

**Coast of Bays Coastal Planning Committee Meeting
Vancor Hotel, Head Bay D'Espoir
December 2, 2009**

Attendance:

Conrad Collier – COBC (Chair)
Roberta Collier, NAIA
Melissa Abbott, DFO
Brooks Pilgrim, DFO
Suzanne Dooley, CPAWS
Robert Hanson – Tourism
Travis Mahoney – Cooke Aquaculture
Roberta Collier – NAIA
Norman Penton – DFA
Amy Tucker - MUN

Regrets:

Jennifer Woodland, Cooke Aquaculture
Kevin Lawrence, FFAW
Rhonda Brennan, DFA
Ross Hinks – Conne River
Jeffrey Roberts – Fishery
Max Taylor – Recreational Boaters

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 pm followed by a round table of introductions. The Chair welcomed Robert Hanson of Coast of Bays Adventures to the committee as the tourism representative.

1. With no new items added to the agenda, it was adopted on a motion by **Roberta Collier/Robert Hanson**.
2. The minutes of October 7 were reviewed with one typographical error noted and the minutes were adopted on a motion by **Travis Mahoney/Roberta Collier**

3. Business Arising

Thank You Letters

The Chair reported that Thank you Letters have been sent to past members of the committee, Frank Meade and Herb Dunphy.

Abandoned Mussel Sites

The Chair reported that an e-mail regarding abandoned mussel sites in the Coast of Bays was sent to Geoff Perry, DFO, and Elizabeth Barlow, DFA, inquiring of the status of the site cleanups that were planned some time ago. As the e-mail was just sent today, no response had been received prior to the meeting.

4. New Business

Special Marine Areas in Newfoundland and Labrador – Areas of Interest in our Marine Backyard

There was a presentation by Ms. Suzanne Dooley of the Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society (CPAWS) on the Goblin Head area of our region. The water depth in this area reaches beyond 700 meters and is home to various species of fishes, plants and corals at various levels.

Aquatic Invasive Species

Brooks Pilgrim, DFO, gave a report of the work completed on the Violet Tunicate in Belleoram, the Golden Star Tunicate in Hermitage and the Green Crab in Placentia Bay and the outcomes of the activities. He also outlined to the committee plans for future monitoring/research on the AIS in Belleoram, Hermitage and Arnold's Cove.

5. Stakeholder Concerns

Robert Hanson – None

Roberta Collier – None

Travis Mahoney – All questions were answered by Brook's presentation.

Melissa Abbott – She informed the committee that the contract for the Oceans Conference 2010 was being processed and we should hear something soon.

6. Next meeting will be at the call of the Chair, February or March 2010, but all members will be contacted by e-mail for input as the Oceans Conference is being planned.

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