

May 28, 2009
CAC Meeting Notes
Lone Pine Visitor Center

Jim Satterfield opened the meeting.

Appreciation awards were given to the following advisors for their terms that have ended:

Justin Sliter, Jim Morey, Jon Dahlberg, Mark Sheets, and Mike Feldmann.

The following current advisors are staying on through May of 2010: Tony Anderson, Don Clark, Darrell Coverdell, Tim Engleson, Tammi Fisher, and Dan Savage.

The new CAC advisors are: Bernie Cassidy, Roger Diegle, Greg Foley, Ron Hvizdak, Rick Komenda, Richard Randall, Michael Shepard and Wally Wilkinson. FWP will be hosting a luncheon for the new members in mid to late June. Term lengths will be determined at that time. They will vary from 3 to 4 years.

We watched a brief DVD that gave an overview of the function of the CAC and FWP managers gave updates regarding their programs.

Round Table – Key Issues for consideration as topics during the next cycle, which begins in the fall. (Not listed in any order)

- Access (handicap and senior) and overuse of certain area and non-residents crowding areas
- Wolves
- Youth Activities (angling & hunting opportunities)
- Flathead Lake Co-Mgmt Plan (gill-netting)
- Communication – example: problem with lake trout in Swan lake...then why is there a limit on them when they are just being gillnetted?
- Elk
- Hunting culture vs. Road hunting
- FWP needs to take better offensive against the “anti”
- “Last Child in the Woods” – Children need to be outside.
- Native genetic group
- High school presentation on hunting, fishing, trapping and “how-to's” need to be more prominent.
- Plum Creek Sale of Lands
- Future conservationists
- Predators
- Lynx
- Habitat
- Explanation of science behind bear relocation and why mountain lions are not relocated.

FWP asked for suggestions regarding the CAC. All agreed that a new member orientation was a good idea. All present expressed that they thought that sub-committees of the CAC for particular topics worked well. The CAC members expressed that communication is a "key to success". For example: FWP keeps trying to recruit youth to carry on hunting culture...then why isn't FWP communicating to the youth on their level and through means which actually reach the youth? FWP should try new things like reaching out to youth through Facebook, Twitter and Myspace to name a few. The youth are not reading the newspapers, which seems to be the only acceptable means of news transmittal for FWP. However, the CAC would still like to see a REGULAR Outdoor Page in the newspaper for those that do read the newspaper.

Adjourned: 9:00 p.m.

Next meeting will be scheduled in September. Thank you all for coming and enjoy your summer!