

Summary – Shuswap River Advisory Committee Meeting held at the Castle on Swan Lake on March 27, 2017

Decisions

1. Minor revisions to the TOR confirmed. TOR will be signed off by reps and alternates and replacements (if they occur). TOR may be signed in counterpart by emailing a signed signature page to Alex and Gabe.
2. TOR will be posted on the RDNO website along with other public information about the process. Contact information for reps will only be provided where reps agree. An alternate contact option may be provided for constituencies where reps do not want their email to be public. Members of the public can also contact the facilitation team to get information and direction on how they can get involved.
3. Next meetings will be for the Advisory Committees separately as planned and will be focused on interests and issues.

Actions

1. RDNO will revise their website to host public information about the process: TOR, Interest Statements, RDNO letter, Meeting Summaries, public background docs.
2. Each representative will review their statement of interests with an emphasis on needs, wants, fears, hopes, desires, concerns. These statements do not need to include rationale for why these interests are important. That information will be exchanged and discussed in the process. Alex will assist reps that need help in refining their interest statements. (Remember if an **interest** cannot be provided for by more than one means then it is likely a **position**. And if you want to dig deeper into your interests ask yourself what getting what you want actually does for you)
3. Facilitation team will endeavor to dig up source information on the status of current regulations including following up with Nav Canada.
4. Examples of management approaches in other places will be circulated to reps by email.

Next Meeting Agenda:

1. Review interests
2. Discuss issues that need to be addressed.

Highlights from Discussion

- Fish Biologists Bill Rublee and Bryan Jance gave a presentation and fielded questions from constituent reps about fish habitat and stocks on the Shuswap and the potential risks posed by motorized vessels.
- Conservation Officer Josh Lockwood provided an overview of his experience enforcing motorized vessel regulations and advised the ACs on issues to be aware of in considering new regulations.

- There are speed restriction and wake restrictions on the river now along with legal requirements to operate vessels safely and to avoid disturbing others while doing so. Further clarification of these existing regs will be provided.

Update provided to the media by Alex:

- Both the Upper and Lower River Advisory Committees (ACs) confirmed by unanimous agreement the Terms of Reference for the process with a few minor revisions.
- The TOR together with interest statements and contact information for each constituency will be posted on the RDNO website by Sunday April 2nd. Members of the public that are not already involved and are interested can join a constituency and/or observe Advisory Committee meetings which are open to the public. Additional opportunities for public involvement will be provided by the ACs as the process unfolds.
- The two ACs heard presentations from two fish biologists with extensive experience on the River as well as from an enforcement officer with years of experience enforcing vessel management regulations.
- The status of current regulations (speed limit of 10km/hour within 30m of the bank where the river is greater than 100m wide; boat wake limits; and safe, non-disturbing boat operation) are being clarified.
- Improved enforcement, public education and monitoring are the first 3 categories of recommendations that will be rolled into the preliminary draft recommendations of the ACs.
- Next meetings are April 7th at the Castle on Swan Lake 9:30 to 12:30 for the Upper AC and 1:30 to 4:30 for the lower AC. The focus of the meetings will be discussion of the interests and associated issues that need to be considered and addressed in the recommendations.