

SLC Fisheries Advisory Board
Minutes of May 25, 2010 Meeting

Attendance

Members present were Larry Kring, Tim Damon, Don Lucas, and Mike Seymour.
Members excused were Bob Flavin (working) and Jim Snyder (knee surgery).
Members of Board of Legislators were Dave Forsythe and Fred Morril.

Minutes of March 2010 Meeting: Read and approved.

Old Business

Cormorants:

DEC is implementing control methods in Morristown area.

Bob Flavin is undertaking control methods at American Island.

RFRDA Funds:

There is a need to check on this money and where it is going.

Norwood Pond:

There is no concrete evidence of a fish kill.

No stocking permits have been issued for the pond as of date.

Cold Brook Access:

New owners say it is okay to fish there.

No information is available on DOT s-curve project there.

Church Pond:

Access is being checked via the old trail and easement, club land.

New Business

Catch-and-Release Bass Season:

Lengthy discussion was held regarding why county waters are exempt from this season. Waters in Franklin, Jefferson, and Hamilton are also exempt.

Black Lake Shore Access:

Piece of shore-fishing property on Black Lake is for sale. Can DEC purchase it? Can DEC get Public Fishing Rights there? Issue will be brought to FWMA meeting for qualification under Habitat Stamp Project.

Trout Stocking:

Tim Damon has opened dialogue with DEC personnel regarding St. Regis River stocking issues. On positive side, three stocking sites have been confirmed and percentage of fish at each site has been confirmed. Issue that needs to be resolved is how to spread out fish at each stocking site. Can we get youth involved in the stocking of trout? To date, two stockings were postponed after volunteers were organized to spread out fish, and DEC cited budget problems as the cause. Entire stocking issue needs board follow-up.

Black Lake Stocking:

Larry Kring contacted DEC fisheries regarding walleye stocking date so that boats can be organized to spread out the fish.

New Member:

Ray Wilson of Canton has been suggested as possible new board member. Ray is knowledgeable on county trout issues, and he is active in a program that takes wounded veterans out fishing.

Raquette River Groups:

Federated Sportsmen's Clubs of SLC asked if a member of county fisheries board might get involved in each of the Raquette River Groups. No resolution was reached.

Next Meeting:

Next meeting is slated for September 28, 2010. Bob Flavin and Mike Seymour will see about organizing a fishing outing so that board members can sample the fishing on a county water.