Conservation Advisory Council Minutes: January 10, 2006

Meeting called to order at 7:05 PM by Vice-chairman Chris Marino.

Attendance data taken.

Secretary's Report for the December 13th meeting given by, Jason Marshall. No errors or omissions. Secretary's report accepted as received.

Chairman's report involved a short discussion regarding timely submittal and distribution of monthly meeting minutes.

No Correspondence to report.

No tip report. No report from Conservation Law Enforcement.

BNR Representation by Inland Fisheries Director, William Hyatt.

BNR Report:

Marine: Agency expects to see harvests reductions of Fluke. 33% Commercial take and 35% Recreational reduction anticipated.

Inland: Agency is in final stages of developing new Stream Flow Regulations. New regs should be ready by end of 2006.

Sea-Run Trout: Fisheries is trying to reinvigorate sea-run program. Tiger Trout, (cross between Brown and Brook) seems to be working out as a sea-run species. They have been stocked in the Naugatuck River and Fisheries would like to hear about any large Tiger Trout taken by anglers.

Report given on stream flow study of the Fenton River. Study is being conducted by UCONN.

George Finch commented that the opening date for the 2006 Trapping season as reported in the new Field Guide, is in error. Bill Hyatt to check with Dale May.

Committee Reports:

Legislative: Bob Crook.

No gun bills reported.

CCS will focus on the following:

Sunday Hunting: Private land, as a management tool for controlling problem wildlife as determined by the agency. Special permit required. Need sportsman input to legislators to make this happen! Motor Boat Fuel tax: Recoup all funds. Approximately 5 Million dollars. Mandatory ECP Staffing: We have approximately 53 Env. Police now. Look to build staff up to 75. Forestry Management Bill: More Field Staff. Tip Program: Authorize Contributions. Archery Ranges:

Chris and Jason reported on a possible TNC Forestry agreement with DEP.

Old Business:

Fred Frellici led a discussion on establishing a fluorescent orange hat requirement. The consensus of the Council was to let stand a previous Council vote on this issue and take no further action.

Nominating Committee Report: by Fred Frellici. Committee Recommended slate of CAC officers for 2006 include: Chairman: Chris Marino Vice-Chairman: Tip Garrit Secretary: James Cyr

New Business:

CAC Election of Officers for 2006:

Fred Frellici conducted the election. Fred restated the nominating committee recommendations for officers and then called for nominations from the floor. Hearing none, a motion made and passed to close nominations. Fred than moved that the Secretary cast one ballot for the committee recommended slate of officers. Motion was approved and the Secretary cast one ballot to elect the nominated slate of officers. Elected as CAC officers for 2006:

Chairman: Chris Marino

Vice-chairman: Tip Garritt

Secretary: James Cyr

We thank all outgoing Chairman Bill Campbell for his calm and steady leadership over the past few years; and, outgoing Secretary Gary Zielanski for his work recording the meetings.

Motion to adjourn at 9:20 PM approved.

Respectfully Submitted

Jason Marshall Chris Marino