



Faulkenham, Shari

From:
Sent: Friday, March 05, 2010 9:34 AM
To: Faulkenham, Shari
Subject: RE: HCA deer committee

Hi Shari

sorry for the long delay in responding to this... I was away for a while and this temporarily lost in the backlog. This is important, 'wish I had responded sooner

yes, absolutely count OFAH in at the table... (whether me or elected rep I think depends still on the ToFRef for the committee... can you share the draft pls

Thanks for keeping me apprised of what's going on
ttys

-----Original Message-----

From: Faulkenham, Shari [mailto:Shari.Faulkenham@conservationhamilton.ca]
Sent: Friday, February 12, 2010 9:21 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: HCA deer committee

Hi [REDACTED],

Just touching base with you about this committee to keep you up to date on what is going on here.

Well, firstly – [REDACTED] is now officially involved. [REDACTED] and an Ancaster citizen requested a meeting with our CAO and the Haudenosaunee to bring up all of the Animal Alliance issues that we are both well aware of, of course referencing their recent dealings with Sifton Bog. Our CAO has invited her to be a voting member of our deer committee, which I actually think is a great idea.

Secondly – MNR is in the process of finalizing their deer census report on the HCA lands around Ancaster and Dundas. I am assisting them in the editing process, and beefing up the discussion component to bring in the bigger picture issues, i.e. what could happen if we go with the "Do Nothing" option, a la Rondeau and Pinery PPs, "island" biogeography issues (inbreeding, decreased biodiversity, etc), and clearly identifying why we have identified certain areas as having a deer overpopulation problem and why it matters. I do not want this whole process to go down the pipes like Sifton Bog just because we didn't back up our behinds in the report.

Lastly – just pulled together a second draft of a Terms of Reference for the deer committee, it is currently in the hands of my CAO and our Chairman for final review and tweaking. This also includes our second draft of a membership list, which at this time I have you as the OFAH representative. Although Liz would like to suggest that having OFAH on our committee introduces a bias toward lethal management options, I would like to suggest that she is very wrong in this assessment as long as we have a representative who presents a non-biased attitude toward the issue.

So having said that, I wanted to see if you have made any final decisions as to whether you will be representing OFAH on the committee or if you will be appointing an elected member. Not to put any pressure on you (big

smile!!!) but it would be most beneficial to us if you were that representative due to your position with OFAH and your extensive expertise on this matter. I personally think that your stance on the Elk issues up in Bancroft District clearly indicates your unbiased position on the management of wildlife in this province (I imagine the proroguing of parliament squashed that bill for now???)

Chat soon, and thanks again!

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From: Anne Yagi [ayagi@]
Sent: Friday, February 19, 2010 11:47 PM
To: Faulkenham, Shari
Subject: RE: final edits on report

I will confirm all edits because I am the lead writer of the report. MNR Niagara will send out a final copy of the report to HCA after I receive all edits.

Anne Yagi

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From: Faulkenham, Shari [mailto:Shari.Faulkenham@conservationhamilton.ca]
Sent: Friday, February 19, 2010 2:44 PM
To: Anne Yagi; Yagi, Anne (MNR); Timmerman, Art (MNR)
Subject: final edits on report

Hi Art and Anne,

I have finalized my edits (and included Art's suggestions) for the deer report. Do you two want to have one last look over the report to confirm these edits? I have included a few paragraphs from the document Bruce Pond sent to Art that references carrying capacity and herbivory at Rondeau and Sifton Bog in the discussion, and added in a couple of their pictures as well (everything referenced properly!)

Our CAO asked me yesterday to bring the final report to our Board of Directors for their "acceptance" of the report on March 4, and have a written report and a presentation on the results of the report as well. I can walk onto the agenda with these, but it would be great if you could give your final blessing on the report by Monday so I can attempt to get my report in on time, which is Tuesday PM.

Thanks so much for everything, much appreciated from us all here at HCA.

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From: Timmerman, Art (MNR) [art.timmerman@ontario.ca]
Sent: Friday, February 12, 2010 1:30 PM
To: Faulkenham, Shari
Subject: RE: another website

Thanks Shari. Interesting stuff.

From: Faulkenham, Shari [mailto:Shari.Faulkenham@conservationhamilton.ca]
Sent: Friday, February 12, 2010 8:54 AM
To: Anne Yagi; Timmerman, Art (MNR)
Subject: another website

Sorry to be a both guys, but this is another website I found with some interesting insights on the opposite end of the spectrum. I imagine that this advocacy group may become involved with our deliberations at some point if their interests are not covered off by the Animal Alliance.

