

Game Management Advisory Council Meeting Notes

March 4, 2017

Washington Cattleman's Association Boardroom
1301 N. Dolarway Road
Ellensburg WA 98926

GMAC Members in attendance: Rob McCoy, Dave Duncan, Lee Davis, Art Meikel, James Stephenson, Darrell Moore, Gregg Bafundo, James Horan, Bobbie Thorniley, Mark Pidgeon, Jake Weise, Jan Patricio, Terry Mansfield, Shawn McCully, Jerry Barron, Warren Gimlin and Al Martz

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife Staff: Anis Aoude, Stephanie Simek, Malia Devivo and Brian Kerston

Welcome/Introductions: Rob McCoy

- Members present introduced themselves and who they represented if organizations or just themselves as hunters;
- Notes from the December Meeting were discussed and accepted by the Council.
- We read Kevin's email report to GMAC regarding the DFW web site progress

Predator Prey research update: Malia Devivo and Brian Kerston

- Brian Kerston gave a power point presentation on the project and gave a progress report on the carnivore portion of the research. Malia Devivo gave a progress update on the ungulate portion of the research.
- Lee Davis suggested the Department create a web page related to the predator prey study where updates can be posted.

Legislative Update: Anis Aoude

- Anis Aoude discussed some of the bills that the Department is currently tracking. There was some discussion relating to the fee bill and its likelihood of passing both houses.

Preference Point presentation: Shawn McCully

- Shawn McCully gave a presentation that explained Idaho's drawing system and showed in a spreadsheet format how it would look if Washington tried a similar approach.
- In Idaho hunters cannot apply for deer/elk and Once In a Lifetime species they have to choose. This limits the number of hunters that compete in those categories and can increase drawing odds for some species.
- The group created a subcommittee to work on this issue further.

Wolf population update: Stephanie Simek

- Stephanie Simek power point presentation provided an update of wolf population and management issues as of November 2016.

- **Potential agenda items:**
 - More in-depth discussion of importance of habitat (not sure what this meant?).
 - Mule deer 3 point restrictions.
 - Wolf update.
 - Spring bear hunting.
 - Legislative update.
 - Status of recruitment/retention efforts.
 - Preference points.
 - Status of research (not sure what this meant).
 - Presentation by Shawn on Idaho preference approach.

- GMAC recommendation that WDFW send a letter of thanks to the Washington Cattlemen's Association for use of their boardroom in Ellensburg, WA.

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