

**Coast of Bays Coastal Planning Committee Meeting
Vancor Motel
Head of Bay d' Espoir
April 7, 2008**

Attendance:

Conrad Collier – Coast of Bays Corporation
Geoff Beaton – Coast of Bays Corporation
Dave Mercer – Crown Lands
Herb Dunphy – Municipalities
Max Taylor – Recreational Boaters and Cabin Owners
Ross Hinks – Conne River Band Council
Roberta Collier – Newfoundland Aquaculture Industry Association
Melissa Abbott – Department of Fisheries & Oceans
Jeffrey Roberts – Fishers Committees
Frank Meade – Coast of Bays Tourism

Regrets:

Steward May – Harbour Authorities
Jennifer Woodland – Cooke Aquaculture
Scott Dawe - ACOA
Chris Tuck – Department of Tourism, Culture & Recreation
Wayne Ricks – Department of Transportation & Works
Roger Primmer – Crown Lands

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.

1. Introductions

Introductions were made around the table.

2. Review of the Agenda

Jeff Roberts asked to have the Violet Tunicate and offal added to the agenda under Other Business. A motion was made to adopt the agenda by Herb Dunphy and seconded by Roberta Collier. Carried.

3. Review of Last Meetings Minutes – February 20, 2008

A motion was made to adopt the minutes of February 20, 2008 by Frank Meade and seconded by Max Taylor. Carried.

4. Business Arising

- a) A request for presentation cost recovery was sent to DFO. There was no money left in the 2007 budget to bring Lee Jamison down for a presentation. It should be approved for the next meeting in the fall so Melissa advised that we submit the request about a month prior to the next meeting
- b) Contacting Bill Barry to present to the committee - this has proven to be impossible so this item will not reappear on the next agenda.
- c) Marine Debris update/presentations - there have been several presentations done at local schools and plans to do several others before the end of the contract.
- d) Cold Harvester and Coaster articles - both were submitted and published. Geoff distributed copies around the table for the committee to review.
- e) Integrated Management Plan photos – Geoff contacted Mildred Skinner on the 21st of February and she agreed to let us use some of her photos for the Integrated Management Plan. Geoff was unable to contact her after that date so Jeff Roberts said he would talk to Mildred about the photos.
- f) Robert Rose – Continental Stone committee rep - Conrad will talk to him about representation on the committee.
- g) Bibliography of studies on the Coast of Bays compiled by DFO - Melissa Abbott gave an update and said that there were about 400 articles. This list would be given to Conrad in electronic format to put up on the website plus a set of paper copies. The list contains reports from all sectors.
- h) NAIA Conference - several committee members attended the conference held on March 11-13 in Gander. Roberta gave an overview of the three day conference and said there were 220 individuals registered. There were representatives from Iceland, Ireland and all across Canada.

5. New Business

- a) Integrated Management Plan update - the plan is out of the committee's hands and is now with Melissa's supervisor to be edited. DFA had concerns with the document after the last draft but those issues were resolved after a teleconference between DFA, Conrad and Geoff. We also discussed what we would want done with the final report. It was decided that copies would be printed for the committee members and ex-officio partners. Otherwise, it would be placed on the Coast of Bays website for download and the appropriate sections would be included into the Coast of Bays Corporations Strategic Economic Plan.
- b) Update on Coastal Planning Coordinator position - the contract was extended by one month at the end of March and will now end on April 25th. Melissa Abbott will be working on committee business over the summer.
- c) Issues Scan of Selected Coastal Area of NL - there was no DFA representative at the meeting to discuss this but the document was passed around and Conrad and Geoff highlighted the fact that there are many similarities between the Coast of Bays section and the

IMP. This reinforces what we have identified and shows it's on the provinces radar as well.

d) Committee hiatus for the summer - due to the fishing season and holidays, the committee will not have any meetings over the summer months and will likely meet again in October.

6. Other Business

- Violet Tunicate - the situation in Belleoram was discussed around the table and the Geoff Perry (DFO) presentation at the NAIA conference. It was agreed that we should follow up with Geoff before the next meeting and possibly have him present. It was also said that there has been Black Star tunicate found in Hermitage and "Dead Mans Fingers" in the area. Roberta said for anyone seeking more information on AIS, NAIA has laminated information cards.

- Offal - Jeff Roberts asked about what is being done to address offal and waste concerns in Hermitage and Harbour Breton. Conrad will follow-up with Blake Armstrong on this issue.

7. Issues and Concerns

- Ross Hinks talked about the tagging and tracking program being done between themselves and DFO (Brian Dempson). There were about 40 salmon tagged last year and he said they observed that they were holding up in an area between Goblin Head and Fox Island for about 3-4 months before going out to sea. There have been no conclusions drawn from this yet and they are hoping to continue this program this year pending funding. Ross will update the committee in October.

- Max Taylor talked about the dilapidated state of the government wharf in Milltown. He said they had applied for funding last year through Service Canada but were turned down.

8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:04. Motion made by Jeff Roberts.