

Snoqualmie Wildlife Area Advisory Committee Meeting

December 14, 2016
10 a.m. -12:00 p.m.

Qualco Energy Conference Room, Crescent Lake WLA
18117 203rd St. SE.
Monroe, WA. 98272

Brief Agenda

1. WAAC Administration (Brian)
 - a. Introduce new Committee members
 - b. Review accomplishments since August meeting
 - c. Purpose for today

2. Wildlife Area Management Plan (Patricia)
 - a. Process and expectations for this meeting
 - b. Timeline

3. Discuss Plan DRAFT Goals and Objectives Section (Patricia)
 - a. Ecological Integrity
 - b. Sustain species
 - c. Support Recreational Opportunities
 - d. Safety and compliance
 - e. Positive working relationships with stakeholders
 - f. Cost-effective operations

4. Next Steps (Patricia)

5. Closing (Brian)

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Meeting Notes

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WAAC Members Attending:

Susan Burk, Marty Thenell, Brent Hackney, Dan Bartleheimer, Troy Rahmig, Bob Roush, Martha Jordan, Dave Sharp, Jeff Wolf, Wayne Gulstad

Not attending: Perry Falcone, David Steiner

WDFW Staff: Brian Boehm, Patricia Jatczak

Note taker: Martha Jordan

Welcome and Introductions

Brian Boehm, Snoqualmie Wildlife Area Manager, provided an introduction to the mission of WDFW and the purpose of the WDFW Wildlife Area Management Plans and the WAAC. Because the group was expanded with an additional four new members, each gave a brief introduction to the group. Welcome to: Susan Burk, Dan Bartleheimer, Bob Roush, and Martin Thenell!

WLA Management Plan Update and WAAC Participation

Patricia Jatczak presented information on the WLA planning process. WDFW would like the WAAC members to get the word out to their constituents about what was discussed at the meetings and get feedback from them. WAAC member should bring this back to the group and WDFW staff.

A suggestion was made by a WAAC member to have an online survey regarding particular topics.

Patricia discussed the WDFW WLA Planning Team and process. There is a team of about nine people working directly on the plan, and many other contributing in a wide variety of areas.

The new WLA plan builds off the 2006 version and subsequent reports, and is being updated with new information. It is the vision to carry the WLA for the next 8-10 years. The Plan and how the Snoqualmie WLA is managed must be consistent with WDFW's mission and the funding source for the units of the WLA. The four new areas to be covered in the plan include: ecological integrity, forest management (*where applicable*), recreation management, and climate change.

The Snoqualmie WLA Management Plan is currently between Phase 2 and 3 (a draft plan). Phase 2 is Goals and Objectives.

Goals and Objectives

The group reviewed the draft Goals and Objectives –action items – for the plan. WDFW asked that members take the document and then provide written comments. The document is the first draft. WAAC members will get another chance to review the action items when the draft plan is produced for review.

Several members requested a map that shows where WDFW's focus is for additional land acquisitions or expansion of the WA within the Snoqualmie Valley.

Dog Training Sub-group Update

The Dog Training subgroup met on December 12, 2016. WDFW had produced a draft plan, and the subgroup members provided responses to the plan. Marty provide the subgroup draft to the WAAC. If anyone has additional comments on the draft dog training plan, please send them to Patricia.

Other

Brian will provide updates on progress regarding the Management Plan. Currently the target date for substantial completion of this plan is April, with final formatting and approval in June.

Additional topics discussed were the diking district and the potential for how to find funding for tide gate issues and get through the permit process.

Two people from the public attended. They briefly commented on the concept that well trained hunting dogs are important, thus they need places to train their dogs.

The meeting was adjourned at noon.