

# CAC Meeting 9.14.04

## Pheasant Program Presentation

Mark Cleavette was on hand to give us an overview the 2004 pheasant program. Handouts were passed around which described number of birds to be stocked, cost of the program, number of tags sold, and an area distribution list. We were told to keep an eye on the DEP web site for additional hunting areas in '05 and any other changes, as this is the most efficient way of getting the word out to the public on short notice.

## Secretary Report

- The minutes were accepted at 8:07 pm

## Conservation Environmental Police

- No report

## Marine Fisheries

Our October meeting will have Eric Smith in attendance to deliver a presentation on Lobster fishing in Long Island Sound.

## Inland Fisheries

None

## Forestry

None

## Wildlife

USFWS in DC has given preliminary approval to the proposed Falconry regulations package. Looking at perhaps a January, February time frame for final approval. The CT Apprentice Falconer exam should be ready for October.

The recent Wildlife Regulation Hearing went very well everything was positive with a lot of support from hunters and trappers.

## Legislative Committee Report

Word from Bob Crook was that he had learned from the Boating Advisory Council that the State was going to grant the Town of Washington \$100k for construction of a new boat ramp on Lake Waramaug. Monies for this supposedly came from the Motor Boat Fuel Tax Fund. Boating Advisory, Fisheries Advisory and the Conservation Advisory Councils were all opposed to this. A handout was passed around to all members, which included the Agreement.

As to upcoming Bills, bow hunting will be a focus area. Also more attention will be given to Deer Management issues and Sunday Hunting.

Bob told us that the Motor Boat Fuel Tax bill would be resubmitted.

Our Lakes and Ponds in state are in chaos due to Towns creating their own regulations for waterways. Bob wants to address this by having a Public Hearing in a central portion of the state whenever new regulations are being proposed.

### **By Law Committee**

We discussed revisions to Article III, section 8 and Article V, section 1. After a very brief discussion, both of these were passed unanimously.

At that point the By Law Committee was disbanded as their job has been completed.

### **Old Business**

A question was posed to Ed Parker if he was aware of the issues facing the Burlington Trout Hatchery such as the need for electrical power out to the ponds, and the need for 2 new wells to alleviate warm/low water issues. Ed was fully aware of these issues and they are being looked into.

### **New Business**

A discussion of the new Lake Waramaug agreement was had.

A case in Orange CT that the CCS was defending has gone to appeals court.

The Metacom Gun Range case could be important precedent. Money is needed for the Legal Defense Fund.

Chris Marino will be being replaced with a new rep for Bristol Fish & Game. Chris also mentioned on how the TIP program needs cash and how TIP signs will be going up on the Farmington River.

Tip Garret introduced and recommended a book entitled "Trout Pool Paradox" by George Black.

With no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 9:27 pm.

Respectfully submitted  
Jon Puhalski