

Mid-Island Castaways Fly-Fishing Club

TERMS OF REFERENCE

Conservation, Environment, and Inter-club Liaison Committee

Role

The Conservation, Environment, and Inter-club Liaison Committee is an Ad Hoc committee established by the Board of Directors and the Executive.

Based on the Club's Constitution, the Committee will:

- practice the sport of fishing with artificial flies.
- research, conservation, and enhancement of all sport fish in British Columbia.
- support and encourage the preservation and enhancement of lakes, streams and oceans on Vancouver Island and access thereto, for the practice of fishing with artificial flies.

Responsibilities

Although, the responsibilities of the Committee will be fully determined by the Committee, its main functions will be to liaise with local hatcheries, enhancement, and management of local fish streams and habitats such as:

- Parksville Fish & Game club
- Mid Vancouver Island Habitat Enhancement Society (MVIHES)
- Nanaimo River Hatchery
- Big Qualicum Hatchery
- Nile Creek Hatchery
- The Pacific Stream Keepers Federation
- The Pacific Salmon Foundation
- South Island fly fishing clubs:
 - Island Waters Flyfishers based in Nanaimo
 - Cowichan Fly Fishers Association
 - Comox Valley Flyfishers Club

Chair

The Chair will be the Club's Vice President.

Membership

The Committee will consist of at least three other interested members of the club to provide input and address the responsibilities of the Committee.

Term

The Committee will serve for one year starting immediately after the A.G.M. until the A.G.M. of the following year. Members may continue to serve on the committee after their initial term is completed.

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Meetings

The Committee will meet as often as deemed necessary to fulfill their responsibilities by consensus of the committee members. The meetings may be in-person, by teleconference or electronically, e.g., Zoom, Skype, Facetime.

If a member is not able to participate in a meeting, that member can speak to the Chair in advance so that the Chair can share the member's perspective at the meeting. That member may also submit written comments or documentation in advance of the meeting. Submissions required for a meeting that are made after said meeting will not be considered for decision-making.

The Chair will submit a written report to the Secretary each month prior to the board meeting for inclusion in the minutes of the board meeting which the report is given.

Quorum

Quorum shall be simple majority (50%+1) of the voting committee members present at a meeting.

Decision Making

The Committee shall strive for consensus (i.e., "you can live with the decision/idea") when making decisions. If consensus cannot be achieved, the committee members must agree on how to deal with the outstanding issue; i.e., vote, continue discussion, table the issue to another meeting, or take the issue to the board of directors.

When voting, majority (50%+1) rules with quorum present. There shall be no proxy or email voting unless explicitly determined by the committee in advance of a vote.

The Committee cannot commit the use of the Club's financial resources without prior approval from the board of directors.

Minutes

The Committee will appoint a member to take minutes at the committee meetings and the minutes shall be approved at subsequent meetings. Minutes will be kept and stored in accordance with the club's practice.

Accountability

The Committee members will be accountable to the Board of Directors through the Chair of the Committee.

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