



Montana Fish & Wildlife Commission

MINUTES

Montana Fish and Wildlife Commission Meeting

FWP Headquarters
1420 East 6th Avenue, Helena, MT

June 12, 2014

Commission Members Present: Dan Vermillion, Chairman, Richard Stuker Vice-Chairman,
Matthew Tourtlotte and Gary Wolfe

Fish, Wildlife & Parks Staff Present: Jeff Hagener, Director and FWP Staff.

Guests: June 12, 2014 - See Commission file folder for sign-in sheet.

Topics of Discussion:

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance
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17. Spotted Dog WMA Inholdings - Informational
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1. Call to Order - Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Vermillion called the meeting to order at 8:36 a.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Approval of Minutes of May 22, 2014 Commission Meeting

Action: Commissioner Stuker moved and Commissioner Tourtlotte seconded the motioned to approve the May 22, 2014 minutes with the agreed changes. Motion carried.

3. Approval of Commission Expenses

Action: Commissioner Tourtlotte moved and Commissioner Stuker seconded the motion to approve the Commission expenses. Motion Carried.

4. Commission Reports

Commissioner Wolfe stated he and Montana State Parks Board member Diane Conradi toured the Fish Creek Wildlife Management Area (WMA) and Fish Creek State Park; good opportunity to look at the challenges developing a state park and maintaining fish and wildlife resources. Received correspondence on the sage grouse proposal; mountain lion proposal and the Whitefish River petition. Attended the Region 1 Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) meeting; discussions on the FWP license fee increase, general support but encourages to simplify before finalization; the opportunity to harvest two elk, hunters should give up their B tag; Flathead Lake issue; Noxon Reservoir issue; and sage grouse proposal.

Commissioner Tourtlotte stated he received several calls and emails on wolf quotas; deer B tags; and sage grouse issues. Region 7 fisheries located a female and six male pallid sturgeon who used the side

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channel at Intake Dam; encouraging information for the recovery of pallid sturgeon. Asked the Department to have a work session to discuss the five week hunting season; important cornerstone of Montana's hunting season.

Commissioner Stuker stated his District is looking at a severe drought if moisture is not received within the next week. Received correspondence on the grizzly bear plan; sage grouse; wolf quotas; mountain lions; and bison issues. Agrees with the need for a five week hunting season work session. Thanked the Bitterroot Mountain Lion Working Group for their work.

Chairman Vermillion stated he toured the American Prairie Reserve; very informative. Attended the Townsend Rod and Gun Club meeting; well attended; primary concern is hunting district (HD) 380 and the way it is being managed. Received a lot of correspondence on sage grouse; wolf stamp; wolf quotas; five week season, work session is scheduled for October. Pallid sturgeon information is great news; scientific monitoring is important.

5. Director's Report

Director Hagerer stated at last month's meeting the Commission requested the Department propose rules regarding a wolf stamp which will made available for purchase and clarify how the funds will be utilized; the rule proposal will be published and public comment will begin on June 26; the rule should be in effect the first week of September. The Department will be publishing Administrative Rule proposal notices in the next month: A fish importation administrative rules; designed to manage the risk level associated with the importation of fish into Montana; every importation has a level of risk associated with it that could adversely impact the health of state fisheries. The Department is proposing classifying fish pathogens, for importation purposes, based on their presence and relative risk to state fisheries; amendments would allow for surrogate species to be used for certification purposes under certain situations; additional amendments to the rules have been proposed based on new scientific knowledge since the original adoption of the rules. The Department is currently drafting three additional proposal notices which should be published within the next month; two rules address changes in statute in the last legislative session including HB 586 that addressed aquatic invasive species and SB 123 that established a hunters against hunger program. Attended a tour with the US Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) in the Big Hole to discuss the proposed listing of arctic grayling. Toured the Robb Ledford grazing area; conditions are improving. Reviewing the proposals for the Green Ranch bison transfer. A meeting is scheduled for July 14-15, 2014 to develop a draft alternative of the Bison State Wide Management Plan. Toured the Cross Canyon Ranch; has inholdings in the Spotted Dog property; a proposal will be drafted to clear up boundary issues and access. Discussions on grizzly bears that were euthanized; sage grouse; five week season setting process; public comment opportunity; simplifying license fee increases; and budget issues.

