

# Minutes of the Illinois Fish and Wildlife Action Team's 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting - September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2006

Meeting: 10 AM - Noon IDNR building One Natural Resources Way Springfield, IL.

**Members Present:** Leslie Sgro, Deborah Stone, Mike Conlin, Joel Cross, James Renn, Chris McCloud, Tom Clay, Thomas Trent, Steve Chard, Randy Nyboer, Gregg Good, Bo Arnold, Gene Barickman, Tom Schwartz, Traci Barkley, Mel Gajewski, Kevin Bennett, Jim Herkert, Ken Bar, Donald King, Tim Schweizer, Richard Nichols, Eric Schenck, Tom Nelson, Charles Perino, Allen Nicholas, Dr. John E. Phelps

## **INTRODUCTIONS / CALL TO ORDER.....Leslie Sgro, Wildlife Action Team Chair**

- a. First Meeting Summary/Comments
- b. Overview of Agenda

## **Hello Core Work Group Partners !**

Thank you all so much for your attendance and energetic participation in the first meeting of the Illinois Fish and Wildlife Team meeting. We feel that the energy was there and that positive and immediate action will take place to launch the Illinois Wildlife Action Plan's Implementation Phase. With your dedication and expertise, we can realize the short term and long term goals of the Plan.

The following are the minutes of the first Illinois Fish & Wildlife Action Team meeting on 9-8-06.

**In this link** is the list of the issue campaign workgroups and which Core Work Group partners signed up for those campaigns:

Below is a summary of all of the ideas and comments that were put forward during the meeting.

### **\*\*\* Meeting Comments \*\*\***

\*\*\* PLEASE NOTE: Additional staff from other IDNR offices will likely be added to Work Groups in the future.

1. Setup a "Wiki" website to act as an "interactive" information station to record information, extract information and record general comments. This idea was given the highest priority and IDNR is investigating the feasibility and a follow-up email will be forth-coming as to the website's status.
2. Matrix for tracking conservation activities.
3. Add to the Working Group partners list:

IDNR Office of Water Resources  
IL Nature Preserve Commission  
Forest Preserve Districts  
IL Assn of Park Districts  
IL Farmers Union  
Individual SWCDS  
Individual RC & D areas

Volunteer Stewardship Network  
IL Clean Energy  
IL Lake Management Assn  
IL Assn of Land Trusts  
Volunteer Stewardship Network  
Metro Chicago 2020

4. QUESTIONS ON THE QUESTIONNAIRE SHOULD BE:

a. WHAT question on partner questionnaire should contain:

Protection  
Restoration  
Research  
Regulatory Protection  
Recreational Use  
Policy/ Advocacy  
Technical Assistance  
Management / Stewardship  
Planning / Zoning  
Scale of project

b. Where - question on partner questionnaire should contain:

Statewide  
Region  
Counties

c. Who else is doing conservation work that you know

d. Who are you working with in a particular conservation activity?

e. What funding are you using ( Federal, State cost-share, Private )

f. What stewardship activities does their group want to do but feel limited by legal liability or tax provisions?

5. Collect information from the "Core Partners" first to work out any "bugs" before deploying the Action Team to the remaining 150 Conservation Partners.

6. IDNR Work Group being assembled and will have their first meeting within 30 days.

7. Work Group partners who could not attend the first Action Team meeting are being called and they will be selecting what Core Work Group they want to volunteer for and an status email will be issued shortly. An " up-dated" list of Core Partners and their Work Group assignments will also be emailed out to the action team members.