

RIVERS SMITH SALMON ECOSYSTEMS PLANNING SOCIETY

SUMMARY OF AGM MEETING

July 14, 2008

Conference Call

Present:

Jen Russell, David Stevenson, Lance McGill, Karl Wilson, Dave Peacock, Rick Routledge

1. The deadline for Projects Concepts is August 24. The form for submitting the concept proposal is to be found at: www.psc.org.
2. It was agreed that a proposal would be submitted for year 2 of the Nekite Mark Recapture Project. Doug McCorquodale and Jen Russell will work on it with Julian.
3. The Nekite Channel Cleaning Project was discussed. Lance reported that fish do go up the channel but they are unable to use it for spawning. It was agreed that we would develop a proposal to hire a consultant to assess the channel and propose a remediation plan. Karl agreed to work with Doug on developing a draft outline of the work required.
4. Rivers Inlet Coho Enhancement:
The Rivers Inlet Coho Enhancement project was funded at a reduced level last year with some money donated by the sports lodges. The project is a 3 to 4 year project so another proposal will be submitted again this year to the Northern Boundary Fund.
5. Sockeye Enumeration on the Wannock River
A proposal is being developed by Peter Johnson of LGL to conduct a pilot project using Didson Hydro acoustic technology to enumerate Sockeye fish on the Wannock River. The Northern Boundary fund has been reduced this year to \$2.5 million. This proposal will not fit their priorities for this year. David will look for funding for this project from other sources.
6. There is some money set aside by the PSC for Chinook Enumeration as a treaty related measure. Dave Peacock will forward the Terms of Reference for this funding as soon as they are available. Ivan Winther is conducting a review of the Chinook stock assessments.
7. Early Marine Survival
Rick Routledge gave a short report on his work in the Inlet this spring. His survey found a good number of fish and their average sizes were high. Because of the sudden melting of the winter snow he was able to make comparisons between plankton populations at low fresh water levels with high fresh water levels. He is optimistic that there will be good returns in 2 to 3 years. He is fully funded for another year (2009) and partially funded for 2010 when he expects to conclude his research. Jonathon Hughes of the University of the Fraser Valley, is doing a study on the wetlands at the head of the inlet in conjunction with the BC Nature Conservancy.

8. Lance McGill reported that there were some habitat problems on the Takush River and the Johnston Creek. Log jams make it difficult for fish to migrate at low water levels. Karl agreed to investigate to see if it is worthwhile developing a proposal to do remedial work on these two creeks.

The conference call was adjourned at 9:45 am.