

MAC Minutes: May 21, 2009

Sub-committee recommendation document revisions have been commented on using track-changes. All changes made at the meeting are in red and were made by Amanda McGraw (contact her with questions on track-changes comments).

- Biological dimensions of the harvest did not receive any major comments/changes
- Deer Management comments: Will include statement on climate change.

Species of Special Concern:

Vote to address the issue of listing in the MAC report:

Yes (address): 14 No (do not address): 3

Discussion: How to address the listing of moose within the MAC document

- List of Benefits (Lou Cornicelli and Mike Schrage) and Negatives (Ron Moen) will be provided via basecamp
 - Committee will decide whether or not to list moose as species of special concern and approve the language to be used in the document before the final meeting in July.
- List of Benefits/negatives during the meeting:

Benefits	Negatives
Creating an anchor <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recommendation from this committee will carry a lot of weight (better coming from MAC than from another source) 	Might accelerate process of listing as threatened/endangered Could accelerate process to end hunting
Will not get the opportunity to list again for another 10 years	Concern for landscapes w/o moose could become the focus of some
Special attention will be paid to moose by agencies when planning	
Positive message to people in NW moose range	Negative message to people in NE moose range

Potential grant \$ increase	Concern for counties and timber industry
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Climate change incorporation:

Sub-committee chairs:

- Harvest -- did not address, didn't think it was necessary
- Deer – Do not have a problem including some statement – Do in one heading rather than bury in each part of the document.
 - Will include the statement addressing climate change in the document
- Social committee – Did not address as specific recommendation but was included in Bullet #1
- Habitat – Overview and summary address climate
- Research – Under Rec. #3 (Need to understand how moose use environment)
 - Also introduced in overview

Executive summary: climate change is addressed in sentence 2 and in the guiding principles on pg 2.

Funding:

Important components:

- **Fish and Wildlife abstain from this discussion**
- New monies (not allocation from Game and Fish fund)
 - Not only hunter-funded general public funds
- No specific \$ figure
- New DNR staff person for moose
- Aviation resources (equipment and training)
- Leverage \$ through partnerships

Summary Document

- Time-scale (get rid of 'shovel-ready')

- Useful to include in recommendation
- Possibly shift econ/social valuation to left somewhere
- Get rid of DNR working group
- Implement habitat mgmt – shift to left (1-2 years)
- Get rid of 5-10 years (just have long-term)
- More useful for wider audience than just DNR
 - Continue to work on format

Executive Report

- Intent is to take each subcommittee report in make into chapter
- Suggest that individual members of sub-committee not be listed – Everyone on the committee had input and approved each section
 - ‘Sections’ instead of ‘sub-committee’ in final report

Content:

- #3 (example) – seems to imply that the committee is giving up on NW MN moose – if feel that way then it should be addressed explicitly
 - If are not giving up on NW, then take out specific references to either NW or NE MN population
 - Maybe – state that NW decline was well documented and based on research there is not much that can be done at this point. Factors beyond our control caused the decline – state clearly in report (Gary Huschle for wording)
 - Legislation specifically addresses the NW, but includes all moose in the state
 - Address NW specifically where appropriate
 - Gary, Gretchen and Mike help Rolf with section 5C ?

For July – respond to species listing discussion and executive summary