



ADAAC Committee Meeting Minutes
June 5, 2019
Phone Conference - Olympia, WA

Committee Members in Attendance:

Region 1: Ron "Z" Zubrick
Region 4: Susanna Martini

Region 2: Dan Dickerson - Chairman
At Large: Melissa Espinosa

Absent:

Region 3: Chuck Grijalva
Region 6: Carol Evanoff

Region 5: Rick Spring

DFW Staff in Attendance:

Sam Taylor, HR High Risk Manager
Mary Fitzgerald, HR Administrative Assistant

Guest Speaker

Brock Hoenes – Natural Resource Scientist 4
Wildlife Program – Game; Deer & Elk

-Call to Order:

Welcome by Chairman Dan Dickerson

-Quorum Vote:

With 4 out of the 7 members, Quorum Present.

1. Review of Minutes from prior meeting - Dan Dickerson

- Reviewed and approved

2a. Dan Dickerson

Before the guest speaker, Dan wanted to remind the Committee members what they are here for, that the real issue is the lack of disability hunts for our disabled hunters. Points are just one piece of the problem. Dan also suggested step to advise the F & W Commission on ADA issues (see later).

2b. Allocation of Disabled Hunting Points – Brock Hoenes, NRS 4, Game; Deer & Elk

Brock Hoenes – Came to update the Committee regarding the hunting points system.

In 2010, disabled points were given to people who were not disabled. Now, those people, when they later become disabled have an unfair advantage in the points system from persons with disabilities.

Brock spoke with his supervisor. The first question was “*How big of a problem is this?*” and “*How often each year do these disabled points get carried over?*” Brock was given permission to contact 3rd party vendor, to pull the requested information. The vendor stated that he should be able to pull the information from the “new system”, which is 3 years old. Going back to the 2010 in the old system is more difficult, as that data is not easily accessible.

Brock indicated we could have two problems with the data:

- i) The disabled “*status*” is put into the system by hand. It’s a manual ON/OFF switch which is maintained by Licensing and potentially others. That means that human error could be a key component.
- ii) A hunter has the same I.D. number whether disabled or not. The Identification number never changes. So it can go from Youth to Adult to Disabled (or Senior).

Vendor pointed out another problem. “*You are talking about three groups that are affected: Disabled, Seniors 65+, and Master Hunters. If you make corrections for the disabled, shouldn’t the other two groups be corrected too?*” Brock stated this could be a Pandora’s Box, but that we should move forward with the disabled hunter to evaluate the issue. It would require a change in a WAC, and so we want to make sure all available information has been received before the ADA Advisory Committee moves forward.

For now, Brock will move ahead with obtaining the information, since we don’t know the size of the problem or what are the consequences of moving forward will be. We need to develop our motion and build it around the future data. We asked Brock to update us again at the July meeting.

3. Funding from the F&W Commission – Dan Dickerson

- a) What kind of numbers do we want to ask the Commission for the 2020 budget year? To give everyone time to think, get back to Dan in an email later.

4. Regional Updates - Each member will update committee

- a) **Region 1:** “Z”’s group will meet on June 22nd to move an ADA compliant platform from one area to another. He recently had his Hunter Ed in-service day and it got him wondering how to get more people hunting, particularly women and the disabled. How many women and disabled Hunter Ed instructors does DFW have, and does Hunter Ed teach its students how to work with and around disabled hunters in the woods? Z” would like to begin an “*Element 5 Program*”, not for dis-ability but for access-ability. **Note:** Susanna took the Hunter’s Ed class recently and has some ideas for “Z”. They will talk later.
- b) **Region 2:** Dan is working on sites for the shooting pavilion and blinds. The Wenatchee Sportsmen’s Association is having an event. He is still evaluating fishing access opportunities.

Dan will not be available for the National Hunting/Fishing Day in September, since it's the same day as the Wenatchee Sportsmen's Association event.

- c) **Region 3:** Absent
- d) **Region 4:** Susanna has not heard back from Amy Windrope, Region 4 Director, to pursue locations for blinds in the region. Sam informed Susanna of Amy's promotion. She going to need some time with Dan & "Z" to get up to date on how to get plugged in to her region.
- e) **Region 5:** Absent
- f) **Region 6:** Absent
- g) **At-Large:** A "fishing day" last week went really well. She met some tribal representative, who have funds for three ADA compliant fishing piers to be placed on the Puyallup River, but has been unable to get them approved by DFW. Sam's going to see if he can help them get in contact with the correct people. Melissa would like to know if anyone is able to attend the "National Hunting / Fishing Day" event on Sept. 28th in Puyallup. She is also still looking into giveaways for the event and will check with Christine Redmond on the deadline for attendance. Sam is assisting Melissa with her data from her survey, getting it into a PowerPoint program.

5. Next Meeting Date:

- **TBD:** The meeting date for July whether it be a phone conference or a picnic get together, we'll decide the date by email.
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6. Motion to Adjourn:

Chairman Dan Dickerson moved to adjourn at 5:58 p.m.

Steps to Advise F&W Commission of ADA Issues

Observation Phase

1. What is the issue, how is recognized or seen, we need to paint a factual picture.

Description Phase

2. We need to be able to describe the issue with the facts and the effects it has.

Advise Phase

3. We need to carefully phrase what we see as a solution to the issue and how we would *advise* that is be dealt with.

We are a great team with wonderful minds and talents that are making a difference for the people of this state. Let's keep up the good work.