



**ADAAC Committee Meeting Minutes  
April 12, 2018  
Conference Room 556 - Olympia, WA**

Committee Members in Attendance:

Region 1: Ron "Z" Zubrick  
Region 3: Chuck Grijalva  
Region 6: Carol Evanoff

Region 2: Dan Dickerson-Chairman  
Region 5: Rick Spring  
At Large: Melissa Espinosa

Absent:

Vacant (Region 4)

DFW Staff in Attendance:

Sam Taylor, High Risk Programs Manager  
Mary Fitzgerald, HR Administrative Assistant

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**-Call to Order:**

Welcome by Chairman Dan Dickerson

**-Quorum Vote:**

With 6 out of 7 members, Quorum Present.

**1. Introduction:**

- Chairman Dan Dickerson welcomed Ron "Z" Zubrick the new Region 1 member to the committee. Dan asked "Z" to re-introduce himself to the other members.
  - "Z" stated that he has been a fisher and hunter all his life. He is a former boy scout, sea cadet, hunter education instructor, and a bio-medical engineer in the navy who was in a accident 2 years ago that ended his navy career. "Z" works as a rehab counselor, and does not believe in the word "can't." He continues to do the things he loves like scuba diving; he received full re-certification since his accident.

## 2. Committee Project Updates:

- “Z” /Region 1
  - Our newest member of the committee has plans to develop a collaborative relationship with the Veteran’s Administration, and rehabilitation facilities; to work with disabled veterans. Currently 60% of our disabled license holders are veterans.
- Dan /Region 2
  - Upcoming meeting with U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services; regarding the proposed Youth Fishing Pond. This year’s North Central Washington Youth Hunting and Fishing Day will be September 29, 2018 at the North Central Washington Gun Club together with Youth Outdoors Unlimited. Dan would like to invite the committee members to attend.
  - Keeping the communication open – If you need help with anything just ask, even if I can’t help I might know someone who can, that way we help each other in the group to grow.
- Chuck /Region 3
  - Drawn up plans for two blinds (\$6,000), one will replace the blind we lost last year to fire and adding an additional blind to the area; getting the Boy Scouts, or a local Men’s Club to help with maintenance of the blinds. Chuck’s sub-committee is also looking at nine acres of water access for future ADA water access sites.
- Rick /Region 5
  - Looking for funding for a Fishing Pier. Helping Chuck with his Blinds project. Get ready for his next Podcast. Rick was asked to put together a cost and time estimate for his Blinds. If funding can be found, how long would it take and what is the cost for get a blind in place. Rick will put together “packet price” list for his different blinds that will include cost and labor hours. As requested at the Commission hearing, the committee will send this information to the Director and Commission for their assistance.
- Carol /Region 6
  - Carol had an appointment and had to leave the meeting early. She has been working on the GPS access for disabled locations
- Melissa /Region At-Large
  - Working on her outline project list. She would like to get a person at all the Events, and not just Sportsmen’s Shows but new organizations as well. Information out about what is available for peoples with disabilities. Visit locations like the VA but she feels that we need better handouts. Funding the cost?
  - Melissa has conducted nine interviews since January 2018. Three of the nine were newly injured, so she talked about the new equipment and places to go. She stated that is hard finding people to interview. Committee members offered to help find candidates, and they requested that she send them the questions.

### **3. Further discussion on the ADA Regulations Update:**

- Sam Taylor will be presenting the ADA Regulations to the Commission on Friday, April 13, 2018. Sam stated that the recommended education and information campaign suggestions by the committee at the last month's meeting were all accepted but one, the printing reminders on 2018 Licenses when issued, is something that cannot be done.
  - On a side note: Sam will be sharing the Ruckelshaus report with Dan regarding the Licensing Fees for the disabled. Dan will work with the Committee on this project.

### **4. News of a Director for the Agency:**

- Sam Taylor stated that over the next two weeks the Commission will be reviewing the applications they have received. They will be checking to see if we have any strong candidates, if not the position could be re-opened for new applications or maybe an outside recruiter will be hired to assist with the larger search.

### **5. Follow-up on the ALEA Grant information:**

- Chairman Dan stated that we all learned a lot about the ALEA Grants, its one source of funding and that they will not fund everything; even the Commission did not know that fact. Therefore, the Commission has offered their help with funding.

### **6. Questions from the Commissioners:**

- Chairman Dan indicted that since the Commission has offered to assist with funds for area projects, the Committee should make a pitch \$6,000 to the Commission as soon as possible. Dan has called for another meeting next month to work out the details.

### **7. Next meeting date:**

- Chairman Dan – Next meeting scheduled by phone conference for 9:00 am on May 14, 2018.

### **-Motion to Adjourn 12:35 PM**

Motion made to adjourn, and approved by voice vote.

## **NOTES FROM THE COMMISSION MEETING**

The ADA Advisory Committee went before the Fish & Wildlife Commission board today, April 12th for the first time. The ADA Committee was allotted 30 minutes to present its program of past, present and future projects for each region. The ADA Committee had prepared for this meeting by assembling a packet of: each Region's Projects, past Commission Motions, and past Meeting Minutes.

The Commission members was very impressed with the ADA Committee; in just six months the committee has held four meeting, sent four motions to the Commissions board and has completed several projects in various regions. Moreover, the ADA Committee reviewed and commented on the update of the ADA legislation and regulations.

In addition, the Commission members were impressed with the ADA Committee member's energy, enthusiasm, and knowledge that each bring to the committee as a group. The Commission closed the 55-minute meeting with an offer of help to the committee members, "*if you need us to help pitch in, let us know*" and the Commission members are behind the commitment to make Washington the best place for barer-free access.