6. Right of Way Easement Report

Hugh Zackheim, FWP Lands Division Supervisor stated Montana law (Section 87-1-209 (4), Montana Code Annotated (MCA)) provides the Director of Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks (FWP) with authority to issue or receive rights of way valued at less than \$20,000, and calls for the Department to report to the Commission on these transactions. The FWP Lands Unit reports the completion of four right-of-way projects under this authority from July 2013 through June 2014, as listed below; the first two projects are public access easements that were previously reported at the Commission's meeting of March 13, 2014, and were acquired under the Wildlife Division's Access Public Land program.

SITE	FILE #	DATE	GRANTOR/ GRANTEE	TYPE	ACRES	INCOME (COST)
Big Lake WMA (northwest of Billings)	5047.2(E)(05)	March 24, 2014	Karls/FWP	Road Easement (public access)	4	(\$5,000)
Big Lake WMA	5047.2(E)(06)	March 24, 2014	Dannenberg/FWP	Road Easement (public access)	4	(\$5,000)
Big Lake WMA	5047.6(B)(01)	February 11, 2014	FWP/Arrowhead Investments	Road Easement (admin. use only)	< 1	0
Helena Warehouse ADM (Custer Avenue site)	9009.6(A)05	February 28, 2014	FWP/NorthWestern	Utility Easement	< 1	\$3,741

7. Boundary Relocation At FWP Custer Avenue Administrative Site - Final

Hugh Zackheim, FWP Lands Division Supervisor stated FWP owns a 12-acre site on Custer Avenue, two miles and houses FWP's Property Section, along with *Montana Outdoors* magazine, the print shop, a warehouse, a fabrication shop, and maintenance operations. An adjoining undeveloped parcel was recently sold by Northwestern Energy, and will be developed by the new owner Liftwell LLC as a retail showroom. The current boundary between the Liftwell parcel and FWP property is at the edge of FWP buildings, with virtually no setback for building maintenance or other activities. Both parties see a benefit in relocating the boundary to accommodate their respective building footprints; a boundary relocation for FWP will provide a needed buffer to our existing buildings, and offer the opportunity for a paint-shop or other addition to our fabrication shop; the boundary relocation for Liftwell would provide parking on the west side of their lot. The boundary relocation for both parties would result in the transfer of less than one-quarter-acre. In recent months the FWP property and the Liftwell parcel were rezoned by the City of Helena to allow the new business use; the rezoning involved detailed review by city staff, public notification of the intended property use, and public comment at several stages in the process; no objections were raised, and the rezoning was approved by Helena planning board and Helena City Commission.

Action: *Commissioner Wolfe moved and Commissioner Stuker seconded the motion that the Commission authorize the Department to relocate the boundaries between the Department's Custer Avenue property and the adjoining private property owned by Liftwell LLC, as appropriate to improve the management and utility of FWP's Custer Avenue property.*

Commissioner Wolfe asked if this transaction requires an appraisal.

Zackheim stated it does not require an appraisal; appraisal would cost more than what the property is worth.

Action on motion: *Motion passed.*

Chairman Vermillion congratulated Zackheim on his retirement.

8. Whitefish River Petition – Final

Jim Kropp, Chief of Law Enforcement explained in February 2014, the Commission initiated rule making on the Whitefish City Council's proposed amendment restricting the Whitefish River to electric motors or manually powered vessels from the BNSF train trestle to the JP Bridge; there has been a no-wake restriction in place for this section of the river since 1989. The Whitefish City Council believes this regulation is necessary to address concerns of resource damage, safety and social desires to create a unique opportunity for non-motorized users on the Whitefish River; non-motorized use is on the rise, mainly in the form of stand-up paddle boards. Public comment period ran from March 13 - April 18; issues in the public comment were resource damage/protection, public safety, historic use and recreational opportunity; received 35 in support and 6 against comments at the public hearing held at Whitefish City Hall on April 10; received 169 in support and 99 against in written comments. The Whitefish City Council received public comment as well and voted unanimously in favor of the proposed amendment in early April. The current no-wake rule limits resource damage, provides safety to users, maintains historic recreation use by motorized vessels and provides a good alternative for non-motorized and small vessels; given the split in public comment and support for the proposed restriction. FWP believes a seasonal closure from July 5 – September 30 is a better alternative than a year round restriction; this addresses public comment by allowing anglers the opportunity to fish in the spring, residents can boat up stream to watch the fireworks on July 4, waterfowl hunters can motor back upstream in the fall while at the same time providing the warm summer months for non-motorized/electric motor use when the majority of people engage in these activities. There are three small spots in this stretch of the river where maintaining up steam travel and a no-wake is difficult. FWP recommends adding "or minimum operating speed necessary to progress up stream" to the no wake to address this problem; this language is in place on the Swan River.

