

**CLAYOQUOT BIOSPHERE TRUST
Marine & Aquatic Committee**

**Thursday, May 1st 2008
6:00 – 9:00 pm
Tofino Hatchery, 700 Sharp Road, Tofino**

Meeting Notes and Next Steps

Present: Chris Clarke, Danielle Edwards, Susanne Hare, Stephen Mack, Randy Mercer, Jeff Mikus, Jennifer Yakimishyn, Dan Edwards, Dave Bailey
Guests: Doug Palfrey & Mike White
Staff: Rebecca Vines, Jean Wylie.

1. Dinner was provided from 6:00 – 6:30
2. Agenda & recent minutes were approved without changes or additions.
3. Rebecca provided a brief CBT update and shared information regarding her trip to Peru with the USS Global Education class, David's trip to the 3rd World Congress of Biosphere Reserves and the CBRA AGM planned for first week of June.
4. Marine & Aquatic Update
Be sure to check out the Marine & Aquatic Committee's web page. Each committee has it's own web page now, which lists funded projects, as well as the Committee's interest. Please feel free to provide your feedback to Rebecca.
5. Clayoquot Salmon discussion
Doug Palfrey and Mike White provided a tour of the Tofino Hatchery. Following the tour there was active discussion in regards to the salmon crisis as some runs near extinction.

Rebecca advised the group that their discretionary funding balance was at \$8400.

Decision: Commit \$8000 from the Discretionary Fund for the enhancement of the Bedwell River. The group has decided that salmon are the priority for the committee and have therefore targeted their funds to enhancement efforts. Doug Palfrey will provide a project outline to Rebecca, which will include a project budget.

Reserve the balance of \$400 for any future salmon related projects.

The group also resolved to forward a letter to the Pacific Salmon Treaty working group that is forming with participation from the AMB and the CRB. This letter will outline the M&A Committee's history, their interest in the salmon crisis and identify their support for the Tofino Salmon Enhancement Society. The letter will also encourage the development of a comprehensive rebuilding strategy. This letter will also be sent to loca

media. Rebecca will draft the letter and forward to committee members for their review before being distributed.

Two other requests for funding were reviewed unfavorably by the committee -- *UVIC Sea Otter Conservation and Tourism* and *Habitat Selection of the Marbled Murrelet in Clayoquot Sound*. These proposals were not favorably reviewed because they did not concern the Committee's newly identified priority area of Salmon. Also, the proposals were not perceived to have a great deal of local involvement or benefit. Particularly, the Murrelet proposal did not identify the great amount of previous research that has taken place in this region and did not articulate their research methods.

6. Marine & Aquatic Contact List

At the last meeting, the Committee decided to compile a list (the beginning of a database) of folks involved in all things Marine & Aquatic (i.e. research, education, stewardship projects). The list will have a few uses – possibly an email distribution list for M&A related info, a contact list in the event that the Committee wishes to create its own miniature Call for Projects with the discretionary funding and perhaps the beginning of a M&A Committee webpage that could link to what others are doing. A copy of the list was forwarded to members so that they could add to it. The list has not generated much activity. Please take the time to review the list and add to it if the Committee wishes to pursue this idea.

7. Identify Priority Areas

Earlier in the meeting salmon was identified as the priority area for discretionary spending.

8. Next Meeting -- Tuesday, June 10, Tofino Community Hall. Kindly advise Jean of your availability.

Rebecca thanked Doug and Mike for the informative tour and sharing of their knowledge in regards to the salmon situation within the region. As well, thank you to all the committee members for volunteering and giving of their time once again for the committee process.

Meeting adjourned 8:55 p.m.