

ELK MANAGEMENT CITIZEN ADVISORY GROUP RECOMMENDATIONS
FWP STAFF ASSESSMENT
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FWP Landowner Liaison

Division/Unit/Bureau	Staff Assessment
Accounting Bureau	No comment.
Comm Ed	Determining clear and tangible objectives for this role would be critical. If a position was created within FWP, we would need to be able to explain what the position would accomplish, why it was created, and what outcomes we expect to reach. As described, the audience intended for this position seems limited – amenity landowners. We would need to evaluate if the audience would need to expand. If so, who else are we looking to engage and why?
Enforcement Division	Game Wardens have always been liaisons for the department. In recent years little emphasis has been placed on this. Re-emphasizing this as a priority needs to be made from the Director, Law Enforcement Chief, and Captain’s to field staff.
Legal Unit	No comment.
Licensing Bureau	No comment.
Parks and Outdoor Recreation Division	Landowner relations are a collaborative effort across the agency. Access program staff at Headquarters and in the regions regularly interact with hunters and new or existing private landowners. In addition, wildlife, fisheries, enforcement, administrative, and other staff play key roles in landowner relations depending on the point and origin of the interaction and issue at hand. For sensitive interactions, we routinely rely on who has the best relationship with a given landowner. If this recommendation seeks to create a new position, the division would seek to collaborate, communicate, and coordinate closely with the new liaison to ensure understanding of roles and responsibilities to provide added value and customer service.
Technology Services Division	No comment
Wildlife Division	Area Biologists and Game Wardens already serve as landowner liaisons. The Landowner Sportsman Relations Bureau Chief serves that role at a statewide level. Our experience is a statewide position that isn’t tied to a local area won’t be effective with local landowners and is redundant with area bios and wardens. Additional emphasis can be given to local bios and other wildlife staff to be available to address landowner questions/concerns, and possibly additional outreach and outreach materials to non-agricultural landowners can be developed.