



ADAAC Committee Meeting Minutes
March 1, 2018
Phone Conference - Olympia, WA

Committee Members in Attendance:

Region 1: Ron Zubrick
Region 3: Chuck Grijalva
Region 6: Carol Evanoff

Region 2: Dan Dickerson-Chairman
Region 5: Rick Spring
At Large: Melissa Espinosa

Absent:

Ryan Troyer (Region 4)

DFW Staff in Attendance:

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

-Call to Order:

Welcome by Chairman Dan Dickerson

-Quorum Vote:

With 6 out of the 7 members, Quorum Present.

1. Introduction:

- Chairman Dan Dickerson presented Ronald Zubrick, the new Region 1 committee member to everyone. Dan asked that Ron introduce himself to the other members.
 - Ron stated that he goes by the nickname of “Z”. He is a former Navy Veteran who has hunted all his life, and enjoys fishing with brothers and grandsons. He works as a rehab counselor, and does not believe in the word “CAN’T.” Z has four kids, nine grandkids and loves being outside.

2. ADA Regulations:

- Speaker: Sam Taylor
 - Sam updated the ADA AC on proposed changes to the external ADA Program regulations. Since starting at WDFW two years ago, Sam noticed the Department had a patchwork of laws and regulations that needed clarification and adjustment. Additionally, some issues had not been addressed, and some unanticipated issues had arisen. In light of the enactment of the ADA authorizing statute, the Department had decided to take the opportunity to perform a complete review of all the external ADA Program regulations, and to update them in their entirety.
 - Sam provided a short summary of the proposed changes, and proceeded to review each proposed change in detail with the ADA AC. The new regulations create a new trapping accommodation for persons with disabilities and their trapping companions; provide a means to enforce violations of the special use permits granted by the Department, and provide for an expedited appeals process for persons who may have had their special use permit suspended. An amendment redefines the criteria required to shooting from a vehicle, and creates a new blue placard. Further amendments clarify existing terminology to make it consistent with other regulations. Comments and Recommendations were suggested for consideration.

WAC 220-200-160 – Definition of a person with a disability.

Explained the need for clarity and consistency in use of definitions, and the changes proposed.

WAC 220-200-170 - Special Use Permit (SUP).

Discussed the clarifications in terminology, explained both the need enforce the terms and conditions of the Special Use Permits, and the necessity of having the ability to suspend SUPs if there is a failure to abide by the terms and conditions.

WAC 220-200-180 – Suspension of a Special Use Permit – Appeal hearing.

This regulation is new, and provides authority to suspend a Special Use Permit if there is a violation of the terms and conditions of the permit. Further, it provides a due process appeals procedure with an Administrative Law Judge should a person desire to challenge a suspension.

Comments reflected a desire to insure the right to request an appeal was immediate upon notice of suspension to accommodate a timely decision, given some short hunting and fishing seasons. The language in the proposed regulation provides this.

WAC 220-200-190 – Disability designation.

This is a new section which provides clarity of terms and a due process appeals procedure should an individual contest their disability designation.

WAC 220-305-120 – Harvesting of shellfish, food fish, or game fish by person with disability.

Discussed the need to clarify terms to make them consistent with other regulations, and make clear the companion must possess a valid license issued by Washington or another state.

WAC 220-413-140 – Hunting of game birds and animals by persons with a disability. The amendments to this regulation redefine the criteria required to shooting from a vehicle, and create a new blue placard. These “*Shooting from Vehicle*” placards will now be provided through the special use permit process.

The Committee expressed agreement with the proposed regulation. They did also express concern that the Department conduct an effort to educate and inform the public regarding these changes, as presently there is widespread use of the orange placards. Additionally, those that need this accommodation should be provided sufficient time and notice to complete the special use permit process. The ADA AC made several suggestions, to include:

- Printed reminders on 2018 Licenses when issued,
- Conducting educational meetings in all the regions,
- Letters to existing placard holders regarding changes,
- General press notices, and
- Inserting an announcement in future Hunting/Fishing Regulation booklets.

WAC 220-413-210 – Trapping of game birds and furbearing animals by person with disability. This new Regulation provides a new accommodation for persons with disabilities who desire to trap.

3. Fish & Wildlife Commission Meeting:

- Chairman Dan – Regarding Meeting before Commission on April 12, 2018.
 - Committee will have 30 minutes with the Commission on Thursday; decide what you wish to say. Time will be divided so everyone has a chance to speak (please let Dan know if you would rather not speak, and prefer someone else cover your material).
 - Communication is important with the Commission. Sam will put together a notebook for submission, which will include with committee member’s regional projects. Please provide an overview of what you have done so far (i.e.; reviewed proposed regulations, proposed laws; and your projects. We will include our approved motions and meeting minutes.).
 - What can the Commission do to help us? What do we need?

-Motions referred to the Commission:

1. Proposed ADA Regulations Package—The Committee endorses the proposed regulatory package.

Motion was put forward by Melissa and seconded by Carol. Motion passed. Motion was signed by Chairman Dan Dickerson (by email) and submitted to the Fish & Wildlife Commission.

2. Education & informational campaign – The Committee recommends the Department undertake an education outreach program to inform people of the changes, specifically regarding the change in the *Shoot from a Vehicle* Placards, to give sufficient notice, and provide time to apply for the Special Use Permit.

Motion was put forward by Carol, and seconded by Ron Z. Motion was signed by Chairman Dan Dickerson (by email) and submitted to the Fish & Wildlife Commission today.

4. Next Meeting Date:

- Chairman Dan – Next meeting scheduled for Olympia, WA on Thursday April 12, 2018.

-Motion to Adjourn 11:33 AM

Motion made to adjourn, and approved by voice vote.