

WCC. EX. COMM. MINUTES
CONFERENCE CALL
8-20-2009

MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY CHR. ED HARVEY AT 7:30 P.M. ROLL CALL WAS TAKEN WITH CHR. ED HARVEY, V. CHR. ROB BOHMANN, SEC RICH KIRCHMEYER, JERRY MERRYFIELD, AL PHELAN, MARK NOLL, AROLD NINNEMAN, TONY JANECEK, AND MIKE RIGGLE WERE PRESENT. LARRY BONDE, ROGER SABOTA, AND STAN BROWNELL WERE NOT ABLE TO PARTICIPATE. FROM THE DNR WERE KURT THIEDE AND KEITH WARNKE.

THE MAIN OBJECTIVE OF THIS CONFERENCE CALL WAS TO DISCUSS AND REVIEW THE DNR'S DEER COMM. ALT. EAB PRELIMINARY SEASON PROPOSAL.

CHR. HARVEY ASKED KEITH WHAT TIME LINE IS GOING TO BE USED TO FORWARD ANY PROPOSALS COMING FROM THE DNR.

KEITH RESPONDED ; NRB ASKED FOR NEW PROPOSALS FOR EAB, DNR COMES UP WITH RECOMMENDATIONS, DNR DEER COMM. GIVES RECOMMENDATION (8-17-09) , WILDLIFE POLICY TEAM MEETS AND DISCUSSES PROPOSALS (8-21-09) FORWARDS THEIR RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE NRB IN SEPTEMBER (9-22-09). THEY HAVE ALREADY TAKEN INPUT FROM THE CONGRESS AND OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES AND USED THIS IN THEIR RECOMMENDATIONS. THE PROPOSAL THEY CAME UP WITH IS WHAT THEY THINK IS FOR THE BEST INTEREST OF THE RESOURCE, HUNTERS, AND LANDOWNERS.

CHR. HARVEY; IF THE PROPOSAL THAT THE DNR COMES OUT WITH IS NOT SUPPORTED BY THE PUBLIC WILL THE DNR COME BACK WITH A RULE THAT COULD BE SUPPORTED BY THE PUBLIC FOR THERE DEC. NRB MEETING AND IF SO WOULD THERE HAVE TO BE OTHER PUBLIC HEARINGS.

KEITH; I WOULD HOPE SOME TYPE OF AN AGREEMENT ON THE DEER SEASON COULD BE REACHED. NO THE DNR WOULD NOT HAVE TO HOLD ANOTHER SET OF HEARINGS IF THE NEW PROPOSALS DO NOT INTRODUCE DRASTICALLY NEW ALTERNATIVES.

CHR. HARVEY; IF THE PUBLIC WANTS THE 9 – 16 DAY SEASON WOULD THE DNR SUPPORT IT.

KEITH; NO REAL ANSWER GIVEN.

MIKE RIGGLE; THE EARLY SEASON PROPOSAL REALLY HAS 2 OPENERS, THE 2 WEEKENDS, PLUS IT ALSO HAS THE THANKSGIVING WEEKEND. A LATE OPENER DOES NOT HAVE THAT OPPORTUNITY WHICH ALSO THEN IN TURN DOES NOT BENEFIT MORE PEOPLE.

MARK NOLL; WE NEED CONSISTENCY IN THE OPENER LIKE ALWAYS OPEN ON THE 13TH OF NOV. OR THE 20TH OF NOV.

AROLD; AGREES WITH THE CONSISTENT OPENER.

CHR. HARVEY; ROBERT ROLLEY DOES NOT LIKE THE LATE OPENER.

KEITH; CONSISTENCY OF AN OPENER DOES NOT REALLY ALWAYS CORRESPOND WITH A "DEER'S CALENDAR YEAR."

MIKE; PEOPLE COMPLAIN ABOUT NOT SEEING A LOT OF DEER AND DEER MOVEMENT. ACTIVITY WOULD BE GREATER IF THE RIFLE HUNT WAS HELD DURING THE RUT.

CHR. HARVEY; WITH AN EARLY OPENER ARCHERS WOULD LOOSE TIME AFIELD OR BE FORCED TO WEAR BLAZE ORANGE WHILE HUNTING.

JERRY; NOT IN SUPPORT OF A STATE WIDE EARLY MUZZLE LOADER SEASON. WE SHOULD ONLY HAVE THAT HUNT IN HERD CONTROL UNITS.

KEITH; WE WOULD ONLY HARVEST ANTLERLESS DEER ACCORDING TO PERMITS. IF NO PERMITS WERE AVAILABLE IN A PARTICULAR UNIT, THEN NO ANTLERLESS DEER WOULD BE HARVESTED.

MARK; MANY BOW HUNTERS ARE COMPLAINING THAT THEY WOULD HAVE TO WEAR BLAZE ORANGE ANY TIME A RIFLE HUNT IS GOING ON.

ROB ; WHY ARE WE CATERING TO THE MUZZLE LOADER HUNTERS THEY ALREADY CAN HUNT DURING THE REGULAR SEASON , THE MUZZLE LOADER SEASON AND ANY OTHER FIREARM SEASON WE HAVE NOW. MY UNDERSTANDING IS THAT THE WWF IS SUPPORTING AND PROMOTING THIS.

