

Conservation Advisory Council
Minutes
April 10, 2007 Meeting

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Chris Marino at 7:08 PM.

Attendance: See attendance list.

The chairman requested a motion to approve the March, 2007 minutes. Motion made by George Finch, and seconded by Ray Szajkowski. The motion to accept the minutes was approved.

Secretary's Report:

Betty McCullough has resigned as delegate for the CT Audubon Society. A replacement for her is forthcoming. Philip Mauriello will replace the acting delegate for Bristol Fish & Game. Phil was in attendance and was welcomed by all.

Chairman's Report:

Chris reported that he has sent out letters to the appropriate legislative committees in support of the DEP licensing bill, the Sunday Hunting bill and in opposition to the trapping bill. A motion was made and approved at the March meeting of the CAC authorizing the chairman to submit the letters. The chairman's letters represent the consensus view of the CAC regarding these bills. Chris reported that he received a few responses.

DEP:

Conservation Environmental Police Report:

*Sergeant Jim Wolfe handed out the T.I.P. report.

*He also reported that the D.E.P. has hired three new Conservation officers

*The T.I.P. trailer is scheduled for several events in the next few months.

*Jim asked that if any clubs or organization want to have the T.I.P. trailer at one of their events they should contact him to schedule.

BNR Report: Ed Parker

Forestry:

None

Marine Fisheries:

*The Salt-water licenses has gotten good support and has been J.F. out of the finance committee. Ed asked that delegates contact committee members to support the bill. Response from the public has been good so far.

*Presently 25% of the Inland fisheries program monies go to support marine fisheries programs.

Inland Fisheries:

*Stocking of trout has been going well and lots of fish are being stocked. (See attached list.)

*Chris Marino mention that he had a complaint about the Mudge Pond boat launch having an out of state bass tournament the day after opening day of trout season and the lack of room for the non-tournament public parking.

Wildlife:

*116 fisher pelts were tagged by trappers this past season. 32 carcasses were handed in for biologist study. George Finch suggested the season bag limit go from 2 to 4.

Ed asked George Finch how the CT Trapper's Association views the current fisher season start and end dates and to find out what the association would recommend for changes.

*Ed talked about an issue Fred Frillici had brought up at a prior meeting about hunter education requirement for hunting preserves. Ed felt that it was not necessary and that the preserves did a good job of safety on their own.

*There was another issue brought up about youth ice fishing with tip-ups. D.E.P. is studying the issues.

*The dog leash regulations will be coming up for a hearing by the Legislative Regulations Review Committee in May. Ed reported that opposition to the leash law is well organized. D.E.P. wants regulation to be enforceable.

*The New England Fish & Wildlife Conference will take place at the Mystic Marriot on April 22nd through the 25th.

*Ed handed out flyers on the "CT Trailblazer Adventure Days". (see attached)

Miscellaneous:

Ed asked that delegates go back to their clubs to review their safety and lead abatement issues on the shooting ranges.

CAC Committee Reports:

Legislative

Bob Crook was not present to give his report.

Old Business.

None.

New Business:

Phil Maurello had some questions from his members at Bristol F&G about "Hevi-shot" sizes for hunting, Greenwood's Dam W.M.A. brush cutting & bag limit for geese

A motion to adjourn by Vinnie Ringrose was seconded by George Finch. Motion approved.

Meeting was Adjourn at 9:51 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jason Marshall, Secretary C.A.C.