

New Brunswick Wildlife Federation

Board of Directors Meeting

April 1, 2022

In Attendance	Representing
Dan Byers	Adopt A Stream
Dave Dunn	Shediac Bay
Charlie LeBlanc	Life Member; Past President
Luc Rioux	Salmon River Association
Paul Poitres	Club chasse et Peche St. Andre
Mark Currie	Muskies Canada, Inc.
Gerry Williamson	Petitcodiac Sportsmen's Club
Nathan Wilbur	Fredericton Fish and Game
Kevin Sabeau	Fredericton Fish and Game
Mike McDermott	Havelock Sportsmen's Club
Eric Bouchard	Edmundston Trappers
Ron Cybulski	NBWF Treasurer
Jim Marriner	Life Member; Committee Chair
Frank Layton	Shepody Fish & Game
Mario Cyr	President St. Leonard Fish and Game
Mathieu Allard	President Club Chasse et Peche de la Grande Riviere Tracadie
Gilles Sonier	Northeast Zone VP; Life member
John MacDonald	Fundraising and Merchandise Chair
Nathalie Michaud	President; BOW Chair
Dean Toole	1 st VP; President Sussex Fish & Game Assoc

Proxies:

Ron Whitehead	NB Deer Assoc.
Roland Michaud	Restigouche Trappers Council
Rod Currie	Sackville Rod & Gun Club
Grand Digue Gun Club	

Minutes

- 1 . President, Nathalie Michaud, called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm and welcomed the delegates (welcome attached).
- 2 . Credentials Report: We had 19 delegates in attendance and 7 proxies for a quorum.
- 3 . President's Report: Nathalie provided a written report, which was included in the handouts to the delegates (attached). She summarized her report and made a motion for its approval. Seconded by Mario Cyr. Carried.
- 4 . Treasurer's Report: Ron Cybulski summarized his report that was included in the handouts (attached). He confirmed that we had changed financial institutions to National Bank of Canada. He moved that his report be approved. Seconded by Mathieu Allard. Carried.
- 5 . Zone VP Reports:

Gilles Sonier provided an update on the clubs in his area. He also discussed challenges with the province regarding the future use of Tracadie Range. He motioned for approval of his report. Seconded by Gerry Williamson. Carried.

Jeremy Page reported that clubs in his area are just starting to become active again so had no updates to report. He moved that his report be accepted. Seconded by John MacDonald. Carried.
- 6 . Committee Reports:

BOW: Nathalie reported that BOW has once again been cancelled for 2022 due to late start created by Covid restrictions. Plans to be

in operation again next year. She moved that her report be accepted. Seconded by Eric Bouchard. Carried.

Adopt A Stream: Dan Byer provided a short background on the provincial Wildlife Trust Fund and then presented the Adopt A Stream work plan for 2022 (attached). He motioned that his report be accepted. Seconded by Joh MacDonald. Carried.

Crown Reserve Committee Report; NBWF Resolutions Committee Report; Larry's Gulch Trip Committee Report; Constitution Committee Report and Life Members Committee Report: Summaries of activities for each of the committees for which Jim is chair are attached. He discussed the plans for the Larry's Gulch Trip in detail and was seeking direction on how the remaining two NBWF trips would be awarded if they remain as "shared" trips. Jim motioned that come May 1, 2022 a silent auction be held by email to the NBWF Directors with trips going to the highest bidders. Seconded by Eric Bouchard. Carried.

Jim moved that all his committee reports be accepted. Seconded by Dan Byers. Carried.

Membership Report: Ron indicated that he would like to have a one pager to promote the advantages of becoming a member of the NBWF. Nathalie is working on this. The Cannan Club is disbanding due to lack of members. We currently have 30 member clubs in the NBWF which represents approximately 5000 members. Ron motioned for approval of his report. Seconded by Charlie LeBlanc. Carried.

Fund Raising/Merchandise:

John MacDonald had obtained Lottery Licenses for both the Shot Gun Raffle and the 10 Year Hunt and Fish Lottery. Tickets will be available at the Sportsmen Show at the Moncton Coliseum next weekend. Shot gun draw will be made in September 2022 and 10 Year Hunt and Fish Lottery will be drawn in January 2023.

