

CAC Meeting

3/06/2019

Present: Mark Christensen, Angie Tenison, Erik Browne, Nicole Stickney, Amy Jacobs, Darwon Stoneman, Jessie Walthers, Cheryl Bowland, Bill Swagger, Sandy Burch, Kyle Smalley, Clifford Kipp

FWP Present: Dillon Tabish, Jim Williams, Kris Temple, Alan Wood, Mike Hensler, Jon Obst, Dave Landstrom, and Martha Abbrescia

Others: Tony Anderson, Jay Sheffield, Larry Rattray, Larry Lack, and Rachel Van de Vort

General Legislative Update, review of the process.

AIS Check station in R1 opens next week, the earliest in the state due to Mack Days...however, the lake is frozen over and so is the river.

Reminder to sign up for Hunter Ed classes in the Spring because the Fall classes are a mad dash and fill quickly.

Next meeting is April 24, last meeting of the season is May 29 at Lone Pine.

Round Table:

Cliff Kipp: SB24 is still alive, but so is SB242. Our County Commissioners still have reluctance to support a trails revision plan...there is overwhelming support for this plan however county staff members have been forbidden to work on it.

Kyle Smally: Smith Permits came out this week and people are still complaining about the difficulty in using the MyFWP website.

Sandy Burch: Curious what is going on with helicopters? Thank you as I have been using the Haskill Basin trails and Lone Pine and the trails were so nice there, I truly appreciate everything you do. Wolves – Flathead Beacon – hunters are frustrated because hunters aren't finding elk & deer in usual spots. – this year we're on track for the largest harvest of wolves.

Bill Swagger: shout out to wildlife & enforcement folks in my area. What is happening on habitat efforts?...DNRC has partnered with USFS to work under the Good Neighbor Authority (GNA)

Cheryl Bowland: is FWP going to make a State Park recreation area in the Eureka area? There is nothing in our area.

Jessie Walthers: there is a lot of need for education on all sides

Darwon Stoneman: The river management plan regarding possible permitting on the North Fork. There is some controversial information about guides & outfitters.

Amy Jacobs: Recipes & Tips for Gardening and Farming with Wildlife. Discussion of lead ammo and the problems it creates.

Nicole Stickney: shout out to FWP for always supplying our requests for FWP comments...the effort and the information is always appreciated! I'm hearing overwhelming support for paying more to support state parks and fishing access sites. People are absolutely amazed when I explain to them that our State Parks system barely has enough money to even maintain what they currently have let alone start anything new.

Erik Browne: Curious about goat populations in R1, can they supplement other places?

Angie Tennison: HB390 special tags once in a lifetime draw is of concern to a lot of people.

Mark Christensen: what is happening with the effort to have just one date for permits.

Rachel Van DeVort / Governor's Office of Outdoor Recreation gave a brief overview of what she has been working on. Rachel is invited to join us anytime for these CAC meetings as she is based in Whitefish.

Alan Wood and Kris Tempel did presentation on landscape conservation efforts throughout the region and state.

The End 🙏 9:04