

Snoqualmie Wildlife Area

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Wildlife Area Advisory Committee

DATE 02/24/16

Meeting Agenda

I. Introductions – (note taker please?) (10:00-10:20)

A. Meeting Topics

1. Introductions
2. WAAC purpose
3. Wildlife Area Management Plan update

B. Plan for the meeting –

1. DFW in a minute (Strategic Plan)
2. DFW Mission
 - a. To preserve protect and perpetuate fish, wildlife and ecosystems while providing sustainable fish and wildlife recreational and commercial opportunities
2. WAM duties
 - a. Conserve and protect native fish and wildlife
 - b. Provide sustainable fishing, hunting and other wildlife-related recreational experiences
3. Meeting format
 - a. One person talking at a time
 - b. Keep on topic
 - c. Meeting purpose and time

II. Discussion (10:20-11:15)

A. WAAC Purpose

1. Role of WAAC members-to provide public and other stakeholders' perspectives in WDFW wildlife area planning and management activities
 - a. Provide comments during the development of wildlife area management plan updates
 - b. Communicate agency goals and wildlife area activities outside of WAAC meetings
2. Discuss WAAC document items:
 - a. Contacts page correct?
 - b. Draft Charter
 - c. Pre-meeting materials
 - d. meeting notes (public record)

B. 2014-2015 Wildlife Area Management Plan

1. Review 2014-2015 management plan
 - a. Format
 - b. What is completed
2. Discuss new 2016-2017 Management Plan
 - a. advise of new format
 - b. expect input for 2016-2017 revision
 - c. Intro from Jeanne
3. Wild Future and new Plan

C. Current issues on Wildlife Areas

1. Inform, discuss issues identified during 2014 and 2015
 - a. pheasant program and hunting
 - b. seasonal over-crowding
 - c. dogs impacting other users and wildlife

2. State perspectives

- a. response to Federal requirements
- b. Increasing ownership
- c. Public awareness and transparency

3. Areas to consider

- a. Impacts of population growth
- b. Change in hunter/fisher demographics
- c. Changing recreational opportunities

III. Wrap up and conclusion (11:15-11:30)

A. Next steps

- 1. review info from email
- 2. prep for stakeholder meeting
- 3. prep for WLA Planning process

Thank you all for attending and for your input. Feel free to contact me anytime. Brian

Snoqualmie Wildlife Area Advisory Committee Meeting

Meeting minutes for 24 Feb 2016

Location: Qualco Energy conference room, Crescent Lake Wildlife Area

The meeting was called to order at 10 a.m. by Brian Boehm, Snoqualmie Wildlife Area Manager who facilitated the meeting. This was the first meeting of a newly selected Snoqualmie Wildlife Area Advisory Committee (SWAAC). Attendance was taken and included: Troy Rahmig, Perry Falcone, Martha Jordan, Wayne Gullstad, Brent Hackney, Dave Steiner, David Sharp and Brian Boehm. Jeff Wolf was unable to attend and provided no alternate.

We introduced ourselves to the other Committee members to learn more about the interests and skills each person brings to the group. Brian gave a brief overview of the Snoqualmie wildlife area (WLA). It is one of 33 WDFW WLAs state wide. The Snoqualmie WLA is comprised of 6 units located in western King and Snohomish counties.

Brian followed the agenda (see document online) including an overview of the SWAAC purpose, process, and role of SWAAC members, which is to provide public and other stakeholder's perspectives in WDFW wildlife area planning and management activities. An important point was made concerning changing user demographics due to two major factors: Discover Pass implementation creating more awareness of Wildlife Areas by people who do not hunt or fish, and rapid population growth in the nearby communities and rural areas.

This was followed by Brian providing information about WDFW including WDFW's Strategic Plan, mission, wildlife area manager duties, and how the meeting format would be conducted. Committee members need to be familiar with all areas pertaining to Wildlife Area management as well as state wide WDFW initiatives, plans, and goals. His vision is to present a management plan that moves into the future and is an adaptive, guiding document.

We discussed the draft Charter for the SWAAC. A suggestion was made to define a term as serving one to three years. This would prevent a situation where a new SWAAC would start each year the management plan would be revised. A member could reapply to continue to be on the committee, as no term limit was desired. Brian also stated that all documents pertaining to SWAAC meetings will be posted to WDFW website for public viewing.

Preparation for revision of the comprehensive 2016-2017 WLA Management Plan is currently in process. The WDFW planning team is working behind the scenes to prepare for a public stakeholder meeting set for April 11 at 6 pm at the Mill Creek Region 4 office. The planning team is also working on WDFW website updates regarding the revision of the Wildlife Area Management Plan and the new link that stores SWAAC meeting documents. All members of the SWAAC were encouraged to attend the April 11th public meeting.

Current issues were brought up including a review of the previous 2014-2015 management plan priorities including pheasant program and hunting, seasonal overcrowding, and dogs impacting other users and wildlife. A primary concern was disturbance to wildlife and hunters from people who frequent the Units for off-leash dog walking. We concluded with areas to consider including: how does population growth and the changes in hunter/fisher demographics factor into Wildlife Area Management planning; and how to message to the public about appropriate recreational use of wildlife areas.

Handouts to members: Meeting agenda, WDFW Mission, goals, and objectives, and excerpts from WDFW 2015-17 Strategic Plan Objectives and Initiatives- Goal 1 through 4. A reminder was given to review the results of the Wild Future regional public meeting that was held last year, for ideas on current user comments concerning the Wildlife Area.

Meeting adjourned at 11:40 am.