Jim Satterfield, FWP Region 1 Supervisor and Lee Anderson, FWP Region 1 Warden Captain gave a brief background on the petition.

Commissioner Wolfe and Becky Dockter, FWP Chief Legal Counsel conversed on public comment procedures.

Chairman Vermillion, Commissioner Wolfe, Commissioner Stuker and Anderson had a lengthy discussion on the petition.

Chairman Vermillion stated he will propose a motion based on the original proposal from the February 13, 2014 meeting.

Action: *Commissioner Vermillion moved and Commissioner Tourtlotte seconded the motion that the Commission adopt that the Whitefish River is limited to manually and electric powered watercraft from the confluence at the railroad trestle south of Whitefish Lake outlet, through the bridge at JP road.*

Chairman Vermillion asked for public comment.

Leonard Howke, Whitefish, opposes river closure; no good access to launch a boat on Whitefish River.

Brad Knuth, Whitefish, opposes river closure to motorized boats.

Raymond Shupert, Whitefish, opposes river closure.

A.J. Coulter, Whitefish, opposes river closure.

Kurt Lewis, Whitefish, opposes river closure; people have docks on the river.

Duane Howke, Whitefish, opposes river closure.

Devin Howke, Whitefish, opposes river closure; keep a no-wake zone.

Vernon Lower, Columbia Falls, opposes river closure.

Crystal Lower, Columbia Falls, opposes closer.

John Muhlfeld, Mayor of Whitefish, Whitefish City Council unanimously adopted a resolution in support; held two public hearings and modified original proposal based on comments; protects the river and stream banks from erosion. Thanked Region 1 for the help and support on the proposal.

Richare Hildner, Deputy Mayor of Whitefish and Whitefish City Council member, proposed rule is easy to follow and enforcement; used a map to give a detailed explanation of the proposal.

Chuck Stearns, Whitefish City Manager, original petitioner; there are approximately 25-30 residences with water access; by shortening the stretch and providing electric motors, we are accommodating the peoples historic use.

Chairman Vermillion commended Satterfield and Anderson for their efforts; this is not a closure, it is a change in access; unanimously supported by the duly elected Whitefish Commission.

Commissioner Stuker respectfully disagrees with motion.

Commissioner Wolfe stated this is a difficult decision; agrees with Commissioner Stuker statement.

Commissioner Tourtlotte stated the motion on the table makes sense; unique area; creating a non motorized use makes sense; agrees with Chairman Vermillion statement; need to honor the city's decision.

Action on Motion: Motion Failed 2-2

Chairman Vermillion and Commissioner Tourtlotte - aye
Commissioners Stuker and Wolfe - nay

Action: Commissioner Vermillion moved and Commissioner Wolfe seconded the motion that the Commission amend the proposal notice and extend the public comment to consider the amendments limiting the Whitefish River to electric motors or manually powered watercraft from the trestle to the JP Bridge from July 5 - September 30 and amend the current no-wake restriction in ARM 12.11.645 to include "or minimum operating speed necessary to progress up stream".

Chairman Vermillion stated all proposals are still on the table.

Action on Motion: Motion passed.

9. Water Supply Update

Bruce Rich, Fisheries Administrator gave an update on the water supply throughout the State.

10. Unauthorized Fish Placement Rule - Final

Don Skaar, Fisheries Management Bureau Chief explained in January the Commission proposed new rules on the placement of fish into Montana waters without authorization; the new rules would replace the Department's policy "Illegal and Unauthorized Introduction of Aquatic Wildlife". The Department conducted eight public hearings and solicited comments from January 30 - March 21, 2014. The Department received 65 comments, 45 supporting, 5 in opposition, and 15 not specific; 42 comments also proposed specific changes to the rules. In response to public comments, three new amendments are proposed to be included with the original proposal are:

- Amend New Rule I to clarify that the Department may respond to an unauthorized species, regardless of whether or not it has been proven that the presence of the fish was human-caused.
- Amend New Rule II to include risk and feasibility as factors to evaluate before deciding to suppress or eradicate a species, which would provide flexibility when the risk posed by an unauthorized species is low or the feasibility of success is low.
- Amend New Rule V to ensure that the electronic repository is available to the public.

