

**Conservation Advisory Council**  
Meeting Minutes

*February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2006*

*Meeting called to order by:* Chris Marino, Chairman. 7:10 pm @ D.E.P. Headquarters, Hartford, CT

Regular delegates;      Acting Secretary; Jason Marshall-NW CT Sportsman's Council  
Bob Crook-Coalition of CT Sportsmen  
Raymond Szajkowski- CT National Wild Turkey Fed.  
Vinnie Ringrose- CT Fly Fisherman's Assoc.  
Robert Lazarski- Ct Ruffed Grouse Society  
Pat Lafemine- United Bow hunters of CT  
Bill Campbell- Rockville Fish & Game Club  
Vice –chairman; Tip Garret- CT Trappers Association  
Chairman; Chris Marino- CT Sportsman's Alliance

One additional delegate was present but did not sign in.

The Chair counted a total of nine organizational delegates in attendance.

Also in attendance were: Dale May- D.E.P. Wildlife Division and  
Sgt. Tom Lewoc- D.E.P. ENCON Police

The official minutes for last month were not available. Council Secretary called Chris to tell him that he was unable to attend tonight's meeting.

Chris & Jason summarized the January meeting notes that they had taken. The Chairman requested a motion to accept the minutes as stated by Chris and Jason. The motion was made by Vinnie Ringrose and seconded by Ray Szajkowski. Motion passed. There was a discussion about getting the minutes in a more timely and orderly fashion.

**I.      Correspondence:**

No correspondence was received this month.

**II.     Chairman's Report:**

\* Chris congratulated Dale May on Federal acceptance of, "Connecticut's Comprehensive Wildlife Plan."

\* Chris handed out a copy of an editorial he wrote (see attached) which talked about promoting the check-off box on State of CT tax returns for monies to go to the Wildlife Conservation Fund.

\* Chris also handed out a list of regulatory issues that affect outdoor sporting opportunities & satisfaction, (see attached.) A lengthy discussion about these issues went on for about a hour. Dale May took notes on these issues and said that some of these topics are being discussed within the wildlife division.

**III.    T.I.P. Report:**

\* Sgt. Lewoc handed out the past month's TIP report.

- Sgt. Lewoc talked about the three new C.O.s that have been hired, the new 42' lobster patrol boat and the 26' zodiac style S.A.F.E. boat.
- Sgt. Lewoc cited the efforts of TIP Committee Chairman Chris Torino in securing funding and administering the program.
- Report on NE Expo, DEP exhibition.

**IV.    B.N.R. Report:**

- \* Dale May reported that Ed Parker would not be able to attend and that the D.E.P. Commissioner will not be able to attend February's meeting as scheduled.
- \* Dale talked about the "Comprehensive Wildlife Strategy."
- \* Bluff Point hunt- 15 deer had been taken so far. 5 more need to be culled.
- \* Deer take for 2005 was down approx. 7% statewide.
- \* The Tri-annual deer heard count is scheduled to take place this year. Dale mentioned that this survey requires approximately four weeks to complete and that conditions on the ground must be adequate for the survey.
- \* A new study has been issued, stating that C.W.D. prions have been found in meat, but that it has not been found to be dangerous to human consumption. Dale mentioned that the State of CT has tested more than 600 deer heads and has not found any C.W.D. in any of them.
- \* Rep. Richard Roy wants to see a new law about non-lethal ways of dealing with Monk Parakeets.
- \* Dale also talked about more State lands being opened to hunting and fishing particularly Aquarian land, Sunnybrook in Torrington, & Quillion in Ansonia.
- \* Jason asked about the status of hunting in Taylor Brook Park in Winchester.

Dale May reported the results of the Wildlife Division's "Drumming Survey," of ruffed grouse this past spring. Of the 30 drumming lines that were surveyed, only three drumming birds were heard.

#### **IV. Legislative:**

- \* Bob Crook reported on the Motorboat Fuel Tax for this year. He's looking to get five million for 2006
- \* T.I.P. Program fees bill
- \* Wildlife Killed by Motor vehicle Bill
- \* Act for increasing number of C.O.s (not less than 60 in 2006 & five more additional each year)

#### **V. Committee Reports:**

None

#### **VI. Old Business:**

Dale May confirmed the trapping date error in the new Field Guide reported at the January meeting. A correction will be made.

#### **VII. New Business:**

None

A motion was made by Vinnie Ringrose to adjourn and was seconded by Ray Szajkowski. The motion was approved and the meeting was adjourned at 9:24 pm.

Respectably submitted by Jason Marshall