

Game Management Advisory Council (GMAC) Notes

August 26, 2023

WCA Boardroom
1301 N. Dolarway Road
Ellensburg, WA 98926

Members present (in person): Jake Weise, Dave Duncan, Roy Lee, Jason Bolser, Al Martz, Bruce Vandervort, Rachael Voss, Mark Pidgeon, Bill Essman.

Members present (virtual): Max Cole.

Staff present: Anis Aoude

Approval of meeting notes: Motion by Jason Bolser, seconded by Mark Pidgeon, to approve meeting notes from the previous meeting. Motion approved.

Game Management Plan (GMP):

Lorna Smith (Chair of the Wildlife Committee, Board of Wildlife Commissioners) has submitted a proposal to replace the present arrangements in the way WDFW proceeds with the 3-year season setting GMP. Lorna wants to address all game management proposals in one document.

The WDFW will use the current plan(s) guidance until the new plan is approved via the State Environmental Act (SEPA) process.

Hopefully, the GMP will be approved by December 2024 and the SEPA process initiated by August 2024. The GMP will be presented in draft form in the SEPA process initially.

Bonus Point Subcommittee: Max Cole presented a draft (power point presentation) of the Bonus Point subcommittee's work to date concerning Special Hunt Permit Hunts.

Recommendations are:

- Do a survey,
- Survey objectives,
- Survey answers,
- Next steps.

The GMAC would like to see the survey go forward to see if there is sufficient interest to warrant the WDFW funding a formal survey. Anise noted that there is a new position in the WDFW (a Social Science position) who may, or may not be helpful. Anise suggested that possibly the Licensing Division in WDFW would be the appropriate Division to deal with the proposal.

Stakeholder Participation In WAC Proposals: Bruce Vandervort asked how and when do stakeholders participate in Washington Administrative Code (WAC) proposals. GMAC's response: All interested parties are afforded an opportunity to participate in pending 101's and

102's (pre-proposal vs. proposal) at such time and places where opportunities to provide input are scheduled.

Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) Survey: The final block of questions/(four questions?) on the survey are totally inappropriate and not germane to the CWD survey. They are inappropriate because they are biased and ideologically driven.

3-Year Season Setting Proposals: Anis commitment to the GMAC regarding the three year season setting proposals:

- Any proposals that move forward in the future will be presented to the GMAC in time for review and comment.
- Rule making schedule: Rules drafted by December____CR-101, file the CR-102 (public review by February____, presented to Commissioners by March____, decisions made by April____.

Future Agenda Topics:

- Tag allocation subcommittee (Rachael Voss, Jason Bolser, Jake Weise, Anise Aoude) report.
- Preference points/draw results subcommittee update.
- Three year season setting update.
- Possible legislation/legislative update.
- Conservation Policy update.
- Organizational Mission Statement, etc (Jason bolser, Max Cole).

Next Meeting: December 02, 2023 and the August 2024 meeting will be held on August 24th, 2024.

Adjourn: Motion by Jason Bolser, seconded by Mark Pidgeon, to adjourn the meeting. Motion approved.