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http://www.peacefulparks.org/ppc/campaigns_hunt_ea.htm

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From: Anne Yagi [ayagi@cogeco.ca]
Sent: Wednesday, February 10, 2010 10:27 AM
To: Faulkenham, Shari; 'Timmerman, Art (MNR)'; 'Yagi, Anne (MNR)'
Subject: RE: report edits

Hi everyone

I am finishing up the results section today and will send it out- I will try and put your edits in that version b4 it goes out.

I am not incorporating any of the data Art sent over on the road kill locations as I don't have time and it could be a recommendation in the report to look at when deciding where mitigation for deer movement/corridors occurs.

I want the draft report finished this week. Joad will edit and art whoever your supervisor is can look at it too. But not yet.

I will get back to you all shortly.

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From: Faulkenham, Shari [mailto:Shari.Faulkenham@conservationhamilton.ca]
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To: Timmerman, Art (MNR); Anne Yagi; Yagi, Anne (MNR)
Subject: RE: report edits

Thanks Art. Great idea. I am open the 16th through to the 19th to meet.

Just a heads up to you all – the Animal Alliance of Canada met with our CAO yesterday to discuss the anticipated results of the deer census, as well as the anticipated recommendation for lethal means to control deer on HCA lands. They have indicated that they will be doing all they can possibly do to not allow any lethal actions to go forth on our lands (similar to what they have done at Sifton Bog), and are suggesting that our aerial census data is no longer relevant in 2010, that MNR and our suggested Deer Management committee membership is biased toward lethal control of our overpopulations. Steve (CAO) has invited the AAC to sit on this committee as a voting member, so we really need to ensure that we have all of our ends covered with this report and our future directions taken through our committee.

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From: Timmerman, Art (MNR) [art.timmerman@ontario.ca]
Sent: Wednesday, February 03, 2010 4:47 PM
To: Faulkenham, Shari
Subject: FW: Deer Densities
Attachments: Overabundance of Native Species_BAP 20-Apr-09.doc

FYI Shari

From: Pond, Bruce (MNR)
Sent: Wednesday, February 03, 2010 4:41 PM
To: Timmerman, Art (MNR); Bowman, Jeff (MNR)
Cc: Heaton, Mark (MNR)
Subject: RE: Deer Densities

Hi Art,
I don't have any densities at hand.
However, the Ontario Deer Management Resource website has a Rondeau research report which discusses deer density – ecosystem relationships (p.15) . (I searched on Rondeau).
[\\rcpptbftp00002\odmr\Reports and Articles\Summary of Recent Deer Research Projects in Rondeau Provincial.pdf](http://rcpptbftp00002\odmr\Reports and Articles\Summary of Recent Deer Research Projects in Rondeau Provincial.pdf)

On Page 10 the Dawn Bazely research is reported in summary – it may be worth contacting her directly to check on what she has done since then, I know that she is still involved with the herbivory effects research.
<http://www.yorku.ca/gradbiol/faculty/profiles/dawnr.html>
And her current projects on locally dense deer in the London area may be informative for the Dundas Valley issue.
<http://www.iris.yorku.ca/projects/london-deer-project/>

I'm sure she'd be happy to speak with you and perhaps have some interest in the Dundas Valley.

I'm also attaching a draft of a report I prepared for the Ecosystem Status and Trends Report for the Mixedwood Plains, which has a section on Deer overabundance, largely written by Dawn – there is reference there to an MNR Science technical note, which our library doesn't have and we should have on the ODMR website.

Pearl, D.L., Koh, S., Bazely, D.R., Voigt, D.R., Tang, M. and Soo, W. 1995. Interactions between deer and vegetation in Southern Ontario, Canada. Southern Region Science and Technology Transfer Unit. Technical Report TR-010. Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources.

If you find a copy let me know and send it on, I'll get it scanned onto the ODMR website, I can't look for one now.

Mark Heaton, Aurora, has also been concerned about deer over abundance and veg effects, and may be able to suggest density thresholds and means of dealing with landowner issues.

Hope this helps,
Cheers
Bruce

From: Timmerman, Art (MNR)
Sent: Wednesday, February 03, 2010 11:49 AM
To: Bowman, Jeff (MNR); Pond, Bruce (MNR)
Subject: Deer Densities

Anne Yagi and I are dealing with a deer/human conflict situation in the Dundas Valley. We've calculated deer densities based on a helicopter survey last February. Do you have density data from places like Rondeau, Pinery, Long Point, etc. where it has been demonstrated that deer were having a negative effect on vegetation? We could use that data to compare to the densities in the Dundas Valley.

Thanks

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