - I'll second it

Kent - I'll contact Ian, suggest the Grieg avenue, I'll write Madison and see if she has time to add that PSF grant in. Any more discussion, or is everyone ok with the \$5000? Ok moving on.

4. Fisheries Management/Area 25 Roundtable Updates

Regular Friday in-season calls occurred all summer and fishing plans were discussed and monitored by all the user groups. The end of season in-person meeting is planned for December 5th in Campbell River.

Kent - The fact that many fish came back and did not get utilized caused a lot of tension at the table between area D and sport fishermen. We need to be prepared for an interesting discussion in area D gill-netters. There is still a buy back program happening and area D is still included in that buyback. I'll have another update after the in-person meeting on December 5th.

5. Dunlop Creek: Coho Fence Budget

Kent - We did approve a budget last meeting for \$1566.60.

Roger - I didn't know it was approved.

Kent - How are you planning to do that Roger?

Roger - We should have everyone together to do that.

Marcel - I put that cribbing and the platform in, prefab everything at home. It was a matter of carrying everything downstream.

Kent - We can set up an account at the builder, or just cash it back to you.

Teresa - Let me know how you want me to do that.

Kent - It's in your hands Roger.

6. Salmon Parks

Roger - Working with CR Gis people to put together a package to look at provincial parks and corridors. Chiefs decided to work together to protect the watersheds. I was asked to be on a panel in Vancouver. Minister Cullen was there; we could help him achieve his mandate of protecting 30% of BC's forests. Jerry Jack was with us, one of the Chiefs. I invited minister Cullen here to have a look around. He was on his way to Ottawa to sign a nature agreement. I have a large group of our funders coming up next week to have a look at things. I had a call today from one of the head tech people at Walrus to work out a MOU and TOR and work plan with them. Nobody knows about it yet, just you guys and Western. They went for the whole watershed approach. There are multiple layers of decision going on.

Sarah - There's a bunch of money in Walrus for watershed.

(*The Walrus* is an independent, non-profit Canadian media organization. It is multi-platform and produces an eight-issue-per-year magazine and online editorial content that includes current affairs, fiction, poetry, and podcasts, a national speaker series called The Walrus Talks, and branded content for clients through The Walrus Lab.)

Roger - My friend Andy Day is now the CEO of BC Parks. If we have the mou he'll raise private funds for us.

Kent - Let's keep those kinds of things on the agenda and on top of them.

Roger - What's also cool in Salmon Parks, I sent one of my rookie techs down there, and she had a baby on the riverbank, and she was born in the Muchalaht River Salmon Park. Delivered right there and is healthy.

BCIT Living labs

Kent - Next month I'm going to ask Ecofish and Strategic to do a lengthy presentation. Maybe in November we can check in with Brit and Jen and see if we can ask them to present their Master's Defences.

7. Gravel Bar Project

Submitted Sept 6th for the reduced \$300k ask. A Zoom meeting was held on Sept 12th to discuss additional funding sources to raise the total funds to \$600k which is what the project costs are currently estimated at. Some potential options that are being considered are the 2 Billion Trees Project, the Pacific Salmon Foundation Community Salmon Program, the Habitat Conservation Fund Fish & Wildlife Grant, and the Indigenous Community Based Climate Monitoring Program.

Kent - I asked PSC about the \$600K ask and they let us know that they would unlikely fund a grant of that amount. We reduced it to \$300k and submitted it. Paul has been working with some people within Ecofish, looking at the 2 Billion Trees Project. PSF is due October 15th. It's a work in progress, and we are looking for creative ways to find the remaining \$300K. We are looking fairly confident there.

8. BC SRIF 2020

Summary:

- Planted 13340 trees
- Coned 3000 new planted trees for browse control - focus on coning of cedar trees
- Brushing treatment on 18.65ha for release of understorey
- Installed Danger Tree Hazard signs around brushing treatment areas

Kent - That's a quick update from the work that Strategic has done. They'll be on the call next month and will be able to flush out where we are with that. We had some delays with that.

9. BC SRIF 2022

We worked through the Contribution Agreement and have a ratified CA signed with the DFO. We will be making a request for advance of funds once we have received our budgets from Strategic and EcoFish.

Installing 40 river sensors for data collection of stream flow information, temperature, etc...

Planning for monitoring plots to revisit in the fall season.

Updating of prescriptions ahead of 2024 planting

Kent - We will be working for an advance of funds. We will have some high outlays of cash that we'll need funds for. I've asked Ecofish for a 6 month forecast so I can look at funds for that project.