Hats and toques are available from John and sell for \$20 and \$10 each. Notify him if you require more. John moved that his report be accepted. Seconded by Ron Cybulski. Carried.

Wildlife Committee: Ron Whitehead has indicated that he will function as the chair of this committee until a replacement can be found. Nothing to report.

Fisheries Committee: Dave Dunn provided a copy of his report in the handouts (attached). He provided a brief summary and then moved that his report be accepted. Seconded by Jim Marriner. Carried.

7. Unfinished Business: Nathalie reported that the Sports Person of the Year Awarded will not be awarded this year. She presented the Presidential Award of Merit to Dave Dunn in appreciation for all of his work in support of the Fisheries Committee. Numerous wildlife resolutions from 2021 and 2022 will be discussed in committee tomorrow morning and voted on at the AGM in the afternoon. White Tailed Deer study under Dr. Graham Forbes is expected to be finalized soon. Reg Woods from JDI has contacted both Nathalie and Dean regarding updates on their Moose study. Tours in both northern and southern NB are planned for early summer.
8. New Business: Nathalie stressed that fund raising opportunities for the NBWF need to be explored. Only \$8,186.12 in our current budget is available. Remaining funds are committed for various activities. She has had discussions with a company called Rafflebox out of Nova Scotia looking at various options for fund raising. They charge 7% overhead. The province has informed us that they have gone out to public consultation regarding the Moose Tag Lottery that we have been discussing with them for several years. We expect to hear an update on this soon.

Nathalie reminded everyone that vacant positions in the NBWF Executive Committee need to be filled.

She is planning an advertising Blitz and promotional materials on social media to raise our profile.

100th Anniversary of the NBWF will be in 2024. Jim Marriner is chair of the working group and will convene a meeting to start making plans soon. Canadian Wildlife Federation AGM will be in Moncton in 2024 as well.

Canadian Wildlife Federation AGM will be in Moncton in 2024 as well. Bass Pro Grant: Projects promoting out door activities with women and youth will be eligible. Notice will go out to clubs informing them that we are accepting proposals for consideration. National Range Day is scheduled for June 4, 2022 (Information attached).

9. Other: Nothing to report.

10. Adjournment: President closed the meeting at 9:30 pm



April 2nd, 2022

Fredericton Inn, Fredericton, N.B.

Welcome to the 98th AGM of the New Brunswick Wildlife Federation!

It certainly was a very long 2 years and the uncertainties of Covid 19 were a real challenge. I'm extremely glad that we are finally able to have an in-person AGM this year.

Even though we have not been able to have an AGM for 2 years, it doesn't mean that our Federation has been on standby. We have all worked hard to accomplish what we had set out to do, but we still have a lot to accomplish.

The warmest welcome to you all!

Nathalie Michaud

President

NBWF

PRESIDENT'S REPORT
AGM NBWF APRIL 1 & 2, 2022
FREDERICTON, N.B.

Hi everyone,

Here is a resume of 2021:

- A zoom meeting was organized with the NBWF, Richard Bragdon and Mel Arnold. Letter was sent to the shadow Minister of DFO Richard Bragdon identifying a few fisheries issues we have in NB and asking for their help.
- Letter was sent to Mireille Chiasson from DFO concerning DFO's Precautionary Approach to Atlantic salmon.
- Letter received from Minister Holland about the proposed conservation areas- letter is vague and one line mentions that "the parcels will be assessed to see if hunting, fishing, and trapping will still be permitted in some areas due to the sensitivity of the area. This is something we want clarification on.
- Zoom meeting was organized with Public Safety. Superintendent Rick Nash was present, as well as the investigation teams from all regions of NB. We discussed issues with poaching, not seeing enough officers in the woods, and some issues about their duties (at borders during COVID). They mentioned they now have 78 active officers but are having problems with recruitment they need more bilingual officers. Rick mentioned that sometimes they are not as "visible" due to the nature of the investigation. Certain investigations required them to be undercover, so they will not use the PS vehicles.
- Letter received from DNRED wanting our input on the proposed changes in hunting times (sunset and sunrise) and deer registration going to an on-line system. We responded that we were in favor of the sunrise/sunset times and in favor of on-line registration for deer BUT with some concerns. These concerns are possible increase in poaching and low data return for biologists to be able to evaluate the population.
- Appointment to the Provincial Advisory Committee: Jim Marriner is the representative on that committee to represent hunters, anglers, and trappers. Jim's mandate finished last year, but due to delays in government due to COVID and not being able to nominate someone else to go through the process, Jim will remain on the committee until the start of 2022. Richard Debow will be nominated at that time to replace Jim. *

*UPDATE: Richard's nomination was accepted by government but no meeting yet.

