

**Conservation Advisory Council**  
**Minutes**  
**October 9, 2007 Meeting**

Acting Chairman Tip Garritt called the meeting to order at 7:10 PM.

**Attendance:** See attached attendance list.

**Secretary's Report:**

\*The acting chairman requested a motion to approve the September, 2007 minutes. Motion made by (George Finch), and seconded by (Tip Garritt). The motion to accept the minutes was approved.

**Chairman's Report:**

None

**DEP:**

**Conservation Environmental Police Report:**

\*Sergeant Jim Wolfe was not present to hand out the T.I.P. report.

**BNR Report: Ed Parker**

**Forestry:**

**Marine Fisheries:**

A New legislative proposal for a salt water fishing license will be submitted to the 2008 General Assembly. The agency will be conducting informational sessions on the subject in 2008.

**Inland Fisheries:**

Ed Parker noted that the lack of rain and resulting low water conditions have made trout stocking very difficult. The Dept has held off as long as possible, but needs to release the fish soon. Plans are to stock trout using lakes and the few rivers with high enough water level to sustain trout until the weather cools and water levels rise.

Ed also noted that the Dept is preparing to release some very large brood stock salmon, in the 10-30 lb range. This will offer anglers a great chance to catch a trophy fish. Stocking will also occur in selected lakes if we do not get rain soon.

**Wildlife:**

Ed noted that the Dept continues to monitor moose movements in the state. This is a particular concern given recent moose activity in populated areas such as Waterbury and Fairfield County. Ed mentioned the significant challenge in processing moose meat when an animal is culled. He asked CAC member organizations to make suggestions for cooler space that the Dept could use to allow prompt cooling of moose meat when an animal is harvested by the Dept.

Mike Ose asked for an update on the previously submitted request to allow Bowhunting on Private Land during rifle season. Ed Parker said that this request has been included in the legislative package prepared by the Dept.

Hearing on proposed regulations will be planned for spring of 2008.

**CAC Committee Reports:**

*None*

**Legislative**

None

**Old Business.**

The “one time only” novice hunter license issue was discussed and the majority of those present opposed the concept..

Fred Frellici stated that Fairfield and Litchfield counties needed more state pheasant hunting areas.

Fred also commented that the Cormorant population is out of control in the state and a federal permit to reduce the same should be obtained..

There was discussion around both number of meetings and member attendance. A reduction in meeting frequency was discussed. Also discussed was the need to consider adding new organizations to the CAC, and a more specific agenda for future meetings. Vinnie Ringrose described the FAC meeting format and process as a possible reference point for CAC agenda changes.

Ed Parker said future meetings could include Dept presentations as part of the agenda. Potential topics might include Atlantic Salmon and Moose updates by the Dept.

Regarding the September discussion around the restoration of the facilities at the Hall Meadow WMA, Dave Proulx said that the CWA would be interested in assisting any efforts aimed at improving habitat at this site.

**New Business:**

A motion to adjourn was made by Fred Frillici and seconded by Tip Garritt Approved.

**Meeting was adjourned at 9:25 PM.**

**Respectfully submitted**

**David Proulx**