Action: Commissioner Vermillion moved and Commissioner Stuker seconded the motion that the Commission adopt the rules for responding to the placement of fish into Montana waters without authorization with the amendments recommended by the Department, with the additional amendment to New Rule II at the end of subsection (3), after the word assessment, insert "as set forth in New Rule II (2) (a-f)".

Chairman Vermillion asked for public comment.

Mark Aagenes, Trout Unlimited (TU), thanked the Department; agrees with proposal.

Nick Gevok, Montana Wildlife Federation (MWF), agrees with proposal.

Action on Motion: Motion passed.

11. Pine Grove Pond FAS South Addition - Endorsement

Bruce Rich, Fisheries Administrator explained in 2010, a 13-acre parcel was donated to FWP by a private party for development of the Pine Grove Pond Fishing Access Site (FAS) and in 2013, an additional 5.4 acre parcel to the west was donated by the Whitefish Credit Union. This additional land provided access to the Whitefish River on the west side and has proved to be one of the most popular sites in Region 1, receiving upwards of 30,000 angler days per year. Flathead Land Trust contacted the Department regarding two landowners who have expressed an interest in selling 2 and 2.26 acres from their larger parcels along the south boundary. These smaller private parcels adjoin the FAS and are land locked between the FAS and the river; adding these parcels to the FAS would not only provide access to the Whitefish River on the south, but it would also establish the river as a clear boundary between the FAS and private land. The addition would have the added benefit of protecting the natural setting and view at the FAS. In addition to the 2 parcels of land on the south boundary of the FAS, a separate 30 foot strip of land on the northwest border of the FAS, adjacent to the parking area, is being offered by donation to FWP in order to accommodate overflow parking; vehicles have been parking along the sides of the access road creating a safety hazard; the additional parking space would alleviate congestion and safety concerns. If the Commission endorses this proposal to proceed, FWP will move ahead with an environmental assessment (EA) and a 30-day public comment period.

Action: Commissioner Stuker moved and Commissioner Wolfe seconded the motion that the Commission authorize FWP to pursue acquisition of the two small parcels of land bordering the south side of Pine Grove Pond FAS and the potential donation of additional land for parking.

Commissioner Wolfe asked what is the potential role of the Flathead Land Trust?

Mark Deleray, Fisheries Biologist stated Flathead Land Trust brought it to the Department as informational; work with the Department on land acquisitions.

Chairman Vermillion asked for public comment.

Action on Motion: Motion passed.

**12. 2014 Deer and Elk Quotas Outside Biennial Quota Ranges – Proposed }
13. 2014 Antelope Quotas Outside Biennial Quota Ranges – Proposed }**

Quentin Kujala, Wildlife Project Facilitator explained surveys and analysis have identified no proposed quota changes outside the biennial range for deer, elk and antelope adopted in February 2014. The public comment period for any proposal would run through 5 p.m., Monday, July 7 with final adoption at the July Commission meeting. FWP supports 2014 adjustments within the adopted quota range; this approach maintains the integrity of the adopted biennial ranges and adheres to survey-based management prescriptions.

Action: Commissioner Wolfe moved and Commissioner Stuker seconded the motion that the FW Commission adopt no deer, elk B or antelope license quota adjustments outside the biennial quota range as presented by FWP.

Chairman Vermillion asked for public comment

Action on Motion: Motion passed.

14. 2014 - 2015 Bison Hunter Requirements and Roster Use – Proposed

Quentin Kujala, Wildlife Project Facilitator explained the bison hunting season structure was addressed during biennial season setting in February and two additional modifications have since evolved out of experience and conversations with Tribal partners. The first is to require successful hunters to disperse bison gut piles and other carcass parts; dispersal of un-utilized bison parts is needed to address public concern over large amounts of those materials next to high use roadways and homes, and would mitigate concentration of scavengers next to busy roadways. Proposed language:

- Hunters who harvest a bison shall, upon field dressing the carcass, cut open the rumen and remove and spread its vegetative contents.
- Hunters who harvest a bison near a roadway or any other facility shall remove all unutilized parts of the carcass (entrails, tissues, bones, hides, fetuses, legs, etc.) to an area at least 200 yards from any roadway, dwelling, campground, designated trail or trailhead. These unutilized parts shall be placed in a manner as to be inconspicuous to passersby.

