

Coast of Bays Coastal Planning Committee Meeting
Vancor Motel
Head of Bay d' Espoir
February 20, 2008

Attendance:

Conrad Collier – Coast of Bays Corporation
Herb Dunphy – Municipalities
Kevin Lawrence – FFAW Inshore Fishers
Roberta Collier – Newfoundland Aquaculture Industry Association
Geoff Beaton – Coast of Bays Corporation
Jeffrey Roberts – Fishers Committees
Frank Meade – Coast of Bays Tourism
Melissa Abbott – Department of Fisheries & Oceans
Steve Moyses – Department of Fisheries & Aquaculture
Rick Ralph – Crown Lands

Regrets:

Steward May – Harbour Authorities
Craig Mercer – Aquaculture
Max Taylor – Recreational Boaters and Cabin Owners
Ross Hinks – Conne River Band Council
Scott Dawe - ACOA
Chris Tuck – Department of Tourism, Culture & Recreation
David Mercer – Department of Environment & Conservation
Wayne Ricks – Department of Transportation & Works
Roger Primmer – Crown Lands

The chair called the meeting to order at 6:36 pm.
One item was added to the agenda – Issues and Concerns.

1. Introductions

Introductions were made around the table, particularly Geoff Beaton, Rick Ralph (representing Roger Primmer who was unable to attend) and Melissa Abbott who were attending their first meeting.

2. Review of the agenda

A motion was made to adopt the agenda by Herb Dunphy and seconded by Kevin Lawrence. Carried.

3. **Review of last meetings minutes – December 5th, 2007**

A motion was made to adopt the minutes of December 5th, 2007 by Frank Meade and seconded by Jeffrey Roberts. Carried.

4. **Business Arising**

Action items carried forward from the previous meeting (December 5, 2007)

- a) New Coastal Planning Coordinator hired as of January 7th
- b) There is no budget within DFO right now to bring Lee Jamison down for a presentation to the committee but Melissa will revisit this with her supervisor in the next fiscal year.

Action item – Geoff to e-mail this request to Melissa.

- c) It has been difficult to reach Bill Barry about doing a presentation before the committee. We will still pursue this.

Action item – Geoff/Conrad to continue to try to reach Bill Barry.

- d) The Marine Debris presentations should take place in a few schools around the region during education week. We will have to contact the community stations about running the video that was produced.

Action item – Geoff to contact the stations and Bret Pilgrim about the video.

- e) The article is done and ready to submit to the Cold Harvester. The same article (with some minor changes) will be submitted to the Coaster next week.

- f) The IMP is in final draft form now and distributed to the committee for final comments. These comments are due by March 7th and we are hoping for sectoral endorsement by the end of March. We are hoping for some pictures for the IMP and it was suggested that Mildred Skinner would be a good source.

Action item – Geoff to contact Mildred about using some of her photos.

- g) There was a discussion around the table about the Violet Tunicate and how, in fact, the green crab appears to be a bigger threat. There was concern that the bulk carriers coming into Belleoram could increase the chances of introducing such an AIS to the CoB. On that topic, Conrad will talk to Robert Rose with Continental Stone about representation on the committee.

Action item – Conrad to contact Robert Rose about appointing a committee rep.

5. New business:

- a) Geoff did a short presentation on the latest draft of the Integrated Management Plan and distributed copies to the committee. There was discussion afterwards about how the IMP will roll out and how the various stakeholder groups and sectors will take ownership of the goals. Also, how the committee will continue to work on conflict resolution and address issues such as the unique situation in Belleoram with fishing ground and aquaculture sites being so close together.
- b) As mentioned earlier Conrad will talk to Robert Rose about getting a rep from Continental Stone Limited.
- c) Steve Moyse gave everyone an overview of the “Issues Scan of Selected Coastal Area of NL” which was released on February 19th. It’s a scan of all areas of the province and contains a section on the Coast of Bays.

6. Issues and concerns

There were no specific issues or concerns from anyone as we went around the table but there were some discussions afterwards regarding fishing grounds and aquaculture sites, the green crab, and a recent article on declining wild salmon stocks. Roberta mentioned that NAIA is working on a communication strategy to address such articles and bad press. Steve also mentioned some sites like the B.C. Salmon industry website and intrafish.com. Melissa mentioned that a consultant is working at DFO to bring together all the pieces of literature that have been produced on the Coast of Bays. This should be done by the end of March and available on-line. Conrad mentioned this list should include documents from NAIA and the Canada – Newfoundland and Labrador Business Centre.

7. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:42 on a motion by Herb Dunphy.