

CAC Meeting
10/03/2012

FWP R1 HQ – Public Meeting Room

Present: Bernie Cassidy, Rick Komenda, Mike Shepard, Tony Anderson and Mrs. Anderson, Mike Corkish, Chuck Hunt, Jerry Smalley, Greg Foley, Ron Hvizdak, Darrell Coverdell, Roger Diegel, Paul Fielder, Jim Satterfield, John Fraley, Jim Vashro, Jim Williams, Kent Laudon, Lee Anderson, and Richard Peterson.

Volunteer Service Awards: Tony Anderson, Darrell Coverdell

Housekeeping:

- John Fraley reviewed the terms of the current 14 members.
- CAC Survey Summary
- Next meeting date is Thursday, November 29, 2012

Round Table:

Jerry Smalley:

- The black bear report indicates there is one bear per square mile.

Mike Corkish:

- Why does the Department not do a better job of informing the public about wolves/other predators?

Ron Hvizdak:

- Appreciates the trapping classes that have taken place.
- Heron Bears – why haven't there been charges filed against the lady feeding all these bears? (Captain Anderson is working on this with the County Attorney).
- Kokanee fishing – look at lines per boat vs. lines per person.

Paul Fielder:

- Forrest road closures due to bears – Yaak Griz Recovery Area – 76% of the public does not want any more bears. Most people support grizzly recovery if it doesn't involve introducing more bears into the system.

Mike Shepard:

Mike has talked to 20 hunters, and 11 of them have seen grizzly bears; thinks that the deer population is still recovering from the effects of the 96/97 winter.

Chuck Hunt:

- Thanks for the extension of the fish management plan
- McGregor Lake Access signage
- Church Slough – write to Judge Curtis to open.
- Stream Access to be challenged by legislators.

Roger Diegel: Regarding illegal fish introductions, you should increase the penalty / include reward.

Mike Corkish:

- Kalispell hunter education is finished up.
- There should be better education to the public about wolves, bears, lions.
 - not just defending ourselves.

Darrell Coverdell:

- The Westslope Cutthroat Trout Recovery Project (South Fork) seems to be working well and showing success; need to publicize more
- Swan Lake – bring back salmon.

Tony Anderson: Thanks for the opportunity to serve on this committee.

Greg Foley:

- A Big Timber Rancher closed his access to hunters due to buffalo free ranging policy of FWP.
- Flathead Lake Co-Management Plan status? John Fraley will update CAC REDD count at next meeting. Jim Satterfield updated the group regarding the Status of the Tribes EIS document.
- He and other anglers are seeing more bull trout caught on Flathead Lake.

Rick Komenda:

- Has been seeing a lot of fawns. He has retired from DNRC.