

MINUTES

CAC MEETING

Aug 2, 2017

Milltown State Park overlook

In Attendance

CAC: Barbara Joanne Weimer, Carey Schmidt, Denley Loge, J W Allendorf, John Manley, Kylie Paul, Louie Bouma, Marc Cooke, Mike Schmitt, Rob Edwards, Theresa Mondale, Tom Puchlerz, Jane Bennett

F&W Commissioners: Rich Stuker and Tim Aldrich

FWP Staff: Randy Arnold, Mike Kustudia, David Schmetterling, Chet Crowser, Dori Schiele, Molly Locati, Joe Jaquith, Mike Thompson, Vivaca Crowser, Pat Saffel

Intro- Vivaca Crowser

Vivaca started the CAC meeting (field trip) by thanking the FWP staff that worked together to make the Milltown Overlook adventure possible.

Guest Introductions- Randy Arnold

Randy introduced Rich Stuker and Tim Aldrich, Fish & Wildlife Commissioners.

Wildlife Updates- Mike Thompson

Mike gave a few quick updates about current events in the wildlife division. He said the scoping phase for the hunting season setting process for the 2018-19 seasons will begin soon, and then in Jan. 2018 FWP will be holding public meetings around the state to review tentative recommendations and gather public input.

Member Questions- Marc Cooke, Kylie Paul

Marc brought up the Stevensville fishing access and asked about its status. Randy explained that Rory Zarling (FWP FAS manager), himself and others are working with the community and landowners to explore short-term access solutions and develop a long-term plan.

Kylie wanted to know how the new requirements for using more Pitman-Robertson funds for enforcement work was affecting the division. Joe Jaquith talked about the impact to the division and how it required extensive planning and reprioritization of work duties, in some cases.

Field Trip of Milltown State Park Overlook- Mike Kustudia, David Smetterling

Mike and David guided members on a tour of the history of Milltown from the vantage point of the overlook. They talked about the dam, removal, fisheries restoration, redevelopment and the future for public access and the state park.

Next Meeting

Late Nov/Early December. Vivaca will follow up with a Doodle Poll to pick the exact meeting date.