

Cooper Landing Advisory Committee minutes 4/27/2022

Meeting called to order: Josh Hayes

Roll Call Members Present:

Josh Hayes
Jason Lesmeister
Tom Lessard
Billy Coulliette
Mike Adams

Excused absent members:

John Pearson

Members Absent:

Jeremy Lewis
Todd Donahue
Alex Kime
Robert Gibson

Alternate Members:

Lorraine Temple

AK Fish and Game:

Fari Sylvester

Forest Service:

Heather Tham

User Groups Present:

Safe Trails (Lorraine Temple)

Minutes approved from last meeting unanimously.

First topic of discussion:

Tom Lessards proposals for shortening the trapping season for beaver and coyotes in unit 7.
Tom Lessard asked for the AC to adopt his proposals and was seconded.
Tom's proposals were voted on and approved unanimously. 5-0.
Tom Lessard will write and submit proposals on the Cooper Landing AC behalf.

Second Topic of Conversation:

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Safe Trails Submitted 5 different proposals for trap set backs in the Cooper Landing and surrounding areas for trails, pull outs, road ways, camp grounds, beaches, and some wooded areas in places people back country ski.

Safe trails submitted one proposal for signage on trails where people run their trap lines, or have traps set.

After a lengthy discussion we decided not to adopt any of the 6 proposals.

Josh Hayes motioned not to sponsor the proposals and was seconded.

Safe Trails proposals to be sponsored and authored by the Cooper Landin AC were voted unanimously not in favor. 5-0

Reasons the AC voted not to sponsor are, some of the proposals verbiage, it's legality with the ANILCA laws, over reach of one user group at the expense of another, safe set back distances for responsible dog ownership, and lack of any regulations for the safety of any other users who don't want to be around un leashed potentially un safe dogs.

The AC was receptive to the idea of some sort of signage that can be posted as long as it's legally and tastefully done within the land use areas of activity.

All 6 proposals will be attached to the e mail of our minutes.

The next meeting is tentatively set for the end of October.

Respectfully submitted by Jason Lesmeister- Secretary

Approved: Josh Hayes