

CONSERVATION ADVISORY COUNCIL
Meeting of November 9, 2004

Chairman Bill Campbell called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM.

Fourteen members attended (see attached list).

DEP representatives: Ed Parker

A motion to accept the minutes for the October meeting was approved.

Secretary's Report:

The CAC recognized Ivan Mahoney as the representative for the CT Woodcock Council.

John Puhalski, CAC Secretary submitted a letter of resignation. Gary Zielanski from the CT BASS Federation volunteered to take over the duties as Secretary until new elections are held.

Conservation Environmental Police Report:

Ed Parker distributed the wildlife hotline activity report on behalf of the Law Enforcement Division.

BNR Report: Ed Parker

Marine Fisheries:

DEP advocating for reallocation of the Fluke Quota from larger states to smaller which will help minimize discards.

Inland Fisheries:

400 Atlantic salmon were released last week – (200- Shetucket and 200 – Naugatuck). These fish came from the White River National Fish Hatchery.

Forestry:

No issues to report.

Wildlife:

In response to a question raised at the October meeting, DEP reported that \$200,000 is being used by the Agricultural Experiment Station to evaluate immuno-contraceptive methods on deer in particular.

- Research on Chemical sterilization on male deer.
- Spay-vac testing of female deer.

Further information will be given at the December meeting.

The Town of Greenwich has proposed deer management program including use of sharp shooters. They have requested a \$50,000 budget and will be meeting with White Buffalo and others to discuss the plan.

- This is the first request of this type under new legislation.
- Deer will be donated to hunters for the hungry.

The Greenwich Deer Committee supports archery only Sunday hunting on private land.

At least 6 other towns are studying this issue of archery only Sunday hunting on private land.

DEP has received a request to curtail hunting on state property known as Poquonnock Valley located in Trumbull. DEP is reviewing the issue. There have been no previous problems.

Final proposed Wildlife regulations were distributed.

- The Attorney General's office has certified the regulation package.
- Earliest review by the Regulations Review Committee is at their January 2005 meeting.

Paul Rego, Wildlife Biologist will give a presentation on black bear at the December meeting.

- Important meeting to attend. The information presented will be utilized to develop a management plan in the future.

Other:

Acting Commissioner Stahl approved the CT Woodcock Council as a member organization.

Committee Reports:

Legislative Committee – Bob Crook

Invitation to go to Texas conference.

Sent email out regarding problems with TIP funding.

C.O. minimum staffing, 75 – will be discussed.

Organization of the year award: Hunters for the Hungry. 265 people attended Bob's annual dinner event.

State Elections

- Democratic victories across the state
- House: 99-52
- Senate: 24-12
- No new gun bills expected this year.

Plans on setting up meeting in December with the sportsman's caucus.

Old Business:

Warmaraug

- Issue has been going on for 10 years.
- The Lake Council may not be able to meet the ramp specification and therefore may not get state money.
- They will only get the state money if the plan for ramp is sufficient.

New Business:

A question was raised; can CT support a lifetime hunting license proposal for Jr. Hunters?

- CT DEP answered – not in the near future.

Volunteers for the nominating committee for officers was requested.

- A two-member committee was formed.

Commissioner search:

A national search was undertaken

5 finalists

An announcement is expected soon

A request was made to bring a copy of the CAC By Laws to the next meeting. Ed Parker will bring them.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.