

# FWP R2 CAC Meeting

**MEETING DATE:** Wednesday, October 07, 2015

**LOCATION:** FWP Region 2 Headquarters, Missoula

**TIME:** 6:30 p.m. to 10 p.m.

**In Attendance:**

**Members:** Tim Aldrich, Janet Bennett, Louie Bouma, Steve Clevidence, Marc Cooke, Todd Frank, Charlie Johnson, Ross Keogh, John Manley, Bill Mitchell, Theresa Mondale, Kylie Paul, Gregory Price, Thomas Puchlerz, Carey Schmidt, Toby Walrath, Joanne Weimer

**Staff:** Randy Arnold, Chet Crowser, Vivaca Crowser, Jeff Darrah, Mike Thompson, Pat Saffel, Dori Schiele, Molly Hensen, Joe Jaquith

**Absent:** Denley Loge, Dan Conn, Jim Olson

**Hunting season setting**

Mike Thompson started off the meeting by handing out Region 2 Wildlife Quarterly/Technical Bulletin booklets; he briefly skimmed over the contents. Copies of the booklet are available to the public at our region 2 office.

Next Mike shared the concept of Elk B licenses rather than having a shoulder season. Mike asked for meeting attendees' opinion on the idea. There were many questions and a good discussion on the topic.

Last Mike spoke about early season proposals giving us a glimpse of the process of hunting season setting. Setting regulations, making adjustments, and the database used to do so; quite an intricate process really.

**Outside perspectives on FWP public involvement process**

Toby Walrath spoke with passion as he shared his perspectives on the FWP public involvement process. He gave some personal examples of why he didn't feel it worked; that there are transparency issues, that the public didn't feel heard, and that decisions seemed predetermined. There was a very lengthy discussion. Many great views were brought forward in the discussion on FWP's public involvement process.

**Archery season**

Charlie Johnson voiced that technology is one of bow hunting's biggest challenges. He reminded meeting attendees of how electronic devices had been banned by the commission in prior years, passing examples around the room. Charlie also talked about lighted knocks. He shared his perspectives of them. Charlie felt them to be unhelpful in locating a shot animal and expressed that they create a false security that could lead to bow hunters taking shots from too far away or when it is too dark. Again, there was a substantial group discussion that followed. Several topics came up in the discussion such as: Credibility, traditional bow hunting, ethics, and trophy hunting vs. hunting for meat to name a few.

### **Announcements**

Pat Saffel: Blackfoot corridor meeting on Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup> at 9am West Fork Bitterroot river use meeting Nov. 5<sup>th</sup> at 9 am

Next meeting in Jan. 2016, date to be determined by Doodle Pool, emails will be sent on outcome