

PARKS AND WILDLIFE COMMISSION
Herd Management Planning Subcommittee Minutes

Members of the Parks and Wildlife Commission Herd Management Planning Subcommittee convened a Zoom meeting 1:00 pm to 1:50 pm on June 11, 2020.

Purpose:

On June 11, 2020 a subcommittee of the Parks and Wildlife Commission convened to discuss improvements to Herd Management Plans (HMPs) and the Herd Management Planning process.

Chair	Michelle Zimmerman
Vice Chair	Marvin McDaniel
Secretary	James Vigil
	Taishya Adams
	Betsy Blecha
	Robert Bray
	Charles Garcia
	Marie Haskett
	Carrie Besnette Hauser
	Luke Schafer
	Eden Vardy

Parks and Wildlife Commission Subcommittee members in attendance:

June 11, 2020
Taishya Adams- present
Robert Bray- present
Marie Haskett- present
Luke Schafer - present

Others in attendance were: Reid DeWalt, Brian Dreher, Matt Eckert, Andy Holland, Laura Porter, and Delana Friedrich.

Agenda:

- 1.) Overview CPW's efforts to streamline Herd Management Planning (HMP) process
 - a. Lean event for streamlining public process
 - b. Efforts to streamline plans and presentations
 - c. Combination of DAUs into a single plan
- 2.) Discuss the role of the subcommittee and desired outcomes

Decisions: Herd Management Planning subcommittee meetings, for 1 hour each, in conjunction with the upcoming July and September Commission meetings would benefit the new members of the Commission.

Future meetings would primarily focus on the process, not the plans themselves. However, for high profile HMPs the subcommittee may want to talk about the issues in the plans themselves. If video HMPs are pre-recorded, the HMP subcommittee could review those presentations prior to the subcommittee meeting.

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Discussion:

1. Commissioners provided positive feedback on the new format of providing previously recorded video presentations by plan authors. These videos were provided because the June PWC meeting was a virtual meeting. Commissioners liked the new format. Commissioner Adams requested that videos be available and are inclusive to everyone. She added it's not just content of HMPs that's important but how we tell the story of what's in these plans.

2. HMP Content:

Commissioners requested photos of representative geographical features and habitat in plans and presentations.

Commissioners felt historical perspectives and additional details are very helpful. However, an executive summary or shorter version may be adequate for PWC meetings.

Commissioner Adams suggested we make sure plans are understandable to other interested members of the public, such as recreationists so they know they can have an effect on big game.

Commissioner Adams recommended that changes to HMPs or the process could be test piloted, rather than a decision to change all plans.

3. Regarding frequency of updates:

HMPs can be updated at any time during the 10-year lifespan of the plans if conditions change. HMP objective ranges allow for annual management flexibility based on current and changing conditions.

Commissioner Bray felt that periodic HMP updates, such as every few years would be valuable.

Commissioner Haskett felt a 10-year period for plans was appropriate.

Commissioner Adams appreciated the compromise needed to balance HMP length and update timelines with the time it takes to keep HMPs up-to-date and still have staff complete field work.

Respectfully submitted,

Marie Haskett, Secretary
Parks and Wildlife Commission

APPROVED:

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Marvin McDaniel
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