
Provincial Urban Deer Advisory Committee Agenda

Date/Time:

- Monday May 27, 2019, 2 pm to 3:30 pm (via Zoom)

Attendees:

- Penny Lloyd, Deputy Director, Wildlife and Habitat Management Branch, FLNRORD
- Josh Nobleman, Policy Analyst, Wildlife and Habitat Management Branch, FLNRORD
- Tara Szkorupa, Wildlife Management Specialist, Wildlife and Habitat Management Branch, FLNRORD
- Mark McKamey, Senior Policy Analyst, Wildlife and Habitat Management Branch, FLNRORD
- Jeff Morgan, Manager, Fish Policy, Fish and Aquatic Habitat Branch, FLNRORD
- Michael Badry, Wildlife Conflict Manager, Conservation Officer Service, Ministry of Environment
- Helen Schwantje, Wildlife Veterinarian, Wildlife and Habitat Management Branch, FLNRORD
- Sairah Tyler, principal of Viridia Consulting
- Liz Cookson (in place of Jared Wright, Director of Advocacy & Government Relations, UBCM)
- Paul de Leur, Manager, Road Improvement Program, Insurance Corporation of British Columbia
- Sara Dubois, Chief Scientific Officer, BC Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals
- Mayor Bill Beamish, Town of Gibsons
- Mayor Kevin Murdoch, District of Oak Bay
- Adam Hering, DVM, PhD candidate, Large Animal Clinical Sciences, Western College of Veterinary Medicine
- Ian Adams MSc, RPBio Larix Ecological Consulting, Cranbrook, BC
- Councilor Laurey-Anne Roodenburg, City of Quesnel

Regrets:

- Holger Bohm, Section Head Resource Management, Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development
- Irene Teske, Wildlife Biologist, Regional Operations Division South Area, Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development
- Tyler Morhart, Manager, Agriculture Wildlife Program, Ministry of Agriculture
- Leonard Sielecki, Wildlife and Environmental Issues Specialist, Ministry of Transportation

Agenda:

- How to use Zoom – Sairah Tyler (2:00 – 2:05 pm)
- Roundtable of introductions – Penny Lloyd (2:05 – 2:10 pm)
- Presentation by Ian Adams, followed by questions (2:10 pm – 2:40 pm)
- Presentation by Adam Hering, followed by questions (2:40 pm to 3:10 pm)
- Summary of projects 2018/ 19 – Penny Lloyd/ Tara Szkorupa/ Josh Nobleman (3:10 pm to 3:20 pm)
- Modelling Contract – Josh Nobleman (3:20 pm to 3:25 pm)
- Changes to the Program? Wrap up – Penny Lloyd (3:25 pm to 3:30 pm)

Discussion:

Presentation - East Kootenay Urban Deer Translocation Trial: Translocated vs Wild Mule Deer, Ian Adams

- Can you comment on the historical concern regarding translocation around the potential for health risks due to spreading of disease (i.e. chronic wasting disease)?
 - We are moving deer fairly short distances so do not feel this increases the risk of spreading disease.
- As young deer had better survival rates, can you comment on the age cutoff that might tend to fare better?
 - We didn't target any specific ages, except that we wouldn't attempt relocation on any senior deer that might have lesser success rates for translocation.
- Cost: assume \$30 per dose with 2 needed in year 1, and an additional dose annually. Most of the costs are in the field work, and assume around 2 hours per animal. The estimate is between \$500 and \$1,500 per animal. (Oak Bay trial cost \$40K in years 1-2, and \$60K in year 3).

Presentation - Introduction to Immunocontraception, Dr. Adam Hering

- Could adjacent communities get started on this process while awaiting further results of the Oak Bay study?
 - Need to continue the research protocol prior to starting additional trials. Not yet ready to go operational with immunocontraception just yet. We know it can work but don't yet know which settings it might work within, how socially acceptable it will be, nor what the true costs of this would be.
- Cost: assumes \$700 to \$800 per animal.

Additional Information

- Is there a PUDAC website?
 - Not at this time, though this is being discussed.

Next Meeting to take place June/July

- Summary of projects 2018/ 19 – Penny Lloyd/ Tara Szkorupa/ Josh Nobleman
- Modelling Contract – Josh Nobleman
- Changes to the Program – Penny Lloyd
- Additional points to be determined