

# Summary of Meeting Horsefly River Roundtable Draft as at 25 March 2008

**Date:** 17 April 2008

**Time:** 7:00 to 9:00pm

**Present:** Linda Bartsch, Geoff Price, Rick Holmes, George Marinus, Lawrence Jones, Bob Gardner, Robert Moody, Clarence Hooker, Kay Hooker, Cecil Morhart, Judy Hillaby, Stuart Maitland, Mike Lloyd, Ryan Grady Rick Davies, Tracy Bond, Ray LeBourdais, Bruce MacLeod,

## **1. Presentation by Tom Wilkinson and Lita Gomez, Ministry of Environment on Bass in Beaver Valley.**

Lita Gomez and Tom Wilkinson presented the status, methods of eradication, impacts and management options for the small mouth bass in the Quesnel River Watershed. Small mouth Bass have been transplanted into the Beaver Valley and have established breeding populations. This invasive fish species will compete with our native fish for food and habitat as well as preying on our salmonid species as a food source. The research and management dollars to address this issue are challenging to obtain. Bass will have a significant impact on the salmonid resource.

## **2. Watershed-based Fisheries Sustainability Plan**

Rick Holmes delivered a power point presentation of the Horsefly River Stage 2 – Watershed Profile. The presentation covered: an overview of Watershed Based Fish Sustainability Plans, The formation of the Horsefly River Roundtable, Priorities of the Horsefly River Roundtable, Fish Populations, Fish Habitat, Factors affecting Fish Populations and Habitat, Potential for maintaining populations and habitat, Potential for maintaining or restoring productive capacity, limiting factors of habitat and population recovery and some initial recommendations.

**ACTION #1:** Linda and Cecil will ensure that the Horsefly River – Fish Sustainability Plan will be put into the Library.

## **3. Schedule:**

There were concerns that there were too many meetings and we are not getting as much participation that we had at the beginning. Discussions centred around new meeting schedules and it was determined to make time for more business by having presentations every second meeting and the alternate second meeting was for discussing Roundtable Business. Business meetings are open to everyone and all directors are asked to ensure that they attend.

## **4. June Field Tour:**

**Action #2:** Cecil and Judy Hillaby to set up a field tour that can be done from 6 P.M. to 9 P.M. Tracy will invite our funding partner to the tour on June 19<sup>th</sup>.

## **5. Horsefly Roundtable Co-Chairs:**

**Action #3:** Members will consider how to continue chairing the meetings. Co-Chairs, Rotating Chairs, Nominations were all discussed.

## 6. Campground:

Sue drafted a letter and Tracy sent to D.F.O. requesting a long term lease or gift of the campground area to the Horsefly River Roundtable. This will allow some campground clean up and/or management.

## 7. Speakers:

Tracy asked for a list of potential speakers.

**Action #4:** Schedule Speakers from a local mine development, ministry of mining, Bass follow up after summer research, First Nations Fisheries. Other topics will be added to the list.

## 8. Bonaparte Watershed Stewardship Society:

Tracy attended a strategic planning session in Cache Creek with the Bonaparte Watershed Stewardship Society. The group is going through the same watershed fish based sustainability planning. The group started earlier than Horsefly River Roundtable. The approach was to complete the planning with involvement from the entire community throughout the whole process. Whereas, the HRR utilized a technical committee to create the watershed profile to present to the Roundtable. The BWSS is initiating some hands on projects as soon as possible much like the HRR.

### Speaker or event schedule

Date	Speaker or event	Topic
May 15	Judy Lucas and Linda Sheffield, FrontCounterBC	Land exchanges
June 19	Field trip 6-9	Horsefly

**Next meeting** – Thursday 15 **May 2008**, 7-9pm in the community hall. **Agenda items** include:

- Guest speakers
- 2009 Salmon Festival – Sue
- Buzz Column – Bruce Mcleod?
- Appointment of chair or co-chairs
- Field Trip

### Other upcoming meetings

- Watershed-based fisheries sustainability planning technical subcommittee (Barry, Judy Hillaby or Don Lawrence, Sue, Tracy, Richard Case, Rob Dolighan, Geoff Price, and Mike) to meet with Rick at the Scout Island Nature Centre, from 2-4pm on **15 May 2008**. Others are welcome to attend if they wish.