

Livestock Review Panel Meeting Notes

March 23, 2016 -- Ellensburg

Agenda

① Introductions

② Ground rules

③ Purpose - *spokes person*

④ Process steps

⑤ Criteria -

- *degradation history?*
- *WAC criteria*
- *evaluate portion of claim sold*
- *did you use non-labeled (outreach) educate*

⑥ Key learnings

Brainstorming on Ground Rules

Ground rules

- Be open minded, mutual respect x2
- Be objective
- ^{All} Support outcomes, unified decision
- Department attend
- Careful listening^{x3} To each other
 - information, experience, context
 - active listening w/respect
- Respect individuality of claims
 - Discuss why we do/don't support claim
- Treat each other well
- meet deadlines

Ground Rules

- Transparency in process
 - ↳ consistency,
- Each point of view taken seriously
- Affirmative Stay focused to topic:
minimize tangent stories
- Understand each other perspectives & respect
- Confidentiality of discussions & sensitive information
- Bring snacks

Brainstorming on Purpose of Board

Purpose

- Diversity of perspective on unified recommendation
 - [outline WDFW decision process] → To process
 - Convey fairness aspect to claimant/producer
↳ mitigate issues
 - Process to build trust in Department Board eventually trusted by landowners/producers. And trust in process
 - Transparency on records needed
- Advise
Dept Education & outreach
- education tool

Brainstorming on Process Steps

Process 1

1. Confidentiality - get AGO input (meeting or conf call)
 - don't use names
 - mail claim packages
2. Who is spokesperson - united face to public
 - develop consistent message after at end of meeting - talking points - YES
 - point of contact from Department - YES
3. Involvement of WDFW staff on board process - ~~conflict staff~~ YES, but need to understand how that might impact confidentiality
4. Form of communication
 - email, phone calls
5. Call other resources when needed
 - conflict staff
 - Budget update (*send out)
 - assessor (science papers)

Process 2

4. Form of communication/Process
 - ↳ sensitive info not over email
 - financial info
 - ↳ Decision in-person meeting
 - ↳ Non-meeting content
 - needs - assessor, conflict specialist, etc
 - ↳ Meetings, conference calls, email
6. Department validates confirmed/prob injuries/kills
7. Interaction w/ claimants
 - ↳ WDFW has point of contact w/ producer. Point of contact also interact w/ Board
 - ↳ claims dealt on the facts, not producer personalities
 - ↳ appeals to 3rd party, not Board

* later create form or check list or criteria

- can't play one against another

Brainstorming on Process Steps

Process cont.

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- How Board makes decision
 - ↳ ideas - ~~consensus~~
 - sufficient consensus 4 out of 5
 - ~~voting~~
 - ↳ if disagreement, discuss reasons why
 - ↳ person (and Board) would support decision outside of room
 - ↳ 5 ~~of 5~~ members - YES
 - ↳ WAC ~~concern~~ concern - see question
 - ↳ Trust issue if we change
 - ↳ Any deviation from plan or WAC sends message & builds lack of Trust

Process cont

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- ### Timing
- consider time to complete claim form/data, then time to review claim
 - timely turn around
 - consider evaluating claim, make decision quickly & get recommendation to WDFW
 - meet set times per year to process claims - deadlines
 - ↳ quarterly or more
 - increasing credibility by meeting deadline
 - mail claim as soon as complete
 - 1 packet, 1 month being

Brainstorming on Criteria for Evaluating Claims

Criteria

- WAC criteria
 - ↳ 3 years of records
 - ↳ large pastures grazing, rearing, where regular monitoring impractical
 - ↳ Department verified wolves in area.
 - ↳ losses can't be reasonably explained by other cause (drought, fire), other depredation
 - ↳ Has checklist, DPCA, or waiver
 - records means:
 - notes
 - diaries
 - sales receipts
 - records of inventories, explanation of losses, verifiable
 - opening statement of losses then documentation to support
 - verifies, justifies claim
 - All supporting data
- Complexity of time with or without wolves

Criteria

- Statement ~~of~~ records needs to convince Board that loss was caused by wolves.
 - ↳ ~~records~~ records & data needs to demonstrate connection to wolves
- Are there sub-criteria? Like—
 - Department verified data of wolves on landowner's land
 - data on cattle behavior
- Review criteria before each meeting
- What does 'impractical monitoring' mean? or "large"?
 - ↳ relative to other circumstance, terrain, wolf behavior, etc.

Next Steps

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1. Department summarize
2. Conf call to -
 - AGO
 - group 5 / emergency rule
 - ~~Finalize pilot criteria~~
 - contacts list
 - meeting dates