CAC Meeting Summary December 12, 2007 FWP Public Meeting Room

6 pm – 9 pm

Present: Terry Murphy, Jim Vashro, Tim Engleson, Frank Danner, Don Clark, Jon Dahlberg, Brent Mitchell, Martha Abbrescia, John Fraley, Jim Williams, Darrell Coverdell, Mark Sheets, Justin Sliter, Mike Feldmann, Chuck Williams, Neal Jacobson, Tammi Fisher, Jim Satterfield, Dave Landstrom, Dan Savage and Jerry Smalley.

Updates since we last met:

FAS – between Perma & Plains (Paradise) EA is out until 12/25/07.

Crystal Lake: EA is out until 1/08/08 (has since been extended two weeks until 1/21/08).

Paul Taylor FAS: Two sites as possibilities at present, both are on Lake Five.

Water Restrictions:

Echo/Abbott/Peterson Lakes: There were 5 varying petitions received. The status is that Echo is going to public process to exclude Blackies Bay, The Causeway and 3 islands. This may go into effect this summer.

Swan Lake: Petition was for 1 mile no wake zone. The commission proposed a $\frac{3}{4}$ mile no wake zone (to the islands). Public process.

Fishing Regs: Were adopted by the Commission for Thompson River. Goes into effect on 3/1/08.

Attrition of CAC Members: The terms of three members just ended in December. The R1 CAC still as more than enough active members at this time. WE will actively recruit new members during the fall of 2008.

Hunting Season Re-cap by Jim Williams.

Hunting Regulation Tentatives: Were adopted by the Commission on 12/20/07. The R1 Big Game Hunting Regulation Tentatives Hearing is scheduled for 1/12/08 at the Red Lion Hotel Banquet Room. The open house begins at 9:00 a.m. and the hearing begins promptly at 10:00 a.m. Basic review of the tentatives was discussed.

Round Table Discussion:

Terry Murphy – 1) Commends Carolyn Sime for the Draft Wolf Regulations. 2) Extended Elk Season – saw snowmobiles everywhere…behind gates, etc. This issue needs more enforcement.

Tim Engleson – 1) Eureka area will be very interested in draft wolf regs. 2) Warden Jon Obst is an outstanding FWP representative.

Frank Danner – Fished well this summer.

Dan Savage – Hunters seem to be content this season.

Don Clark – 1) Jon Obst and Steve Magone are really good game wardens in the area. 2) These two wardens need a deer decoy for hunting season. 3) Appreciates the "tweaking" of mountain lion regs in this region. 4) Will be going to Commission Meeting on12/20/07 to support tentatives.

Jon Dahlberg – 1) Elk tunnel on East side of Valley (Hwy 206) ...Good Job! Will they be accessible to hunters? The elk & tunnel are all on private ground. 2) Will see more access problems as Plum Creek sells off lands to developers. The bottom-line is that it may cost more to hunt on Plum Creek in the future.

Darrell Coverdell – 1) what was the \$8.00 refund check received recently? There was NO explanation. Seems like there could have been a brief explanation that makes sense enclosed. 2) Thinks about a fencing project on Hwy 82 between Hwy 35 and the bridge...may significantly decrease road kill. 3) There were a tremendous amount of eagles feeding on fish on Black & Blackfoot Lake the weekend after the kill.

Mark Sheets – Grazing on Silcox WMA...the "grazers" took it right down to the nubs...isn't this supposed to be a "wildlife" winter range?

Justin Sliter – It's just boggles the mind that the State (FWP) has such a hard time getting out the "good word" as to why the \$8.00 refund. Jim Satterfield asks John Fraley to Ron Aasheim know we're apparently missing the boat on "good news".

Tammi Fisher – 1) Dealt with wake violation issues all summer. 2) No longer with Flathead County Prosecutor...going to land use/planning in private sector.

Brent Mitchell – Stillwater & Owen Sowerwine Game Preserve...to get rid of these closures will do a lot for the riparian refuge. Is pleased that the Department has gotten involved.

Chuck Williams – all should thank Plum Creek for allowing such liberal access for the numbers of years they have.

Adjourned: 9:00 p.m.

Next Meeting scheduled for Thursday, January 17, 2008 at 6:00 p.m.