JERRY; THERE IS NO REASON FOR A MUZZLE LOADER HUNT IN OCT.

TONY; THE DNR MUST REMEMBER THAT THIS SEASON EFFECTS THE WHOLE STATE NOT JUST UNITS THAT ARE OVER GOAL

KEITH; GUNS ARE AVERY EFFECTIVE TOOL IN DEER MANAGEMENT. AS FAR AS ALTERNATIVES TO EAB THESE ARE THE BEST POSSIBLE HUNTS PROPOSED TO CONTROL DEER NUMBERS.

RICH; WITH AN EARLY OPENER I THINK THE OPPORTUNITY TO HARVEST MORE BUCKS IS VERY HIGH, ESPECIALLY IN UNITS WHERE ANTLERLESS PERMITS ARE NOT VERY HIGH. SOME PEOPLE WHO USUALLY WOULD PASS UP SMALLER BUCKS NOW MIGHT HARVEST THAT BUCK.

ROB; DOESN'T THINK THE N.E. NEEDS A 16 DAY SEASON. HOW MANY DEER ON AN AVERAGE ARE HARVESTED DURING THE DEC. ANTLERLESS HUNT.

KEITH; AROUND 8,000 AND AROUND 4,200 DURING THE HOLIDAY HUNT.

NOLL; WOULD NOT LIKE TO FORCE LE TO WORK DURING THE HOLIDAY HUNT (DEC. 24TH AND 25TH)

KEITH; GOOD POINT, PERHAPS THE HUNT SHOULD NOT INCLUDE THE 24TH AND 25TH .

ROB; WOULD NOT ASK LE TO BE AWAY FROM FAMILY. THE 4 DAY OCT. MUZZLE LOADER HUNT SHOULD BE PUT ON THE SPRING QUESTIONNAIRE BEFORE BEING IMPLEMENTED.

CHR. HARVEY ; HOPES THAT WHATEVER COMES OUT OF THIS WHOLE PROCESS WILL HELP WITH THE LONG TERM MANAGEMENT OF DEER.

MARK; DID THE DEER COMM. LOOK AT ANY OF THE INCENTIVES LISTED BY THE WCC COMM.

KEITH; YES SOME WERE DISCUSSED EXTENSIVELY.

ROB; CONCERNED THAT IF SOMETHING DOESN'T HAPPEN SHORTLY SOME GROUPS MAY TURN TO THE LEGISLATORS.

KEITH; THAT IS A VERY VALID POINT WHICH AT ANY POINT IN TIME SOMEONE CAN DO THAT. THE DNR CANNOT CONTROL NOR ANTICIPATE WHAT GROUPS ARE GOING TO DO.

CHR. HARVEY; WHY ARE THE MUZZLE LOADERS BEING GIVEN SO MUCH ATTENTION. THE NRB COMMITTEE REPORT TALKS OF THEM A LOT AND THE POSSIBILITY OF GIVING THEM A LISC. WHICH MEANS YOU COULD POSSIBLY HARVEST 3 BUCKS THEN. WOULD THIS NEED LEGISLATION.

KEITH; YES IT WOULD NEED LEGISLATION BUT SO FAR HAVE NOT HEARD OF ANY PROPOSALS SO FAR.

TONY; I HOPE THE DNR WILL WORK WITH THE CONGRESS AND OTHER GROUPS ON THIS. HE DOESN'T THINK THE DNR GAVE MUCH CONSIDERATION TO THE CONGRESS'S DEER SEASON PROPOSALS.

KEITH; THINKS THE 9 -16 DAY HUNTS ARE CONFUSING

TONY; DOESN'T WANT OCT. MUZZLE LOADER SEASON. THIS HUNT SHOULD ONLY BE FOR HERD CONTROL UNITS.

CHR. HARVEY; HUNTERS WILL SHIFT SOMEWHAT TO UNITS THAT ARE HERD CONTROL.

NOLL; IF YOU LEAVE THE OCT. MUZZLE LOADER SEASON IN THE PROPOSALS IT WILL PROBABLY KILL THE WHOLE THING.

AL; NOBODY LIKES EAB BUT IT IS THE MOST EFFECTIVE TOOL OUT THERE. PART OF THE PROBLEM HERE IS THAT THE DNR DIDN'T COME FORWARD AND ADMIT THERE WAS A PROBLEM SO NOW EVERY ONE WANTS A CHANGE.

TONY; TALKED ABOUT AN ARTICLE IN THE OUTDOOR NEWS TELLING ABOUT RETIRED DNR EMPLOYEES DISCUSSING THE DEER SEASON PROPOSALS AND THEY THINK THE DNR IS PROPOSING THE WRONG SEASONS. THEY ALSO THINK THEY SHOULD LISTEN TO THE HUNTERS.

THERE WAS MUCH MORE DISCUSSION ON THESE SEASON PROPOSALS BUT THESE WERE THE MAIN ISSUES DISCUSSED.

MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 9:07 P.M. WAS MADE BY ROB BOHMANN 2ND BY RICH KIRCHMEYER MOTION CARRIED.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED;
RICHARD KIRCHMEYER SEC.