- We are looking at changes in our financial institution. CIBC has not been very helpful to our treasurer when we needed something set up to accept e transfers for fundraising, and due to the limited number of locations, it makes it hard for the executive if changes need to be done to the account. We have approached the National Bank and have received information from them. We will also check with BMO. ** UPDATE: the CIBC account has been closed and we now have a business non-profit account with the National Bank.
- We have had several meetings and correspondence with Minister Johnson about the Tracadie Range blueberry developments. They have issued 2 tenders which will close on March 3rd, 2022. They are basing their information and future developments on a study and consultations which was done over 20 years ago. The Grande Riviere Tracadie Hunting and fishing club has been ven/ active on this file. More meetings and consultations to come.
- We have met with Minister Holland in person in May and September of 2021 to discuss conservation areas (Canada Pathway Target 1), crown lands, provincial advisory committee, crown reserve, deer study with Graham Forbes (results of this study should be available spring 2022), elimination of deer farms, land posting review for landowners and deer management issues.
- Peter Stoddart is a consultant who was hired by the Tourism Department to develop a growth strategy for the Hunt & Fish sector in NB named "Untapped potential, Unlimited Opportunities: A vision for the future of angling and hunting in New Brunswick". This document has been divided in "milestones", indicating from year 2021 to 2031 what the results could be from year to year. Although this is a very good document, we have found that it is too focused on outfitters and guides opportunities, instead of being focused on bringing the NB population back outside to practice our

heritage sports. *This document is not yet available to the public and is to be kept confidential for the moment. We need to plan a meeting with Peter and the Tourism Dept. to address these concerns.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Nathalie Michaud', with a long, sweeping horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Nathalie Michaud

Chairman — Danny Byers
Updated as of March 30 , 2022

General Points:

- 2022 budget
- Award one club with the "best clean-up"
- Confirmed prize for the winning club will be \$250 in pizza
- New this year we have funding for a lunch when out on the clean up

This refers to your application for the "Adopt-A-Stream" project. Your project was approved at full funding

Revised Proposed Budget Breakdown:

25 Signs at	\$ 193.75
80 Shirts	\$ 860.00
Postage, ink boxes and paper	\$ 300.00
Trophy and Prize	\$300.00
Mileage To deliver Item and clubs	\$ 799.91
Office Supplies	\$200.00
Box Lunch for 80 Volunteers	\$1200.00
AGM	\$450.00
Total:	<u>\$4,303.66</u>

Labor (In-Kind):

~~6 Clubs x 5 Volunteers/club for 3 hours each~~

80 Volunteer 5 Hours @ \$12/hour	\$ 4,800.00
Coordinator Volunteer Hours @ \$12/hour	\$ 750.00
	<u>\$5 550.00</u>

total Proposed Budget	8 .66
We get %50	\$2,150.00
%40 after presentation of invoices	\$1,720.00
<u>% 10 Final payment</u>	<u>\$430.00</u>
TOTAL	\$4,300.00

CROWN RESERVE COMMITTEE REPORT

TO THE NBWF AGM

APRIL 2ND, 2022

The Provincial Crown Reserve Committee continues to remain in abeyance. In a recent discussion with Kevin Case, Director of Fish & Wildlife, he indicated he expected the Committee would become active once COVID restrictions have been modified.

Subsequently, I met with Minister Mike Holland with regard to N.B. Wildlife Trust Fund affairs and I took the opportunity to raise my concern with regard to the dormant Crown Reserve Committee. He advised he would follow up on my concern, which he also shared

Once activated, the Committee will have a number of issues for discussion.

Respectfully submitted:

James Marriner

Chair, Crown Reserve Committee

NBWF RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE REPORT TO THE NBWF AGM APRIL 2ND, 2022

The deadline for receipt of resolutions for 2022 was November 15th, 2021.