The second proposed change is to adjust the cow/calf roster to be the bison roster; this adjustment would come expanded flexibility for FWP to draw upon hunters from this list for potential harvest of any bison, to include bulls, if prescribed by FWP. The public comment period will run through 5 p.m., Monday, July 7, with final adoption at the August 7 Commission meeting.

Action: Commissioner Wolfe moved and Commissioner Tourtlotte seconded the motion that the Commission adopt the final 2014 - 2015 Bison Hunter Requirements and Roster Use as presented by FWP.

Commissioner Stuker asked if the treaty hunts will be under the same regulations.

Chairman Vermillion asked for public comment.

Action on Motion: Motion passed.

15. 2014 Mountain Lion Quotas – Final

Quentin Kujala, Wildlife Project Facilitator explained hunting districts (HD) listed below have proposed changes from 2013 mountain quotas and subquotas. All other quotas/subquotas not listed are proposed to be unchanged from 2013 levels. Quotas apply to any legal lion unless otherwise noted and as influenced by female subquotas. Formal public comment ran through 5 p.m. Monday, May 29. A mountain lion work group was assembled to develop lion quota proposals in Region 2 and product was made available for public comment. Final adoption will take place at the June 12 Commission meeting. FWP recommends approval of proposed quota adjustments with no changes in other HD. Rationale includes mountain lion population management accommodating human tolerance, safety, prey populations and hunter opportunity.

Hunting Districts with Proposed Adjustments to 2014 Mountain Lion Quotas

- HD 121: decrease male subquota from 11 to 8
- HD 122: decrease male subquota from 6 to 5
- HD 300/302/328/329: increase total quota from 4 to 6 any legal lion and the female subquota from 2 to 3
- HD 318/335: increase total quota from 4 to 6 any legal lion and the female subquota from 1 to 2
- HD 319/341: increase female subquota from 1 to 2 and keep total quota at 4
- HD 320/333: increase total quota from 4 to 6 any legal lion and keep female sub-quota at 2
- HD 321/332/334: increase total quota from 2 to 3 any legal lion and keep female subquota at 1
- HD 322/326/330: increase total quota from 4 to 6 any legal lion and keep female sub-quota at 2
- HD 323/324/325/327: increase total quota from 4 to 6 any legal lion and keep female sub-quota at 2
- HD 331: increase total quota from 5 to 7 any legal lion and the female subquota from 2 to 3
- HD 339/343/388: increase total quota from 6 to 8 any legal lion and the female subquota from 1 to 2
- HD 390/391: increase total quota from 6 to 8 any legal lion and increase female sub-quota from 2 to 4
- HD 410/417/419/426: increase female quota from 6 to 8 and leave male quota at 3
- HD 422/423/424/425/442: increase female quota from 3 to 4 and increase male quota from 9 to 11
- HD 530/590: increase total quota from 5 to 8 any legal lion
- Region 7: increase the region-wide total quota from 35 to 45 any legal lion

	CURRENT			PROPOSED (shaded areas represents changes from initial adoption)		
	Males	Females	Permits	Males	Females	Permits
200 & 201	9	12	21	12	8	20
202 & 203	14	19	33	18	12	30
204, 260, 261 & 262	2	3	5	4	2	6
210	3	0	3	3	1	4
211 & 216	5	3	8	5	3	8
212 & 215	6	0	6	6	1	7
213 & 214	2	1	3	2	1	3
240	2	3	5	4	3	7
250	4	6	10	5	3	8
270	4	6	10	5	4	9
280, 281, 284, 293 & part of 298	5	7	12	5	4	9
283 & 285	5	7	12	7	8	15
290, 291, 292 & part of 298	5	6	11	7	3	10
Missoula Special Mgmt Area	13	12	25	13	12	25
TOTAL	79	85	164	96	65	161

Action: Commissioner Wetsit moved and Commissioner Stuker seconded the motion that the Commission approve the proposed 2014 lion quotas/subquotas as presented by FWP.

Toby Walrath, Mountain Lion Working Group (MLWG) member gave a lengthy power point presentation on the working group recommendations.

Commissioner Wolfe thanks the working group members; respects the work and time put into the proposal; thanked Mike Thompson for promoting and Dr. Mike Mitchell for facilitating the process.

Chairman Vermillion asked for public comment.

Steven Kinley, Ravalli County Fish and Wildlife Association (RCFWA), keep original proposed numbers.

