



# South Shore Wildlife Association

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Date: June 16, 2014

In Attendance:

- Stephen Joudrey Linda Joudrey
- Eugene Herman Lawrence Baltzer
- Ron Thompson Otis Scott
- Jerry Read Burt Schrader
- Gary Mader Annette Mader
- Reg Archibald Greg Himmelman
- James Hebert

50/50 Toonie Draw

Greg = \$14.00

Door Prizes:

Ron T = Whistle

Gary = Post-its

James = Hat

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Stephen opened the meeting at 7:09 pm and acknowledged the presence of James Hebert, whom we had presented a free membership to due to his efforts for a major clean-up along a portion of the river in Lower Branch. Eugene read the minutes from the May meeting. He then moved that the minutes be accepted as read, seconded by Greg.

Old Business:

-Fishing Derbies: Stephen brought in some pictures of the various fishing events we hosted this spring. He took a total of 157 pictures and presented packages to all of the four groups. Several of the pictures are on our website as well should anyone be interested in viewing them. It should be noted once again that these fishing activities remain the favorite annual outing for each one of the groups we host. That means a lot to our volunteers and helps inspire us each year to continue. Thanks to all members who volunteered their time again this year, especially to Doug and Stephen who worked all four events. Stephen passed around some of the SSWA group photos to see if any of the members who took part wanted copies. He also discussed the importance of having a good working relationship with the McGowan Lake depot that supplies the fish for these events. Jerry made a motion that we donate a \$50 gift certificate, a club hat and some pictures to Stephen's contact as a show of appreciation for the valued support he provides. This was seconded by Annette. Passed

- Lahave River Pollution Update: Ron Seney was not present to provide an update, but as a side note Stacey Colwell had a very pointed article published in the local newspaper on July 16<sup>th</sup>. The article talks about the raw sewage that still empties into the river system and how the laws are still not in place to prevent this. The river is deemed to be unsafe for swimming or boating due to the present contamination levels. According to this article "The Dept. of Environment media relations advisor Lori Errington told the newspaper there are no plans to make any legislature changes regarding this

matter.” In the opinion of SSWA this is totally unacceptable and should require a plan of action, including a fixed date, to have this issue completely resolved!

**Correspondence:**

Stephen & Eugene reviewed several articles of interest from newspapers and email, including:

\*A letter received from Supported Community Living Options thanking SSWA for the great time their clients had fishing at the MARC. It stated their group anxiously awaits the fishing experience every year.

\*A letter was received from Support Services Group also thanking SSWA for the fishing day they enjoyed at the MARC.

\*Bridgewater Elementary grades 2 and 3 class teachers gave us a card of thanks and a check for \$75.00 to be used toward new fishing gear for hosting 73 of their students despite their late request this time. They are extremely thankful that we take the time to give these young people the opportunity to experience the joy of fishing – many for the very first time.

\* Items from the Federations annual convention were reviewed.

**Treasury Report:** Eugene reported we have a balance of \$3,238.24

		<b>Expenses</b>		<b>Income</b>
2014-05-19	Lighthouse Publishing Flea Market Ad	88	\$ 26.05	
2014-05-07	50/50 Gary			\$ 11.00
2014-06-16	Donation from Bri. Elimentary School			\$ 75.00
2014-05-23	Bank Charges		\$ 2.00	
2014-06-16	Stephen Joudrey (flea market signs \$100) pics. \$46	89	\$ 146.00	
2014-06-16	Memberships & Donations			\$ 90.00

**New Business:**

\*A/ Trappers Rendezvous is scheduled for August 15<sup>th</sup> to the 17<sup>th</sup> at the Hibernia camp grounds. SSWA will again organize the BB/Pellet gun shoot. Eugene has new targets he bought in the States for this year’s event. He & Ron T. offered to man the booth again and supply the guns and ammo.

\*B/ Stephen reviewed a letter he prepared on behalf of SSWA as a response to the invitation from DFO’s Species at Risk Management Division to offer our comments on their proposal to list Atlantic Salmon on the endangered species list for two areas of Nova Scotia – Eastern Cape Breton and Southern Upland. This in effect covers most of the province including South Shore and Valley, Eastern Shore and most of Cape Breton. A thank you has been received ensuring that our response will be included in the information package being prepared for the Minister of DFO.

\*C/ Eugene suggested it is time to apply for a lottery license and to get the tickets ready for sale for the Lobster Draw in December. Everyone agreed. He will arrange and have the tickets ready in time for the flea market. There will be three prizes of 10 lbs. of lobster each or \$50. Winner’s choice.

\*D/ We discussed whether anyone wanted to work on a parade float to put in parades this summer. Eugene is scheduled to be away from mid July to early August so he wouldn't be available to help. Since little interest was shown from those in attendance this idea was shelved.

\*E/ Reg A. has offered to work the Michelin Health & Safety Fair again this year on June 21 and donated a large new puzzle in a can to be used as a door prize. Thanks Reg! Eugene brought to the meeting everything that he'll need for set up.

\*F/ Ron T. moved that for the Gun Show and Sale we give Jeremy the freedom to book the MSAC and arrange it to be held sometime in the spring of 2015, preferably in April, subject to other

bookings. This motion was seconded by Otis. Motion carried. Jeremy can contact Eugene or Ron if he needs help arranging for flyers and advertising etc.

\*G/ Some time was spent talking about the Flea Market to make sure we knew who was going to set up Friday night, bring spare tables, work the door, work the kitchen, work the tables, set up signs and bring items to sell. Floats have been set up for the various aspects of the market and a door prize was selected. Stephen distributed the flyers to be posted around the area and also showed the new signs he had picked up from Spitfire Sign Shop which Greg has to mount to the wooden A-frames he made to replace the faded Bristol board ones we have been using.

