

Coast of Bays Coastal Planning Committee Meeting  
Harbour Breton Town Hall  
Harbour Breton  
Feb. 27<sup>th</sup>, 2007

Attendance:

Conrad Collier – Coast of Bays Corporation  
Craig Mercer – Aquaculture  
Herb Dunphy – Municipalities  
Baxter House – Tourism  
Bret Pilgrim – Coastal Planning Coordinator  
Dawn Mercer – Fisheries and Oceans Canada – Ex-officio  
Steve Moyse – Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture – Ex-officio  
Blair Thorn – Fisheries and Oceans Canada – Guest

Regrets:

Pius Howse – Rec. Boaters & Cabin Owners  
Ross Hinks – Conne River  
Jeff Roberts – Fisheries Committee  
Kevin Lawrence – FFAW – Inshore Fishers  
Steward May – Harbour Authorities

The Chair opened the meeting at 6:45 p.m.

Review of meeting Agenda  
Motion to adopt Meeting Agenda – Craig  
Second – Herb

**1. Review of Meeting Minutes**

After reviewing the minutes of the last committee meeting (Nov. 15<sup>th</sup>, 2006) no amendment was necessary

Motion to adopt minutes – Baxter

Second - Craig

**2. Business Arising**

Dawn – Laura Park (DFO) has been in contact with the Barry Group regarding the use of the Harbour Breton processing plant as a site to conduct a best management practices assessment. The Barry Group expressed some concern that the assessments full report would be made available to the Planning Committee/Public.

As a result Bill Barry has been talking to Laura Park and has expressed interest in presenting to the Coast of Bays Coastal Planning Committee.

St. Alban's process plant will remain part of the Atlantic Region Seafood Processing Effluent Working Group project. Dawn has agreed to confirm this and to determine the scope of the work being completed.

**ACTION ITEM:**

Dawn - confirm the St. Alban's plant is still part Atlantic Region Seafood Processing Effluent Working Group project and determine the scope of the work being completed.

During the Coastal Planning Committee meeting on Nov. 15/06, it was suggested that the words "open", "transparent", and "accountable" be included in the committee's Mission Statement. After reviewing the Mission Statement the committee unanimously agreed to keep the Mission Statement as stated in the *Terms of Reference*.

With the merge of the NSGA into the NAIA, it is possible that there may be a chance to the committee's aquaculture representative. It would be NAIA's responsibility to select who will represent the aquaculture industry on the Coastal Planning Committee.

The committee discussed the attendance of committee members. Some members have missed 50% or more meetings, hindering their ability to effectively represent their respective sectors. The committee was reminded that the Terms of Reference states that the committee may replace members missing three (3) consecutive meetings without just cause.

The Marine Debris Awareness Campaign has been initiated. Posters have been sent to schools, harbour authorities, municipalities, and social and youth clubs. The Marine Debris video had been sent to the region's community channels. The Ad Zone was unable to play the video because their system lacked the capability; Yes Production also had problems running the video.

Marie Bungay contacted Bret to discuss the possibility of a member of the committee delivering a presentation to the Community Youth Network on the impacts of Marine Debris. This will be further pursued at the end of March.

Conrad indicated that proposals for infrastructure upgrades in the communities of Belleoram, Hermitage, and Pool's Cove should all be in the system by the end of the week.

**3. Presentation: Aboriginal Aquatic Resource & Oceans Management (ARROM)**

Mr. Gary Hoskins was scheduled to present on the Conne River ARROM project. Due to a prior engagement, Mr. Hoskins was unable to attend the meeting.

Discussions ensued concerning the process of establishing a Marine Protected Area in the proposed Little River Estuary.

Conrad voiced his concern over the lack of inclusion of the Coast of Bays Coastal Planning Committee in the process. Currently the committee has not been involved in any capacity or received any notice or information on the possible establishment of a Marine Protected area within the Coastal Planning & Management Area.

The committee agreed that more information is required from the Conne River ARROM Initiative and Fisheries and Oceans Canada.

**4. Video Presentation: “Charting Our Own Course” – Coastal Planning in Placentia Bay, NL.**

Dawn presented a video on Integrated Management in Placentia Bay. The video was developed from the perspectives of stakeholders and the Placentia Bay Integrated Management Committee.

The key messages taken from the video was that the Integrated Management (Coastal Planning) Committee can not solve all the issues presented, but instead facilitate groups/stakeholders to discuss and resolve issues.

A copy of the video will be made available to the committee. It was suggested that this video be presented to the Coast of Bays Corporation as a tool to understanding the concept of Coastal Planning.

**5. Coastal Management Plan:**

The committee participated in an exercise to identify various objectives and strategies to support the established goals of the Coastal Management Plan.

**6. Facilitating Sector Meetings**

Conrad is in the process of scheduling a meeting between the traditional fishing industry and the aquaculture industry. This meeting is to address concerns of fishers including the lobster situation in Belleoram and the location of aquaculture sites. This meeting will take place before the end of March to avoid the start of the fishing season.

**7. Stakeholder Issues/Concerns**

**a. Craig Mercer (Aquaculture)**

- Newfoundland Diving Regulations are too stringent. The equipment required to carry possess a greater health and safety hazard due to potential of entanglement in aquaculture nets. After a discussion it was agreed that this issue was the responsibility of the Newfoundland Aquaculture Industry Association (NAIA).

b. Dawn Mercer (DFO)

- BAE Newplan is currently carrying out an issues scan within the Newfoundland's four (4) CMA's. Before providing any documentation it should be agreed to by DFO.

c. Steve Moyse (DFA)

- informed the committee of the provincial policy framework in response to Canada's Ocean Act is currently being developed.

d. Bret Pilgrim (Coastal Planning Coordinator)

- will be presenting to the Coast of Bays Corporation Board of Directors.

**8. Scheduling Next Meeting**

Next meeting will be scheduled for the end of March 2007 in Head of the Bay. Time and date will be specified at a later date.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 10 p.m. on a motion by Herb Dunphy.