

Summary of meeting Horsefly River Roundtable Draft as at 17 March 2007

Date: 15 March 2007

Time: 7:00 to 9:10pm

Location: Horsefly Community Hall

A second meeting of the Horsefly River Roundtable was held after participants at the first meeting agreed to proceed with a roundtable. Sean Bennett of DFO arranged for a speaker from the Salmon River Watershed Roundtable (SRWR).

Mike Wallis of the SRWR gave a presentation on his organization and the lessons they have learned along the way. Their group recognized the importance of planning, but also got into doing some on-the-ground projects right away – this was important in keeping a mix of participants interested and engaged in the process. He also stated that the most important component for success is that the community maintains the vision of what it wants to achieve – funding cycles and government programs will come and go, but government and industry will respond to a grassroots community group that exists.

Mike also provided a copy of *The Salmon River Watershed: an overview of conditions, trends and issues*. Tech. Rep. DOE FRAP 95-32 <http://www.rem.sfu.ca/FRAP/9532.pdf>

Mike Simpson then suggested that the group revisit the list of concerns raised at the beginning of the initial meeting. The purpose was to help set the goals of the roundtable, and see if there was anything else to add. Mike encouraged the group to concentrate on what could be achieved at the local level, and avoid large bureaucratic issues that are beyond the scope of what this group could accomplish. The merged **list of concerns** is as follows:

Stewardship

- ecosystem health, including hydrology, fish and fish habitat
- knowledge and appreciation of natural history
- viewscales and aesthetics
- recreational tubing on the river – pollution, safety
- education of those outside the roundtable

Community voice

- economic, environmental and social opportunities and issues
- communication with government agencies, industry, and other organizations
- education of the roundtable members

Industrial development

- logging and trucking
- road development and access
- mining, mineral exploration, and placer mine reserve on the Horsefly River

Planning

- Cariboo Chilcotin Land Use Plan, Horsefly Sustainable Resource Management Plan
- other plans

Ranching and private land

- erosion issues on the Horsefly and Moffat mainstems

Who is missing from these meetings?

Some progress has been made at contacting interests and perspectives that were missing at the initial meeting. Mike mentioned that Ron Martel of Mount Polley Mines was interested but unable to attend this meeting, as was Rick Holmes of the University of Northern British Columbia's Quesnel River Research Centre. Mike contacted the Williams Lake and Soda Creek Indian Bands by phone, but did not hear back from them. Mike also informed individuals at the Ministry of Forests and Range, the Ministry of Agriculture and Lands, and the Integrated Land Management Bureau about the roundtable and tonight's meeting. The group agreed that Mike could send meeting summaries to these agencies to solicit their involvement in participating.

Brian Englund will contact the new mining interest in the area through Jack Brown-John.

Logistics

- Mike will ensure the date of the next meeting is in the email when distributing the email summary, and will send a reminder email or phone call approximately 1 week in advance.

Next Steps

- All participants – talk to your fellow community members about the Horsefly River Roundtable. Advise them it's not just another planning exercise of meetings, there will be on-the-ground activities that make a difference.
- Linda suggested that participants start thinking of the wording for a mission statement or overall goal for the roundtable.
- Sean Bennett will provide Mike Simpson with the mission statements for the Bonaparte and Salmon River watersheds.
- Mike Simpson will approach Pat Teti to give a presentation on what research has been done on the Horsefly River watershed, from the 1990s or earlier

Next meeting: 7-9pm, Thursday 19 April 2007, Horsefly Community Hall

- Pat Teti, hydrologist, Ministry of Forests and Range – to be confirmed
- Linda to bring a map, and others if they have one – start identifying areas of concern
- Set a vision/mandate/mission for the roundtable
- Outline and start defining the terms of reference, including the area of interest

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