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TAHA GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday October 5, 2011, 7:00 P.M. @ TDSS
Meeting chaired by David Chenier

Members Present: 10 members

1. Opening Remarks/ Introduction of new executive:

Dave introduced the new executives to members present. Thanked members of passed executive for their hard work.

2. FMZ Councils 11 and 12 Reports:

FMZ 11: Kent gave an update.

- Discussed lake trout at the FMZ meetings, was asked what is the desired future of lake trout fishery
- Provided data that indicated that Zone 11 is 50% lower than healthy level trout population
- Do you want more fish, bigger fish, eat the fish.... What does our group want??

Discussion:

- Peter mentioned that lakes are recovering on their own. He can't really see a substantial change.
- Members questioned how figures were calculated since allot of lakes are remote and studies are not conducted in the winter.
- Members expressed they wanted to see trout fishing back in January, February.
- Members expressed they do not want a slot size.
- Curtis mentioned that the biggest thing is acidification of the lakes, why don't they do something about it?

- Should be studying the effect of downsizing the fishing season. Members believed that they over corrected the issue by doing so.
- Members want healthy populations, not concerned with trophy fish, want to bring fish home to eat. Members want more time to go fishing.
- Peter mentioned that we should bring up land use as well.
- Mention lack of sampling or data.
- Members don't feel that we should be trading anything in order to get a little extra.
- Members feel they should stock lakes as much as they can.
- Question to be asked: How much is the industry contributing??
- Fishery is worst in Zone 10 and they get a longer season.

Action: Kent will bring forward members concerns and desires to the council at his next meeting at the end of the month.

FMZ 12: Eugene did not attend the last FMZ meeting so no information at this time.

3. Website review/status:

- Julie gave a quick run through of what is available on the website, the e-mail address and the new facebook group.

4. Financial/Memberships:

- About on par with memberships compared to last year. 72 members as of September 27th.
- Kent provided the current bank balance as well.

Action: Kent will look into internet banking as membership payment options.

5. 2011 Waterfowl hunt:

- The video was not available for viewing, will postpone viewing to another meeting.

6. FWAC update:

Peter gave an update on items discussed.

- Black bear harvest at 10%, no second seal because we are over harvesting black bear in 28.
- Discussed netting in Labyrinthe Lake, trying to correlate netting methods to collect data.

- Hydro project up near Blanche River, caught musky up there and questioning that.
- Status quo in KL for stocking.
- Stocked lake assessment program going on. 10 lakes a year. Try to assess whether working or not.
- Separate limits for Spruce and Ruff Grouse, ministry mentioned they couldn't do that as there was no data.
- Presentation on 2011 illegal moose kill.
- Next meeting in December.

7. OFAH update:

Peter gave an update on items discussed at his last meeting.

- Peter read a letter from Don Soussy about the population of pickerel and native netting. If we do see or hear anything we should document it. Don't know what they do with netted fish.

8. Word from President:

- Richard was not present to address the members

9. Open Discussion:

Dave mentioned the Wild Meat Challenge, Winter fishing, Summer fishing day, Tackle Share, Spring Cleanup (near waterways, Pete's damn), Field GPS training, Getting speakers for provincial and municipal laws for four wheeling. Mentioned reviewing meetings if want monthly or bi-monthly meetings.

Discussion:

- Should keep meetings on a monthly basis to keep people coming.
- The majority of members present expressed their interest about the GPS field training.
- Should have a moose committee to express what we would like to see. Find out what status is on moose study. Members would like to see tag allocations from 1979 to now to see the changes.
- Member expressed that when you buy a moose tag you should get a bear tag with it to promote bear hunt.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40pm

Next meeting: November 2, 2011 at 7pm