\*H/ Linda suggested we take a break by not having a meeting during July. This was based on the fact that we have been very busy during the last two months with four fishing events, Health & Safety Fair and the Flea Market. Everyone agreed. The next meeting will be Aug. 11<sup>th</sup>.

After the 50/50 Toonie and door prize draws Stephen thanked James for attending the meeting. We hope to see him at another. Meeting adjourned at 8:58 – one of our shortest meetings to date!

### Dates to Remember:

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| 1- Michelin Health & Safety Fair 10:00 – 2:00 | June 21 <sup>st</sup> |
| 2- SSWA Giant Flea Market 8:00 – 12:00        | Jun.28 <sup>th</sup>  |
| 3- Lobster Draw                               | Dec. 15 <sup>th</sup> |

**NEXT MEETING:** August 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm in Sobey's Store meeting room – back left corner by the washrooms and up the steps, or use the elevator (key required from front desk). Meetings are open to all members and friends, or to interested individuals. Scheduled dates for 2014 remaining meetings are: Sept. 15; Oct. 20; Dec. 15.

### Did You Know:

- The N.S. Federation of Agriculture has asked the province to do a study to see what can be done to reduce the number of deer destroying their crops in various regions including Sheffield Mills, Canning and the Truro areas. Crops such as soybeans, blueberries and young fruit trees are among the hardest hit. Tony Rodgers suggested the Fed. of Agri. contact local wildlife groups and arrange for hunters to come hunt on their lands to help reduce the herd size. Bag limits would follow the DNR allotment for the 2014 hunting season. Not only deer but also bear, birds and other animals are to blame for the damage.
- A full moon near the end of June means high tides which should bring the first run of salmon to the rivers. Tides are important to anglers because they are closely related to the movement of fish. High tides will bring fish into areas which may be too shallow other times. Since spring tides are much higher than normal most runs of sea run fish such as trout, Atlantic salmon, shad, stripped bass and gaspereau will re-enter fresh water on a spring tide. Low tides can also be effective times to fish because any fish present will be concentrated in a much smaller area. A falling tide will also concentrate marine worms and bait fish in channels where they attract fish such as sea run brook and brown trout or stripped bass.

**Smile of the Day: A man in a hot air balloon is lost over Ireland. He looks down and sees a farmer in the fields and shouts down to him, "Where am I ?" The Irish farmer looks up and shouts back, "You can't fool me. You're in that basket up there."**

### **“Risks of ocean based salmon farming”**

- This article was brought to our meeting by Gary Mader. Read it carefully.

(The following article is from the long-time salmon advocate Bill Bryden of Corner Brook NFLD, on the provinces aquaculture industry and its effects on wild salmon stocks. Industry officials will be invited to respond in the next issue of the Sportsman magazine.)

With ocean-based salmon farming slated to double production and expand into every nook and cranny of Newfoundland's south coast, the likely results are alarming.

First off, though I want to make it perfectly clear that we are fully aware of the employment created by the aquaculture industry and nobody wants the fine folks of the provinces south coast – or anywhere else, for that matter to lose their jobs. We simply want any and all salmon farming operations to be land based.

Recently, while suggesting ocean based aquaculture was a serious threat to wild salmon stocks along our south coast for a long list of reasons, the Federal Environment Dept. suggested one option was to reduce mortalities by simply listing the salmon of our south coast as endangered and thus ban all angling. This of course would be done while ignoring the aquaculture effects and allowing them to expand with millions of taxpayers support dollars. This suggested ban would take in the entire south coast.

One might suggest that we are not only ignoring the things that accountants don't count, such as threats to wild salmon, but rewarding practitioners of this method of salmonid production for high risk, inefficient, unsustainable practices.

What industry is regularly paid millions from critical tax coffers for not producing fish while manufacturing and amplifying newly mutated strains of fish-killing diseases? In 2013 gov. paid over \$33 million in Newfoundland alone, \$13 m in N. S. and millions on N.B. In 2013 open-pen salmon farming disease compensation gobbled up over 96% of the moneys allotted by the gov. of Canada for disease compensation.

With gov. telling us 15 million trout and salmon went into a tiny coastal area of Newfoundland in 2013 and a measly \$183 m worth making it to market, we can quickly surmise what happened to the rest. Likely numbering near 7 million fish died. That is 6 times more than all the wild salmon in North America – all dead. In Newfoundland, a bastion of salmon refuge, we are down to less than one salmon per person in the province.

Most of the caged fish died from unknown causes triggered by diseases and sea lice. Some of the caged fish were eaten by predators biting their way into, jumping into, or flying into the cages. If the 15 million salmonid were not enough to attract the salmonid predators, then simply add the tens of thousands of tonnes of oily and rotting pellets thrown into the water. One can just imagine what baiting at this biblical level causes in the migrating tuna, shark, eagle, seal, toothed whale etc. populations.

One diver had to kill 19 sharks in a net cage in one day. While six-inch mesh predator netting offers some protection to the fish farm salmonids (while killing wildlife), no protection is granted for the wild fish on the other side of the netting, swimming with the attracted predators.

Similarly no lice treatments or antibiotics are given to the wild fish to combat the parasites and disease. Nor have our managers – unlike those in Norway or the UK - ever set legal limits on lice production.

Rumors abound of unreported losses of entire cages. At least one case comes with video evidence. In addition to this there are the 18,000 that escaped in 2013 during an outbreak of deadly ISA that the “Code of Containment” never recaptured.

At these sorts of fish densities the hundreds of salmon feedlot cages act as unprecedented, industrial scale nurseries for sea lice, bacteria, protozoans and viruses on an eco-cidal scale. Mutation and amplification gallop at an apocalyptic pace and scale. One simply could not design a better disease mutation and amplification chamber with NASA's help. *Continued next month!*