

Manitoba Chapter, The Wildlife Society – Conservation Affairs Committee

Meeting June 26th, 2017, MB Hydro Building, 820 Taylor Avenue, Winnipeg

DRAFT Minutes

1. Approved Agenda
2. Approved Minutes of Last Meeting
3. Update CAC Membership – One member has resigned from CAC.
4. Action items from last meeting
 - a. Manitoba Fisheries Concerns and Letter
 - i. Member volunteered to potentially represent TWS CAC within a group of NGO's led by the Manitoba Wildlife Federation developing a document on the status of fisheries management in Lake Winnipeg.
 - ii. **ACTION: Member advise the CAC on any progress/involvement.**
 - b. U of M Student Wildlife Term Paper Ideas
 - i. Member prepared a list of ~ 5 fisheries based ideas will share via email. Existing ideas include:
 1. Collared elk data for GIS student
 2. Trichinosis in black bear, brainworm in urban white-tailed deer and snails/slugs
 3. Feral swine prevalence
 4. Deer feeding impact on urban forests and regeneration
 - ii. **ACTION: Remaining ideas submitted by CAC membership for packaging by July 15th. List may also be shared with other Universities.**
 - c. Whitewater Lake Drainage Proposal –
 - i. Member spoke with a representative from Manitoba Environmental Approvals. No progress on this proposal.
 - d. Wildlife Feeding +Baiting owls -
 - i. CAC wildlife feeding subcommittee has nothing to report.
 - ii. **ACTION: Subcommittee have something prepared for next meeting.**
 - e. Birtle Transmission Project-
 - i. Two members have recused themselves from this discussion.

- ii. **ACTION: Member to discuss this project with member and president of executive.**
 - f. Wapusk National Park Plan
 - i. No major concerns. Nothing to report.
 - g. Moose conservation in Manitoba
 - i. CAC letter to Sustainable Development has been reviewed and approved by MB Chapter executive. Letter will be mailed in the next week.
 - ii. **ACTION: Member to update CAC on the status of the letter/when it is mailed.**
 - h. Pellet feeding and CWD.
 - i. CAC members to review document. <https://mwf.mb.ca/wp-content/uploads/2017/03/CWD-Comprehensive-Analysis-LR-14March.single-page-versionpdf.pdf>
 - ii. **ACTION: Members to provide update on any new developments relevant to Manitoba including cervid meat processing/importation into Manitoba.**
 - i. Feral Cats in Winnipeg.
 - i. **Action: Executive rep to follow up with City of Winnipeg Mayors Office to find out if the TNR program is currently being implemented or still planned.**
- 5. New Agenda Items:
 - a. A new black bear rehabilitation facility being developed in Manitoba?
 - i. **ACTION: CAC to investigate the status of permitting/auditing/inspection/certification of animal rehabilitation facilities in Manitoba. Review TWS position statements.**
 - b. Results of Qamanirjuaq/Beverly caribou population survey?
 - i. **ACTION: CAC investigate the status of spring survey results.**
- 6. Next Meeting: Call of the chair in early fall (September?)
- 7. Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.