Steve Wilson, RCFWA, opposes proposal; a lot of problems in the Bitterroot.

Robert Wood, Montana Sportsmen's Alliance (MSA), applaud working group effort; the proposal will not reduce the mountain lion population.

Bob Driggers, RCFWA and MLWG, worried about HD 250 & 270; does not agree with the numbers; need to set a scale, establish and maintain a male and female balance.

MaryEllen Schnur, Montana Outfitters and Guides Association (MOGA), commends working group, science and common sense intersected; need a mountain lion plan that is current.

Rod Bullis, Bitterroot Houndsmen Association (BHA) and MLWG, thanked the houndsmen association and Department for their work; high valued effort; respects decision; a lot of man hours put in.

Tony Jones, RCFWA, would like Bitterroot area female quota change from 12 to 18.

Commissioner Wolfe stated science was the underpinnings and quotas need to be set on an annual basis; endorses the working groups recommendation that the Department move forward with the preparation of a statewide management plan.

Action on Motion: Motion passed.

16. 2014 White-Tailed Deer Antlerless B License Authorization – Final

Quentin Kujala, Wildlife Project Facilitator explained for the 2014 and 2015 mule deer and white-tailed deer archery and firearm seasons, Commission authorizes the following process to describe and allocate antlerless mule deer B licenses in Regions 3-7. Specific elements of this authority for these specific antlerless mule deer and/or white-tailed deer B licenses include:

- Available in Regions 3 – 7.
- Regions may offer B licenses with approval from the Regional Supervisor, FWP Director, and Area Commissioner after July 15 for use during the fall archery and firearm hunting seasons.
- B licenses would only be authorized in areas where deer populations were determined to be at or above long term averages and where regional staff determines management seasons and game damage hunts would be unable to address population and damage concerns.
- B licenses may not be unlimited in number.
- B licenses may not be valid for an entire region.
- B licenses would be allocated via the hunt roster. Between June 15 and July 15 hunters would identify the district for which they were interested in potentially receiving an antlerless deer B license. This sign-up would be in conjunction with the traditional roster sign-up but the hunter list for these B licenses would be separate from hunter lists for game damage hunts, management seasons and management removals. After hunters are allocated one B license via the roster, any remaining B licenses may be allocated via surplus license sale.
- No hunter may hold more than two of these B licenses in any one hunting district in any one license year.

This proposal is based upon public process and comments already received during the biennial season setting process; new public comment is limited to public inputs received during the June 12 meeting.

Action: Commissioner Stuker moved and Commissioner Vermillion seconded the motion that the Commission adopt the final 2014 White-Tailed Deer Antlerless B License Authorization as presented by FWP.

Chairman Vermillion, Commissioner Tourtlotte and Kujala had a discussion on the proposal.

Chairman Vermillion asked for public comment.

Action on Motion: Motion passed.

17. Spotted Dog WMA Inholdings – Informational

Director Hagener explained the Department is having conversations with Cross Canyon Ranch regarding land exchanges, access and inholdings.

Ken McDonald, Wildlife Administrator stated in August 2011 the Commission endorsed a proposal for the Department to assess inholdings within Spotted Dog WMA for more efficient management.

18. Public Comment – For Issues Not On This Agenda

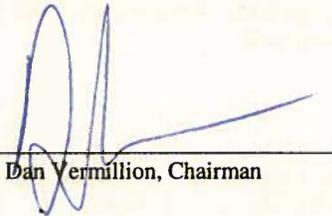
Rhonda Lanier, Wolves of the Rockies (WOR), thanked the Department and Commission for contributing to the OR-18 poaching reward.

Marc Cooke, WOR, asked to consider other wolves that are being poached, and unfortunately they cannot be found because they are not tracked.

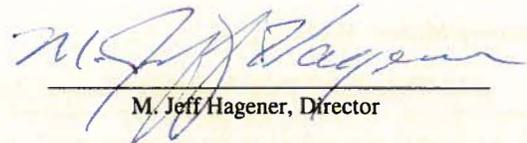
Bruce and Ann Kania, Floating Island International, gave a presentation on EHD/Blue Tongue Disease Biological Control Strategy.

Action: Commissioner Tourtlotte moved and Commissioner Stuker seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion Passed.

The meeting adjourned at 12:39 p.m.



Dan Vermillion, Chairman



M. Jeff Hagener, Director