Wildlife Health and Invasive Species

Committee Meeting

Saturday, September 10, 2011

Ramada Inn – Stevens Point, WI

Meeting called to order by Chairman Mike Riggle at 9:00 a.m.

Members present: Mike Riggle, Stan Brownell, Tony Grabski, Steve Kenesie, Marc Schultz, Ed Guptill, Jim Kirchner and Brad Hasheider

Members excused: Al Brown, Randy Voegeli and Larry Gohlke

Also present:

Larry Bonde, Vice Chair WCC
Mindy Wilkinson, DNR Liaison
Peter Dunn, DNR Liaison
Dave Lopez, CWD Coordinator
Max Olson, Processing Manager
Lindsey Long, DNR Veterinarian
Randy Heintz, USGS
Brian Ezman, Bureau of Law Enforcement

Mission Statement – read by Chairman Riggle

Motion by Tony Grabski, second by Mark Schultz to approve mission statement. Motion approved.

Public Comments:

Larry Bonde, Vice Chair – WCC gave talk on Governor’s change to Congress

Review of Act 21 on Congress
Discussion for Spring hearing process

Town Hall type addition to Spring hearings

Changes to convention, break-out sessions, meet with other user groups

Outreach committee to address changes

Comments:

Marc Schultz – need for co chairs to be consistent at break-out sessions to keep good balance across the state

Tony Grabski – concerns about negative press regarding future of Congress

Mike Riggle – need for more attendance at public hearings for rule changes

CWD update – Dave Lopez and Max Olson

Discussion on core area prevalence

Working with more taxidermists

Sample areas for 2011 season are Waupaca, Washara, Waukesha, Milwaukee, Racine, Kenosha, Buffalo, Burnett

DNR will issue an advisory on using urine based scents as deer attractants

Discussion of sample areas and need for volunteers

Ad-campaign to public regarding CWD with Matt Kenseth lending support

Canadian vaccine study is ongoing

Other wildlife disease updates:

Lindsey Long

Report on White Nose Bat Syndrome

13 states have WNB Syndrome

Regulations put in place to limit human contamination in caves

Disease is within 200 miles of Wisconsin
Law Enforcement updates:

Brian Ezman

Report of captive cervid escapes

Fencing failures are leading cause of escapes

Numbers remain constant to previous years

Water Guard Program

Good response from public cleaning off boats

Decontaminating unit has been purchases to clean boats

Invasive Species update

Handout of NR 40 invasive species list

Division list of Department personnel and contacts

Discussion on biological controls on invasive species

Electronic data starting to be developed for identification of the invasive species

Resolutions

280111 – 1st permit buck followed by EAB rules in CWD area

Motion by Kirchner, second by Schultz to reject as already is in place. Motion passed.

300211 – CWD boundaries, Kenosha – Racine

Motion by Guptill, second by Grabski to support. Motion failed: 3 yes, 4 no.

Invasive species on Mississippi

Randy Heintz

Report on Asian Carp on upper Mississippi basin

Funding from Great Lakes Restoration Initiative for testing of chemicals on Asian Carp

Report on Botulism breakouts in Great Lakes ecosystem
Member matters:

Guptill – concerned large acre landowners are regulating deer hunting

Schultz – concerned about protection of people and property with streamlining permitting process

Kirchner – thanked everyone for time on committee

Kenesie – reminded committee he represents people from his co-district

Hasheider – thanked staff for educational information

Motion by Kirchner, second by Kenesie to adjourn at 2:30 p.m.

Wildlife Health and Invasive Species Secretary

Stan Brownell