



Date: Tuesday, August 13, 2019
Location: Region 3 Headquarters, 1400 S. 19th Ave., Bozeman
Time: 5:30 p.m. – 8 p.m.
FWP Staff: Mark Deleray, Adam Pankratz, Travis Horton,
Betsey LaBroad, Morgan Jacobsen, Gina Freund

CAC: **Present:** Cindy Christophersen, Myrtle Woosley, Richard Lessner, Logan Miller, Mark Savinski, Ronald Fick, Julie Kennedy, John Salazar, Jared Brown
Not Present: Jeremy Fadness, Henry Hardin, Dennis Nelson, Dan Wirak, Becca Wood, Harold Johns, Josh White

Welcome & Introductions – Mark Deleray, Regional Supervisor

Fish & Wildlife Commissioner Pat Byorth will be joining us today.
Introduction of FWP’s new Information & Education Manager, Morgan Jacobson.
Montana Outdoors magazine is now available for members to pick up during meetings.

Video Outreach Projects – Morgan Jacobsen, I&E Manager

FWP doesn’t do a good job of telling our story and sharing what we do with the public.
Morgan’s goal is to increase this information flow using video and social media.

Introduced some recent video projects he has worked on as well as prospective future projects:

- Swan capture
- CWD
- Recruitment video for hunter/bow hunter education instructors

Played video regarding use of our Fishing Access Sites and how to take care of them

Region 3 Law Enforcement Issues – Adam Pankratz, Warden Captain

Discussed the guiding principles of what wardens do and how they do it (Law Enforcement Code of Ethics).

7 Pillars of North American Model for Wildlife Conservation

- Wildlife is a public resource

- Wildlife is an international resource
- No markets for game
- Laws regulate wildlife management
- Wildlife only killed for legitimate reason
- Management by science
- Democracy of hunting/fishing (available to all)

Overview of FWP Enforcement Division

- Staffing across the region
- Districts/geographic area our staff covers
- Duties
 - Protecting our waters
 - Destruction of state park property
 - Education/mentoring the next generation
 - Protecting public access
 - Urban wildlife
 - Public outreach
 - Bison management
 - Enforcing rules and regulations of MTFWP
 - Outdoor recreation
 - Hunting, fishing, trapping regulation
 - Commercial activities
 - Land owner relations

Discussed a few specific cases enforcement has worked on over the years and across the region.

Pittman-Robertson (PR) Funding

- 2 years ago, funding increased from ~4% to ~30%
- Strict guidelines of what funding can be used for
- Funding changed again in last legislative session – back down to 15%
- Discussed hardships of PR funding for enforcement and why the decrease in funding was positive for the division

CAD

- shared system between highway patrol and wardens
- Way for dispatch to know where they are and dispatch efficiently
- Access to driver's license records, fishing/hunting license records
- Helps enforce our laws better
- Extra layer of transparency for the agency and increased efficiency

distributed the enforcement division's new annual report

CAC Round Table and Public Comment

Discussed the following topics:

- Funding for noxious weed mgmt. at WMAs
- Work cooperatively with county efforts
- Success story on Ruby River: 4th public access site on river in less than two years
- Brief synopsis from Captain Pankratz regarding internal meeting on Herrera decision
- More aggravation and negative comments from hunters than positive regarding the bison hunt in Gardiner (Pros and cons of having a state hunt)
- Governor's Sheep Tag: we don't allow market hunting, but we allow private landowners to lease land to hunters/professional scouts
 - Political decisions vs science-based decisions
- Using dogs to detect AIS (mussel sniffing dogs)
- Contention about "no wake zone" at the Silos when we don't have the work force to enforce it

Next CAC Meeting: **Wednesday, Dec. 11, 5:30-8 p.m.**

Topic: tentative hunting regulations for upcoming year

Adjourn

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