Project Update:

Temperature network installation

- Ecofish carried out fieldwork to install water temperature loggers during August 21-26 with help from MMFN technicians (Jamie and Harvey)
 - Strategic - Completed installation of 27 monitoring temperature stations, as well as station maintenance, flow measurement and surveying at the DFO Muchalat Lake outlet hydrometric gauge. Installations went smoothly and work was completed two days ahead of schedule.

- Ecofish - Loggers for 6 additional stations were remaining at the end of the trip (8 Ecofish tidbits and 4 NSWS tidbits), because several locations originally proposed to receive temperature loggers were dry or inaccessible. Following conversation with Roger, these have been earmarked for installation by NSWS at additional sites where NSWS crews will be on site for fall spawning surveys.
- Communication ongoing with Strategic to support the installation of their stations in the network.

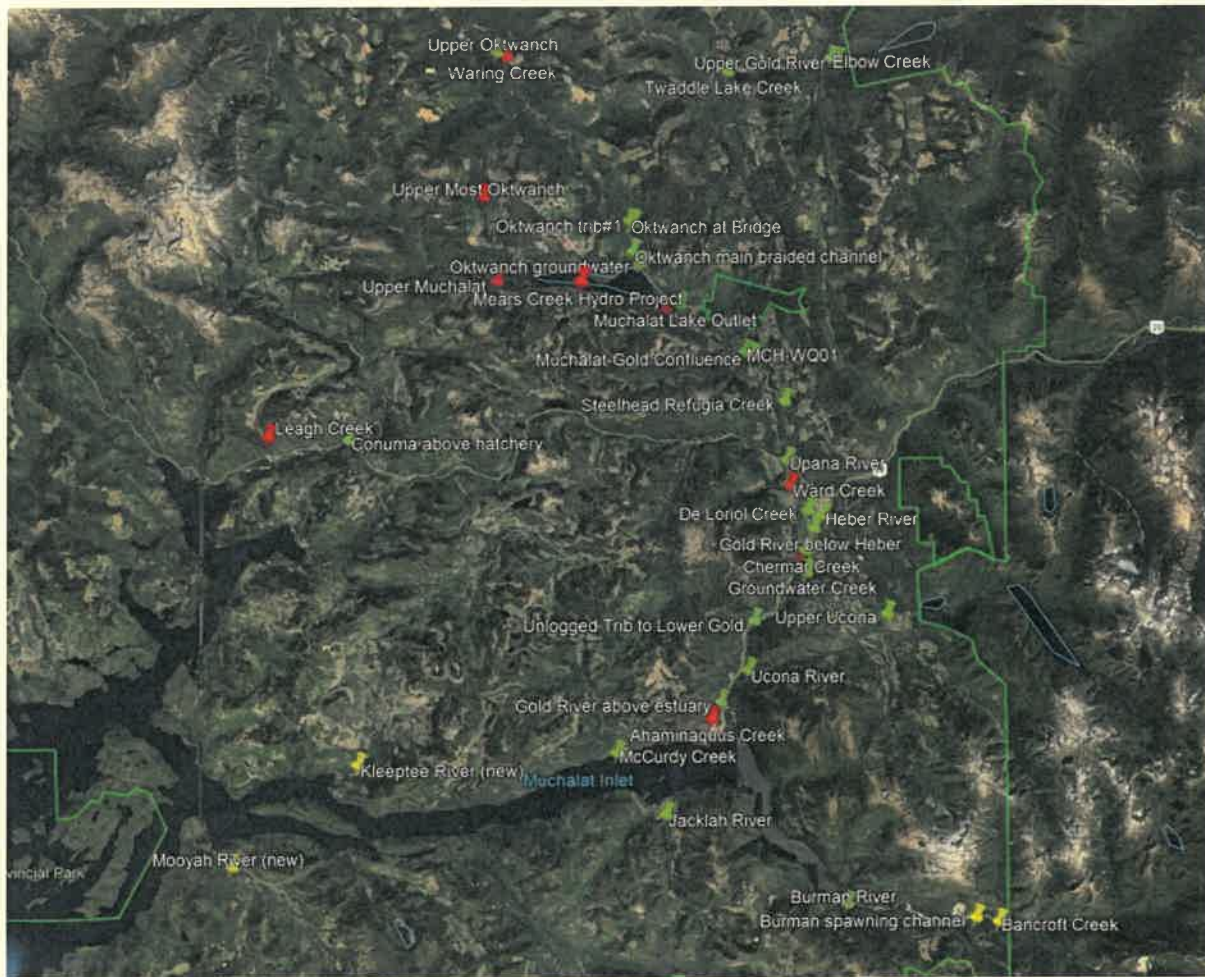
Next steps:

1. Confirm temperature monitoring stations installed by Strategic once complete.
2. Confirm installation of any remaining tidbits by NSWS during fall spawning surveys and other work they are doing. Various location options are as follows:
 - Upper Burman River and Bancroft Creek (previously identified for NSWS to install tidbits this fall)
 - Kleepee River and Mooyah River (suggested by Jamie); these are located west along the Muchalat Inlet and could give us additional network coverage.
 - Nootka Island
 - Any sites that Strategic may not complete.
3. Ecofish to meet with NSWS to figure out additional functionality of the Nootka Sound Salmon and Watershed Assessment Tool. (i.e. other than the temperature data, what other data is desired for inclusion in the tool? Silviculture data, salmon parks data, etc.)
4. Team meeting to kick off other next steps related to monitoring program efforts (e.g. collating other data sources, planning 2024 spring downloads). We haven't set a time for the meeting yet, but there will be an email that will go out.

Leigh - I'm going to be a forester and ask what a tidbit is.

Roger - Is a tiny lip balm size monitor to record data.

Kent - We are populating Nootka Sound with them as we speak. That is the status of the BC SRIF project. When we do have the meeting to discuss next steps, we'll put it out to everyone. When we do have our October meeting, we'll invite Ecofish. We used broad strokes and broad descriptions, and we were as vague as we can be. From a reporting point of view, it simplifies everything.



NSWS Water Temperature Network - Ecofish monitoring sites. Waypoint colours denotes the following: Green - installed temperature loggers; Yellow – planned locations for remaining tidbits; Red – logger not installed due to streams being dry or inaccessible.

10. Micro Trolling

There was an initial micro trolling Zoom meeting on September 13th and we are hoping to put together a team to get the training and do the micro-trolling this winter. The Lodge will be providing a boat and DFO will be coming to Nootka to do the training.

Kent - Claudia you were there also with me on this meeting. Have you come up with a date when the meeting will take place?

Claudia - We haven't planned it yet, late Oct, early Nov. The DFO is planning to come up and wants to be involved with everyone who wants to be involved in micro-trolling. Funding for 7 boat days a month for Nootka Sound and Esperanza Inlet. Planning to run November through March. They have this whole follow the fish program to close the gap between the winter and summer.

Roger - Not doing any samples now.

Claudia - Maybe something we can talk to Jesse about extending the funding. When there is a training date, we can put it to the group. They are hoping to have everyone who is interested in the training to be there on the October date.

11. PSC Reporting

Completed and accepted by the Southern Fund Committee.

Kent - I got the reporting completed and put to bed. \$84,000 that we received to do the gravel bar.

12. Fund Raising

Potential Charity Donation through the Community Foundation of Southeastern Alberta -

Throughout the summer we've been in touch with them regarding a potential donation and found an alternate affiliate to flow funds through in case this donation materializes, for a much lower admin fee than the charity we used before. Redd Fish is a registered charity out of Ucluelet with similar habitat restoration priorities as us and has agreed to partner with us if the donation goes through for a 5% admin fee.

Nikki - I've been in touch with the Community Foundation of Southeastern Alberta this week, and they expect to hear from their donor any day. We're grateful for Redd Fish to agree to flow funds through for a lower admin fee, as more of the donation will go to important habitat restoration work and less to fees.

Salmon Enhancement Derby out of Moutcha Bay - This derby was hosted by Moutcha back in the end of June. At our in-person meeting in June, Paul Kutz mentioned that they raised over \$10k for the NSWS. No one was there to represent us or thank them.

Kira mentioned in the meeting chat that she and Madison were there on the Friday evening, opening day of the derby to represent the NSWS and share info.

It was discussed that although it's a busy time of year for many, that we should aim to have a representative on the final day of the derby to accept the donation and offer our thanks and gratitude.

13. Correspondence

None

14. Financial Report

Financials presented by Teresa.

Motion to accept the financials: Roger Dunlop

2nd: Sarah Fowler

15. Next Meeting

Oct 25th, 2023 @ 7pm via Zoom

16. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting: Roger Dunlop

2nd: Sarah Fowler

Meeting adjourned at 8:26pm