

ACTION ITEMS from Meeting of the

Kootenay RAWC - Regional Agriculture Wildlife Committee

DATE: Thursday, 13th May 2010

TIME: 9:30 am to 3:30 pm MDT(Cranbrook)/10:30 to 4:30 PDT(Nelson)

Meeting Room at Service BC – 1404 Canyon Street, Creston, BC

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Agenda

09:30 – 10:00 - Introductions plus brief summary of member groups' objectives/reasons for attending
10:00 – 10:30 - Review of action items from first meeting in fall 2009
10:30 – 11:00 - Review, revision and acceptance of these draft 'Terms of Reference'
11:00 – 11:30 - Review of the KLEP pilot program
11:30 – 12:00 - Update on the PAZWP/COS Compliance and Enforcement Strategy, plus the Communications Strategy
LUNCH (thanks!)
12:30 – 13:00 - Update on the ARDCORP/KLA application for hunter maps, landowner property signage & 4H project
13:00 – 13:30 - Outreach pilot project (MOE-Sylvia and MAL-Darrell - both absentee, just introduced project)
15:00 – 15:30 - Presentation by Gary Glinz on the BCWF 'BC Outdoors Passport'

NEXT MEETING? Early October 2010, TBA
RSVP to Donna if unable to attend, thanks! (250-354-6353 or donna.thornton@gov.bc.ca)

BF Action (Brought Forward Action Items from any previous meetings)

Item #1 Donna

Application for travel funding to offer 'honoraria' in future to RAWC participants who have to travel to meetings, had been approved at Fall 2009 RAWC, but no appropriate funding sources located. HCTF doesn't cover, Ardcorp application to go in, try to see if other sources out there. *Donna to try the CBT Community Initiatives and Osprey Foundation for fall RAWC? Possible to hold meetings on weekends to not interfere with participants careers during the work week?*

Item #2 Jeff

Jeff to check the **5 and out** 'guideline' from ICBC for ungulate MVA's. *Jeff Morgan reported that this policy was not confirmed by ICBC. Faye Street was requested to confirm facts and/or develop leads with the individual who originally brought this issue to her attention.*

Item #6 Donna

Hunting coordination by phone – KLEP pilot has ended with limited landowner acceptance seen. The

crop loss per acre was not reduced enough by the pilot to see real measurable success, either in decreased crop compensation payments or measurable changes in resident elk behaviour from hunting pressure. Move to web base? *KLA will keep a confidential list in their office of landowners wanting hunters and give the ranchers some hunter names if they ask? Wait for BC Outdoors Passport to come out?*

Donna to work with Tara on research into monitoring nocturnal elk behaviour. Try for this fall, yet to report. *Tara has some data collected already, has more money for inventory/survey work this fall.*

Item #8 Donna/Tara

Look at other licensing options –Separate LEH hunts for disabled hunters? Add disabled hunters to Jr/Sr hunts? Take a percentage of the hunts for disabled hunters as eligible for sundry permits?

Disabled hunts as a separate category will not be considered by HQ at this time (due to legal difficulties in describing ‘disabled’, plus unable to write regulations for a specific type of person).

Permit special controlled ‘group’ hunts? Give “ag tags” for expanded shotgun ag zones? Start landowner ‘depredation hunts’ (where awarded LEH only with written landowner permission?).

Provide more lethal removals/‘kill’ permits to landowners only after licensed ‘hazing’ actions completed? *Have two years to develop a Treasury Board submission and consult on it before next H&T synopsis out.*

Other Items Discussed

Wildlife Damage Compensation, Mitigation and Prevention strategies - Suggested to have a Crop Insurance program for wildlife damage (production insurance to at least cover costs?). For situations like Arrow Lake elk? Must propose to MAL AWP as they pay out the compensation monies?