Three resolutions were received by that date and the English versions were forwarded to those on the NBWF e-mail list (Directors) on January 28th, 2022. The French translations were received and were forwarded on February 23rd, 2022.

At this year's AGM, the 2021 and 2022 resolutions will be debated and voted on.

Respectfully submitted:

James Marriner,
Chair, NBWF Resolutions Committee

LARRY'S GULCH TRIP coMMr1TEE REPORT
TO THE NBWF AGM

APRIL 2ND, 2022

For 2022, the NBWF received four trips to Larry's Gulch from the N.B. Department of Tourism, Heritage and Culture. The trips are for the dates of June 8^{1b}, 2022. Seven NBWF branches submitted their names for our draw. Subsequently, five of these Branches received Larry's Gulch trips from the N.B. Salmon Council and therefore became ineligible to receive a NBWF trip. The remaining two branches, the Albert County Hunters and the Grande Digue Hunting & Fishing Club, received trips and the remaining two trips will be auctioned or sold.

As there is always a possibility that if COVID-19 became an issue, the Department could change the status of the trips from being "shared" to being "single" it was decided to protect our two Branches and not sell or auction these remaining two trips prior to May 1st, 2022. If prior to that date, the NBWF is advised by the Department that the "shared" status has been changed to "single", each of the two Branches will receive an additional trip at no charge from the NBWF.

Respectfully submitted,

James Marriner
Chair, NBWF Larry's Gulch Trip Committee

CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE REPORT TO THE NBWF AGM APRIL 2ND, 2022

In 2021, the Constitution Committee was called upon to draft amendments to Articles 9A and 91.

Notice of motion was sent to the members of the Board of Directors on January 31st, 2021. The amendments were voted on and passed at the May 2nd, 2021 Board of Directors' Meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

James Marriner

Chair, Constitution Committee

LIFE MEMBERS COMMITTEE REPORT TO THE NBWF AGM APRIL 2ND, 2022

Again, this year the NBWF Life Members will not be presenting plaques to the Branches and Zone VP's. As most Branches have not been holding meetings or been otherwise busy with programs and projects, it is felt it is best to delay the presentation of the merit awards until next year.

The Life Members have been asked to prepare and submit write-ups with regard to late NBWF Board Members who have made significant contributions towards wildlife conservation. At this point, vsrite-ups have been submitted and can be seen on the NBWF website in memory of Dan Fowler, Tony Langen, Fred Wheaton, with Vincent Comeau soon to be added.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the NBWF Life Members: Ron Whitehead, Rod Currie, Roland Michaud, Richard DeBow, Gilles Sonier, Charlie LeBlanc and Jim Marnner.

James Marriner,

Life Members Committee

Fisheries Committee Report NBSC AGM 2022

Committee Members: Peter Cronin (Chair), Kevin Davidson, John Bagnall, Jim Marriner, Charlie LeBlanc, Arnold Boer and Danny Bird

ISSUE: Eradication of Smallmouth Bass from the Miramichi Watershed

HISTORY:

- WG Members: consists of seven Indigenous and NGO conservation organizations
- The project was planned for implementation in August and September, 2021 with 100s of volunteers and paid professionals on site at considerable costs
- However, it was obstructed by 20-30 protesters from Maliseet Indigenous communities, assisted by Miramichi Lake cottage owners,
- Rescheduled for 2022
- See previous detailed reports provided to NBSC Directors

CURRENT STATUS:

- Communication o John Bagnall is NBSC representative on the WG
- Communications Committee o Meetings held with MP Bragdon and MP Stewart o Contact with Grandmothers (Indigenous Women of the Wabanaki Territories) o Meetings with Maliseet key players o Meetings scheduled with key Municipalities o Bi-weekly meetings with WG, DFO and NB government
- Financial
 - o 2022 cost is \$527,000 plus \$155,000 overrun from 2021 o Based on secured funding to date there will be a \$373,000 shortfall
- Enforcement o Province reviewing Acts and Regulations to determine legal options for enforcement o DFO, Justice and Public Safety and RCMP discussing the issue o Legal opinion contracted and due shortly
- Operations o Personnel and equipment requested from DNR o Operational planning including staffing, equipment and logistics being updated o

