

FWP R2 CAC Meeting

MEETING DATE: Tuesday, May 6, 2014
LOCATION: 3201 Spurgin Road, Missoula
TIME: 6:00 p.m.

In Attendance:

Members: Tim Aldrich, Jane Bennett, Brian Bidlake, Louie Bouma, Todd Frank, Charlie Johnson, Denley Loge, Tracy Manley, Jim Olson, Stephanie Strickland, Gregory Price, Thomas Puchlerz, Jack Reneau, Toby Walrath, Barbara Joanne Weimer

Staff: Randy Arnold, Vivaca Crowser, Mike Thompson, Pat Saffel, Dori Schiele, Joe Jaquith

CAC Terms Up & Upcoming Member Recruitment Process: Four CAC members' terms are up this year: Stephanie Strickland, Dennis Schutz, Connie Buresh & Carey Schmidt. These members' last meeting is in August. Members can reapply and the open recruitment process four CAC members will be in June.

EHD Middle School Science Fair Presentation: Madi Provo, a 7th grade student from Target Range School, presented her science fair project on EHD.

License and Funding Advisory Council Report: Tim Aldrich and Jim Olsen

The License and Funding Advisory Council met multiple times from August 2013 to May 2014 to create a set of recommendations that would increase revenue while simplifying license structure. CAC members, Tim Aldrich & Jim Olson were members of the advisory council and reported on the group recommendations that are out for public comment now. [View the recommendations](#) on the FWP website: fwp.mt.gov.

There are a series of public meetings throughout the state to get public comment, and the last meeting will be on May 28th.

PLPW: Denley shared that he is serving on the Private Land/Public Wildlife committee which will be dealing with access issues. If anyone had ideas they would like to share, please contact Denley.

Round Robin:

Members took turns bringing up issues for discussion.

Todd discussed his disagreement with the emergency closure on the Bitterroot around the supply ditch and concerns with the proposal for seasonal closure of the Blackfoot in the Milltown area. He believes it is the public's responsibility to decide if they should float the river.

Charlie brought up the issue of ranching for wildlife and he expressed his concerns that a model like this continues to be a threat for Montana. Then the committee discussed

the issues of private land and hunting access. Tracy, as a landowner, discussed the reasons why game damage hunts are difficult. This issue has become a theme, so the members decided to create a subcommittee for the distribution of elk and public access. Stephanie, Tim, Tom, Brian, Greg, Todd, Charlie, and Denley joined the subcommittee.

Toby discussed his concerns with the misinformation that exists regarding trapping. The group decided to create a trapping subcommittee. Greg, Toby, Brain and Stephanie were interested in participating..

Upcoming 2014 Meeting Dates

The remaining meetings for 2014 are at 6pm on the following dates:

- Aug. 26
- Oct. 21
- Dec. 9

Next meeting

Tuesday, Aug 26, 6 pm, at the Missoula FWP office (3201 Spurgin Rd)