Notes (the order of the original agenda got changed, as Gary needed a whole hour for the “Passport” and some topics were just announcements)

1. Coffee and introductions around the table. Some folks late due to Highway 3 construction and paving near Yahk. Jeff Morgan acted as moderator for meeting.
2. Summary of various group’s objectives, expectations of participants for this meeting and for the RAWC. New hunting regulations are being proposed for future, including using shotguns and slugs for elk, which would be relatively safer than long rifles closer to farm/ranch infrastructure. Gary Glinz will add more information in the BC Outdoor Passport presentation, as BCWF liability insurance already covers all members. Idaho uses hazing permits, Landowner Depredation hunt permits and lethal removals/kill permits.
3. Review of action items from fall meeting (see follow up actions in Bring Forward section above).
4. Review and discussion, revision and acceptance of draft Terms of Reference for RAWC. Must add somewhere that the PAZWP coordinator reports to the provincial KWHAC to avoid duplication of effort (Donna has participated in all KWHAC conference calls since starting 2009).
5. LUNCH brought in and kept on working on T.O.R.
6. Review of KLEP pilot program, financial statement on program provided. Date to be set for landowner ‘thank you’ celebration and wrap up meeting in first half of July? Jeff wants to invite all original landowners and participants, to be held in Grasmere. Wants ‘lessons learned’ summary in final KLEP report now with financial statement received.
7. Brief introduction of PAZWP outreach program (Sylvia von Schuckmann (MOE) is working with Darrell Smith (MAL) but both busy today). Investigating opportunities to obtain more recognition and funding for farms and ranches that increase quality or quantity of Valued Ecosystem Components (VEC’s) and Ecological Goods and Services (EG&S).
8. Update on the PAZWP/KLA application for ARDCorp funding, deadline is tomorrow at 4:00 p.m. Letters of support for application from groups were requested (eg: BCWF, KLA, Rod ‘n Gun Clubs, Agr’l Societies, BCCA members, etc). Application was revised and approved for submission.
9. Update on the PAZWP/COS Compliance and Enforcement Strategy for the GOS this fall. Development of the strategy underway, will have mandatory hunter check stops for weekend prior

to season. KLA working with GIS contractor on maps, getting signs and insurance waivers for landowners. KLA also looking at hiring a coordinator to work with local 4H clubs to contact landowners and get this information out to them.

10. BCWF Outdoor Passport project - Gary Glinz working on "BC Outdoor Passport" for the group, provided powerpoint presentation and talk to RAWC, not sure just when it will be in effect.
11. Discussion for those interested on ILMB GIS specialist Andy Cagle's 'Cumulative Effects Analysis' and the Values Assessment model (red/yellow/green stoplight map was posted). Tool is available to produce maps for more research on where elk go and where they might be more of a problem for agriculture or ranching enterprises, or compete with other spp of wintering ungulates.
12. Wrap up and determine date for next meeting, October 2010.

Action Items

Action Item #2 Donna

Work at Wildlife Act/Regulation amendment to use shotguns and slugs for elk.

Action Item #4 Jeff/Greg

To check on membership and responsibilities of RAWC members, speak to MFR and to the KBMC? Also to the FNCCT on how to relate/communicate to local First Nations communities, check with Dave Dunbar on any response from his first attempts.

Action Item #4 Donna

Contact GOABC's local member group SGO and BCTA on if any representation is required on RAWC due to perceived conflicts (eg: if consider initiating predator control programs?)

Action Item #4 Brian Huscroft

To check with the Creston Agricultural Society if they want a representative from the vine or orchard fruit or crop sectors on the RAWC.

Action Item #6 Donna

Complete the KLEP final report, include financial statement as appendix? Send out Jeff's PREP invite to Faye, for use for KLEP's wrap up meeting and 'thank you' celebration in July.

Attachments: revised T.O.R distributed

Other Items Discussed

Current Zone 'X' (or 'C' or 'A') boundaries do not reflect the appropriate ag/wr zones for RAWC decisions. Change name to 'special management zones' (will need to consult to make changes in regulations and next synopsis?)?

Other Items Discussed

H&T Synopsis is out and available now on this site:

<http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/fw/wildlife/hunting/regulations/>

Multiple regulation changes caused a few delays before sign off by Minister in July.