Recruiting of additional volunteers required o Major permits received with a few minor permits to follow

CONCLUSIONS and RECOMMENDATIONS

- Need to resolve the situation if protesters return and determine evidence of increase in SMB distribution
- Major decision required by Mid May on whether to proceed
- Seek additional financial support

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Fisheries Committee Report NBSC AGM 2022

ISSUE: Proposed Alternative Model for Striped Bass by challenging DFO's Limit Reference and Upper Stock Reference Points

HISTORY:

- Over the past year, DFO has started to explore the management of striped bass via a process known as the Precautionary Approach (PA).
- The exercise is to identify the point (the Limit Reference Point or LRP) at which there should be no directed harvest of the species being managed.
- The number they came up with is 330,000 spawners.
- DFO's modelling exercises used too many assumptions to estimate equilibrium abundance of ages 3 to 15+ striped bass in the absence of fishing to be 3 to 5 million fish, 2 to 3 million spawners
- Refer to John Bagnall's documents previously submitted to Directors that clearly support the general statements provided in this brief summary

CURRENT STATUS:

- The estimate that by flattening of the population trajectory at ^N300 - 400K would indicate we are near the equilibrium abundance (carrying capacity) now.

- From our point-of-view, their numbers cause unacceptably high predation.
- There is obvious evidence that striped bass have a negative influence on the river's salmon populations.

CONCLUSION and RECOMMENDATIONS

- The precipitous drop in salmon returns to the Protection Barrier on the NW Miramichi are not apparent in a near-by river, the Cascapedia, which has few striped bass present at the time of the salmon smolt run
- In summary, the salmon of the greater Miramichi system have been depleted by an over-abundance of predatory striped bass. The Food, Social and Ceremonial and recreational fishermen have frustratingly experienced a decade of disappointing salmon catches because of this. It's time to try to address this situation by expanding the harvest of striped bass through increasing the commercial catch targets and liberalizing the rules regulating the recreational bass fishery.
- Together with other key Conservation Organizations, we have challenged DFO's analysis and requested more reasonable lower Limit Reference and Upper Stock Reference Points
- The empirical data and field experience would suggest a more reasonable LRP value

Dean Toole

National Range Day Participation Request

Canadian Coalition for Firearm Rights
<info@firearmrights.ca> To: Dean Toole

Dear Club Executives,

We are writing to you today to enlist your help with a very important public relations project — National Range Day.

It's going to be vital to gain large participation in this project in order for it to be successful and we hope we can count on your support.

Every gun owner knows that the key to changing public perception about guns and their owners, is to take them shooting.



Here's the idea: There are 2.3M Canadians who participate in events happening in almost every community across the country.

Here's the ask: We're asking you to host, promote and carry out an event at your club on Saturday June 4th. The type of event is up to you, but we suggest a it on your social channels and your local radio or newspaper community events section. Consider inviting your local municipal, provincial and federal elected representatives.

Opening the doors to our gun clubs can help open the minds of the general public.

You'll be able to register your event and details on nationalrangeday.ca and download resources like logos and promotional videos — free for you to use and share.

If you've got questions or concerns you can reach out at info@nationalrangeday.ca

Every year this event will grow and become more mainstream.

We hope we can count on your help and support!

An important message from our CEO, Rod Giltaca:

Friends,

The CCFR and its supporters are kickstarting this national effort and it's important that you know what our intent is.

The only way this day becomes a national tradition that media of governments can't take away from us, is if everyone participates in it, in any way they can. One day set aside for one day a year.

To encourage this, the CCFR is creating and managing the coordination, infrastructure, and intellectual property with absolutely no branding connection to the event.

The CCFR has trademarked the logos to protect them from misuse and issues free licenses to everyone. Anyone can make t-shirts, merchandise or any other thing, as long as it's for the benefit of our community and we all participate in it.

At nationalrangeday.ca, you will find many resources that we've created and we will continue to create more. Commercials, images, logo source files, social media posts and fundraising tools.

Government and the media want our community gone, it's as simple as that. This can be the most significant public relations effort our community has ever had. Thank you in advance,

Rod Giltaca

CEO & Executive Director

