

Summary of Meeting Horsefly River Roundtable November 15, 2007

Date: November 15, 2007

Time: 7:00 – 9:00

Present: Bob Gardner, Sue Hemphill, Linda Bartsch, Richard Case, Maureen LeBourdais, Rainer Krumsiek, Florian Krumsiek, Judy Hillaby, Cecil Morhart, Robert Bartsch, Ryan Grady, Rick Davies **Guests:** King Campbell, Katherine VanSpall
Coordinator: Tracy Bond

1. Presentation of Ducks Unlimited – Katherine VanSpall, King Campbell

2. HRR Coordinator – Tracy Bond

Tracy grew up in the Northwest Territories in remote communities and came to Quesnel in 1994. Tracy graduated from University of Alberta with a degree in Resource Recreation and Tourism. She has also taken course work towards a diploma in Restoration of Natural Systems at University of Victoria.

She has been contracting with Baker Creek Enhancement Society for 9.5 years. Baker Creek Enhancement Society has grown from 1 part time staff doing clean up of Baker Creek to 1.5 full time staff, working in all local wetlands and watersheds and managing a Nature Education and Resource Centre which hosts over 2000 students per year. Baker Creek has brought in over 1 million in funding into Quesnel for restoration, education and environmental stewardship activities.

Tracy's contract work also includes work with Community Futures, Quesnel Community and Economic Development, Ministry of Environment, Department of Fisheries and Oceans and the Fraser Basin Council.

Tracy's initial work plan with the HRR includes supporting the Watershed based fisheries sustainability planning process, Exploring funding opportunities for long term management as well as community projects, support the HRR in its development and complete Project Management on behalf of the HRR.

3. Old Business:

Lirn Event - Maureen was successful in obtaining funding from Lirn B.C. on behalf of the HRR. The funding is to be used for a 1 day facilitated session to help the Horsefly River Roundtable further develop the scope, prioritization and implementation strategies

for the work it wants to accomplish. It was expressed that it is important to have a hands on project as well as long term management objectives. There will be invitations made to include more community representation. Maureen and Tracy will work out a draft agenda for some time in late January or February. There are a group of community ideas that have already been identified such as: Campground/washroom/visitor centre/recreation and safety information/improvements, boardwalk around harpers Lake.

4. Structure and Incorporation of Society:

a. Decision make to take on the facilitation of the Salmon Festival every 4 years starting in 2009.

Action #1: Sue and Maureen will bring the Final Report of the last festival

b. Decision to incorporate the Horsefly River Roundtable. The following will allow their names to stand as directors as the society is established.

- Sue Hemphill
- Linda Bartsch
- Bruce Macleod
- Maureen LeBourdais
- Barry Booth
- Cecil Morhart

Action #2: Tracy will coordinate the incorporation of the society.

5. Watershed Based Sustainability Plan

a. Update on progress: A contractor and a coordinator have been hired to assist in the formation of a Watershed Based Sustainability Plan. Rick Holmes will pull together all of the Horsefly watershed and fisheries information. This information will then be brought to the HRR and be used as a starting point for prioritization and implementation strategies.

b. Involvement of HRR participants: Working meetings will be required as data is presented and Roundtable members will provide community perspective, opportunities and action plans.

Action #3: Maureen will talk to Mike Simpson regarding speakers schedules and see if they can be rearranged to allow for one or two working meetings. It was also decided that December 20 was too close to Christmas for a meeting.

6. Financial and funding sources

a. Fraser Salmon and Watersheds Program: Conceptual Proposal submitted on Nov.1 by Coordinator. The proposal was to continue the work on the Watershed Based Fish Sustainability Planning for 2008/09 year. Don Lawrence has provided his thesis to use as

Stage One of the planning process this is a value of \$30,000. This can be used to leverage further funding towards fish sustainability programs and projects.

The committee declined offer to partner with ESSA Technologies as it was in competition with our proposal.

Action #4: Tracy will locate funding for projects once they are identified and agreed upon by the roundtable.

7. Other Business:

Mt. Polley Meeting at Likely Community Hall on November 26 from 6-8.

Action #5: Tracy will request that Rick represent the HRR at this meeting.

There is a request from the Invasive Plant Committee to do a presentation on invasive plant species to the HRR sometime between January and March. Focus on Agriculture but everyone is welcome. The Invasive Plant Committee is looking for input into their regional conservation plan.

Sue asked the UNBC River Research Centre to supply research data information to the Horsefly Buzz. Sue gave all the contact information to the centre.

Concerns were brought up: Spawning Channel. Fence still in river and intakes and outflows are not being maintained for some reason.

Action #6: Judy will look into this and report back to the roundtable.