



MEETING MINUTES

SUBJECT:	Deer Yards, Bear Depredation, Oak Planting		
	Michael Look, Founder/President of Washington County Conservation Assoc. (WCCA)		
MEETING DATE:	03/15/2023	LOCATION:	NorthEastland Hotel, Presque Isle, ME
PREPARED BY:	Adam Jandreau ACCA Secretary		
TO:	ACCA Members		

COMMENTS/REVIEW ON PREVIOUS MEETING:

- Previous Meeting 12/26/22
 - David Trahan, Purchasing Deer Wintering Yards
- No Comments on previous notes, Accepted As-IS

MEETING ITEMS:

1. Secretary Report

a. Membership

- i. Anticipating lots of renewals/new members with upcoming shows/banquets

45	<<<Paid Members 2021
115	<<< Paid Members 2022
152	<<< Paid Members 2023
3	<<< Paid Members 2024
0	<<< Paid Members 2025
1	<<< Paid Members 2026
316	

2. Treasurer Report

- a. Coyote Control
- b. 35 people registered for program
 - i. 19 folks registered coyotes
- c. 150 registered
 - i. 1/3 trapped
- d. Next Year's contest 10/15/23 thru 3/9/24.
- e.

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3. President's Notes

- Sportsman show and ACCA Banquet coming 3/25/23
- 2022-2023 Coyote Control
 - i. 150 total Coyote's Registered

4. ACWDC – Aroostook County White-tail Deer Collaborative

- \$24,225 in the current account
- Join SAM
- Shorten Coyote Season (LD814)
 - i. SAM is taking the lead
 - 1. Petitions are circulating. Sign if you can
 - 2. Public meeting was 3/27 but new date is coming
- Rolls of Alfalfa
 - i. 217
 - ii. 90 barrels of grain
 - iii. 80 rolls of alfalfa to Allagash
- 600 oak trees
 - o 6000 cedar trees
 - o May 19th is next meeting
 - o Passing out trees and seed

5. Speaker – Michael Look

- i. Atlantic Salmon Facts
 - 1. Put bill into stopped bear predation for salmon restoration
 - a. Maine IFD does not recognize Atlantic salmon as endangered species
 - b. Committee voted the bill down 9-3
 - i. S13 on rivers – no size bag limit on bass
 - 2. Only 1% of par put into the river actually make it to the Ocean
 - a. Only 200-300 make it
- ii. Review deer harvest numbers from Zones 1 and 4
 - 1. Deer kills 2022
 - a. 124 zone 1
 - b. 125 zone 4
 - 2. Past years from 2019 thru 2021. much much lower
 - a. Why is this?
- iii. 2023 Bear/Deer Harvested in the northern 2/3 of state
 - 1. 11.7% Deer
 - 2. 76.5% bear
 - 3. Too many bears!
- iv. 2015
 - 1. 5% expansion rate of bear population from 2004 thru 2015 (35,000 est. population)
 - 2. If you continue that same rate, likely close to 55,000 bears in state currently
- v. Current Bear Management plans
 - 1. Success rate is 30%

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2. 10,000 hunters, 3,000 bears harvested
 3. Need another 6,000 hunters just to stabilize the current population
 - a. Almost impossible to do
 - b. New Brunswick having same problem
 4. Non-residence cannot kill 2nd bear and residents are unlikely to do that even IF the additional permit is free
 5. How about Spring Bear Hunt?
- vi. Oak
1. White Oak
 - a. Will flower and produce acorns every year
 2. Spacing
 - a. Plant one every 2-3 steps
 - i. Germination may not be great
 - b. Use broom handle
 - i. 2" under soil
 - ii. Compact
 - iii. Put acorn on its side
 - c. Fertilizer?
 - i. Don't waste time.
 - d. Protection
 - i. Use fencing, 2"x2"
 3. Need direct sunlight
 4. How to tell if acorns are good
 - a. Sink in water - GOOD
 - b. Float – No good
 5. Soak them in bleach/water over winter
 6. If they're sprouting, be careful of root type
 - a. Freezing?
 - i. Has not tried it, could work to save through winter.