

**Upper Snoqualmie Valley Elk Management Group  
(USVEMG) Meeting  
November 9, 2011**

**Meeting called to order:** President Andrea Toomey called the regular bimonthly USVEMG meeting to order at 6:45 P.M.

**Introductions:** We had six guests. Three were students who were intending to study wildlife biology and who were interested in telemetry and other volunteer work. List of attendees attached (**Enclosure 1**). Andrea asked if we had a quorum of officers and directors, which we did not, however, when Harold and Tom arrive we will have a quorum (Toomey, Erland, Gildersleeve, Dideon, Metzler, and Young), Directors absent were McBride, Cassidy, Callahan, Koepping, and Hacherl.

**Agenda Items:** Key agenda items for the meeting were :

- o Previous Minutes and Treasurer's report
- o Committee Reports
- o Old Business:
- o New Business:

**Meeting Minutes and Treasurer's Report:** It was moved and seconded that we approve the draft minutes of the September 21, 2011, meeting. These have been posted on our website for all to read. Jim briefly summarized. The minutes were unanimously approved. The Treasurer's monthly report was provided for the record and is subject to audit. The EMG has a bank balance of \$7,261.29.

**Committee Reports:**

o **Public Awareness, Education and Outreach Committee:** Jen Syrowitz, Chairperson, was not present so Jim reported that no meetings have been held since August 2011.

o **Land and People Management Committee:** Jim reported that two meetings have held since the last general membership meeting. The committee is working on a seven item action list. See attached minutes of meeting for status. Two of the items are on the new business list.

o **Elk Research and Habitat Improvement Committee:** **1.** Harold reported he had met Paul DeBruyn, DFW Biologist at La Connor, who wants to study our trapping technique and perhaps buy a couple traps. **2.** Harold intends to begin trapping and collaring again quite soon. He wants to collar cows whose home ranges are around the periphery of the valley like up near Exit 38, the Fire Training Center, Snoqualmie Pointe, and up the North Fork of the Snoqualmie River. He will need help putting the traps out and checking them. A sign up sheet will be circulated. **3.** He recommends directors approve the committees recommendations for next year's hunting special permits. The

Committee recommends that the EMG urge WDFW to keep special hunts and cow quotas the same as the current hunting year. That is a total of 52 cow tags-10 bowhunter, 5 muzzleloader, 5 youth, 7 modern firearms, and 25 master hunters). 4. Harold emphasized that their next meeting is Monday, November 14, 2012. The guest speaker will talk about the grizzly bears' Washington recovery plan.

**Old Business:** None.

**New Business:** 1. It was moved, seconded and approved that the EMG provide wildlife seed in an amount not to exceed \$100 value to the local Boy Scouts of America troop to seed approximately 1.5 to 2 acres of their new property.

2. It was moved, seconded and approved to forward recommendations to WDFW concerning the hunting year 2012 cow elk harvests. Harold will prepare a letter to WDFW recommending a total of 52 special cow elk permits for SHA 4601 for hunt year 2012. Further, WDFW would be asked be sure that Note C (Private access required. Do not apply if you do not have prearranged access to property within SHA 4601) is included for all of these regular season hunts. It was also recommended that WDFW take special care to insure the hunt periods designed on these special permits coincide with the regular bow, muzzleloader and modern firearm seasons.

3. It was moved, seconded and approved to provide up to \$500 for the planning and conduct of another habitat improvement work party up on the CC Flats. Money is needed to rent an excavator and pay for its fuel.

4. Planning for next year's wild game dinner needs to begin. Andrea intends to form a working group to plan this event. Tentative committees were listed. Andrea is looking for a chair person volunteer to take care of this important event.

5. WDFW Law Enforcement Officer talked about the assistance he and his fellow officers need to enhance law enforcement. There are six officers working all of King County. They are spread very thin. The public needs to be encouraged to report illegal or suspicious hunting activity. Call 911 and ask for the State Patrol. Report your activity being as detailed as possible. Provide a description of the person, his/her attire, what hunting equipment is being used. If he/she is using a vehicle, report its make, color, and its license number, if possible. Chris encouraged the EMG to support WDFW it is efforts to criminalize illegal hunting by writing letters to elected leaders.

Points for the good of the order: David Willson inquired about the status of the North Rainier Elk Herd Plan and was told by Harold that it is on a "back burner" at WDFW due to other higher priorities. He recommended that we continue to monitor it status.

Our next meeting will be Jan . 11, 2011 at the USFS training room at 6:00 P.M.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 P.M.

