Wenas Target Shooting Advisory Committee Meeting
March 6, 2018
Meeting Notes-draft

Introduction/Check-in

Scott welcomed everyone back and described the new meeting layout, everyone in attendance checked in.

DFW summary presentation on advisory committee report

Staff gave a brief presentation on the committee process and a summary of the 17 recommendations.

Review Charter and Ground Rules

The committee had a general discussion of the ground rules and charter and that some minor changes would be good, to align with the next phase, specifically removing reference to Ross Strategic and developing recommendations. The new charter should have reference to implementation and addressing unresolved issues. Committee members asked DFW to complete updates and send out to the committee to review.

Mike gave a brief update on the WAC change and status. There was general discussion by the group.

Review and Discuss DFW draft implementation timeline

The draft timeline was put up on the screen and the group spent time reviewing the draft brochure that was handed out. Several edits were recorded on a draft brochure, other recommendations included:

- Improve weblinks to more local info
- Change the Commercial Shooting Ranges section to address club ranges
- Add a regional insert
- Add Campground restriction
- Add more info on Wenas w/o increasing draw to the area
- Create and add Wildlife Areas specific inserts
- When WAC changes update WDFW info on brochure

CORT training was discussed and the committee members asked to be included in the outreach so they could share the opportunity with the users they represent.

The shooting site improvement were discussed and George Holman who is the YTC Range Officer was introduced, he gave a brief summary of his experience and discussed volunteering his time to address improvement design and safety. All committee members present expressed their appreciation for his help and looked forward to working with him.

Hiring of enforcement interns was announced by Captain Weaver, and briefly discussed. The group also discussed DFW’s effort to spend more time on site within existing capacity, and developing a way to track contacts made. There was a short discussion of enforcement (DFW and counties) coordinating on a way to standardize and improve reporting on incidents/calls.
Discuss advisory committee format

The group discussed how often to meet and thought every 2 months might be appropriate and meetings could be extended to every 3 months if there was not enough progress to warrant a meeting. Wednesday were selected as the best day of the week and DFW will send out a doodle poll to select days in May for the next meeting.

Public Comment

Following a short break, the meeting was opened for public comment. Jim Lydigsen was the only person to comment. Topics focused on:

DFW should replace him on the committee with someone of his choice
He is concerned with the ethics of DFW staff
He is concerned with a conflict of interest by DFW staff and committee members

Discuss signs and kiosks

DFW showed some pictures of new DNR sign design that could be utilized for target shooting and other signs on the wildlife area.

Discuss future topics

The group discussed future meeting topic ideas:

Presentation by George Holman
Update on staff presence and contacts
Update on a Wenas insert in brochure
Discussion on trails near concentrated shooting sites and how to identify
Update on budgets and timelines
Begin discussions on Buffalo Rd

Wrap-up/Check-out

DFW had a quick summary of things to do and topics covered during the meeting.

Everyone went around the room and checked out.