

**Coast of Bays Coastal Planning Committee Meeting
Vancor Hotel, Head Bay D'Espoir
February 24, 2010**

Attendance:

Conrad Collier – COBC (Chair)
Kevin Lawrence, FFAW
Steward May – Harbour Authorities
Jeffrey Roberts – Fishery
Alison Collier, COBC

Regrets:

Jennifer Woodland, Cooke Aquaculture
Robert Hanson – Tourism
Rhonda Brennan, DFA
Ross Hinks – Conne River
Max Taylor – Recreational Boaters
Melissa Abbott, DFO
Roberta Collier, NAIA

The meeting was called to order at 7:11pm.

The Chair introduced Alison Collier to the committee. She's been hired until April 30th as the Oceans Conference Coordinator. Furthermore, he advised that the Department of Fisheries and Oceans provided funding of \$10,000 and Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture provided funding \$8,400 for this project.

1. With no new items added to the agenda, it was adopted on a motion by **Kevin Lawrence/Steward May**.
2. The minutes of December 2, 2010 were reviewed and adopted on a motion by **Jeffery Roberts/Kevin Lawrence**.

3. Business Arising

Abandoned Mussel Sites

To date, no response had been received from DFO or DFA.

4. New Business

Oceans Conference Agenda

C. Collier gave the following overview prior to reviewing the agenda:

- Originally there was going to be a meet and greet on April 13th but due to the travel amongst participants, it was agreed it wasn't a good idea.
- The majority of the presenters have been confirmed.
- The two day conference will start at 10am and finish by 4 pm.
- A request has been sent to Cooke Aquaculture and Northern Sea Farms for donations for the luncheon.
- The theme for this conference is "Our Ocean: A Shared Resource, A Shared Responsibility". This conference has to be about sectors working together not against each other. Our environment is the key to the whole thing.

The committee reviewed the agenda with the following comments/feedback:

Day 1 - Wednesday, April 14th

- MP, Judy Foote was to be added under opening ceremonies.
- Conrad noted that an invite has been sent to Dr. Norm Catto, MUN Professor to speak on Climate Change- still waiting for response.
- There was originally going to be a panel discussion but that has been changed. It was agreed that it would be best if there were a joint presentation between the Fishery and Aquaculture and if there were any questions, they could be addressed afterwards.
Action: Conrad waiting to speak with Mildred Skinner, FFAW re: presenting.

Day 2 – Thursday, April 15th

- Steve Moyse, DFA has been contacted on the Provincial Coastal Management Initiative and he is going to get in touch with Tom Dooley to see what the status of the initiative is.
Action: Conrad to speak with Robert Hanson re: presenting on Tourism; and Max Taylor on Recreational Boaters and Cabin Owners.
- The committee agreed strongly that the “Bay Management Areas in the Coast of Bays – A Plan for Development” is a very important topic. Conrad had sent invites to the presenters but still awaiting a response.

Once the agenda was reviewed, Conrad asked the committee if there was anything that needs to be added or if they think of something that they would like to add, to advise him or Alison.

In addition, he advised the committee there will be advertising of the Conference in the Coaster, on the radio, community channels, etc. CBC may also be contacted once the agenda is finalized.

A final report will be circulated to DFO, DFA and all the participants re: the outcome/summary of the conference. **Action:** Alison Collier

Municipalities Representative

Conrad advised the committee that a letter was sent to all municipalities on February 10th looking for representatives but did not receive any response. **Action:** Conrad will follow up

5. Stakeholder Concerns

Jeffery Roberts

- Meetings continue
- Lobster situation still an issue
- More information will be available re: Crab by mid March
- The inflow wharf will also be starting in mid March

Steward May

- Fortune Bay North Shore Harbour Authorities got together for a Christmas social which turned out extremely well. He suggested that it should be done more often.
- The new wharf in Belleoram has been completed.
- Tenders will go out in the spring to build the inflow wharf at Belleoram.
- Marginal wharf is going ahead. The Harbour Authority office will be moved to the beach where Cooke's office is now located. Cooke's office will be attached to the office.
- Negotiations re: Armour stone outside of the Belleoram breakwater along the road is in the works.

Kevin Lawrence

- Infrastructure regarding the outer road in Wreck Cove is a concern. How are the trucks going to get down that road? There are only two sites there so they may end up using a boom truck to transport materials down to the wharf.
- It is hoped to get an extension to the wharf in Boxey. This request has gone through DFO – Small Craft Harbours.

6. Next meeting will be at the call of the Chair, October 2010. Members will be kept up to date regarding the Oceans Conference.

7. With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM on a **Motion by Steward May**.