

# Nanaimo River Watershed Roundtable

City of Nanaimo SARC building Board Room, 411 Dunsmuir Street

September 28<sup>th</sup>, 1:30 pm.

## Meeting Notes

**In Attendance:** Erica Blake (DFO), Brad Bodnar (BB Forestry & Clean Energy), David Bramley (Harmac), Paul Chapman (NALT), Bob Colclough (LSA), Ken Epps (IT), Ben Gesselbracht (MyCDC), Pam Jorgensen (TW), Matt Kellow (VIU), Bob Kissinger (IWFF), Rob Lawrance (CoN), Andrew McNaughton (with SFN), Julie Pisani (RDN), June Ross (VIWWC), Louise Shuker (Community), Marjorie Stewart (Community)

1) **Approval of Agenda** – Approved by consensus

2) **Review of Notes from Last Meeting, June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2018** – Approved by consensus

3) **Business Arising from Notes**

- **Admin Service Delivery**

- Discussion with Pam Shaw at VIU – Bob Colclough

- Bob met with Pam Shaw, she suggested some changes to the Scope of Work (SoW) document. Of note: The annual contract would be made up of three terms, fall and spring at \$2,000 per while the summer semester would be \$12,000 with the contracted student responsible for finding grants to cover the cost in whole or part.

- We can choose to hire for the terms we can afford.

- It was noted that the previous number 13 point relating to data library to the SoW was dropped.

**ACTION:** Bob to ensure #6 is added to the SoW to the effect that *Responsible for accessing relevant existing data repositories and maintaining a resource library of unique data.*

**ACTION:** A motion was approved by consensus *To contract a Coordinator through VIU for one term with additional terms dependent on funding and Nanaimo River Watershed Roundtable approval.* Bob to contact Pam and arrange a meeting with Bob, Pam and Paul.

- **Data Gaps from Baseline Report**

- DFO habitat and risk assessment information for the Nanaimo River update – Erica Blake

- Erica is working to produce a Habitat Report/ Risk Assessment for specific salmon species reliant on the Nanaimo River.

- The process would involve a literature review, local knowledge input, identification of limiting factors and meetings with rights and stakeholder groups. The aim is to channel resources to shovel ready projects to improve rate of salmon survival.

- Next steps include: engaging First Nations, securing funding, identifying partners and relationship building, meeting. Collect the information, collate data and move to action.

- The Roundtable supports the process Erica has outlined.

**ACTION:** Erica will email to Paul materials that model the process for distribution to the NRWR.

- **Watershed Governance Model AVICC/UBCM – Bob Colclough**

- The Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) passed a resolution calling on the Provincial government to recognize, support and resource watershed collaborative entities. The UBCM Executive will discuss the resolution with relevant BC Ministries.

**ACTION:** NRWR participants are encouraged to send letters of support of the resolution to the UBCM Executive.

- **Financial Update – Paul Chapman**

- There is approximately \$2,800 in unallocated funds available to the NRWR.

#### 4) New Business

- **Water Stewardship Conference 2019 – Paul Chapman**

- A three-day symposium on watershed restorative development is being planned for Parksville, April 2 – 4 2019.

- **Rivers Day Recap – Heidi Cao, Molly Hudson, Paul Chapman**

- NRWR supported tours of the drinking water watershed and facilities, estuary bird walk, estuary rafting and Morden Colliery Park.

-NALT held a fundraising barbecue, proceeds to NRWR.

- **Watershed Assessment Guidance update** – Brad Bodnar

- The Association of BC Forest Professionals' Watershed Assessment Guidance document is nearing completion.

**ACTION:** When the WAG is ready for distribution Brad will email it to Paul to send to NRWR participants.

- **Salmon Enhancement Program Conference** – Erica Blake

- Erica is looking in to holding the biennial SEP conference in Nanaimo, she will be contacting local stewardship groups to discuss hosting the event.

**5) Next Meeting:** January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019 hosted by TimberWest 1:30 – 3 pm.

**6) Adjourned: 2:50 pm**