

RANCH AT ROARING FORK
Fishing Advisory Committee

Minutes of
July 25, 2008 Meeting

The fifth meeting of the Fishing Advisory Committee was held this date. Attending were Committee members Bob Jacobson (BJ), liaison to the Board of Directors, Richard Sierzant (RS), George Pucak, Ed Anderson and Peter Breitenstein (PB). Bub Smith and Terry Cooke participated by conference phone. PB chaired the meeting. It started at 4 and adjourned about 6 p.m. Mike Romanus also attended and participated in the discussions.

Old Business

The Committee approved the minutes of its June 13 and July 11 meetings. BJ reported on fish stocking, the ongoing work to dredge north and south of the headgate, and his investigations concerning the dredging reserve. It was recommended that those investigations continue. Also to be investigated further are the amount and timing of the next payment on the new stream loan.

New Business

The Committee discussed the possibility of sending a second questionnaire asking the fishing community to recommend stream sites where it would increase maintenance or have improvements, and how it would pay for them. Instead, however, the Committee felt it was better to encourage more responses to the first questionnaire and to await the advice of outside consultants. That advice should not be limited to fishing. Instead, it should extend to all aspects of our waterways. RS will coordinate obtaining the resumes of possible candidates, having them visit the Ranch, and having subsequent interviews. Bob O'brien, the current consultant for the Ranch, is to be included.

The Committee also discussed having Ranch Staff do significant stream maintenance on specific stretches of our streams. After a long discussion the Committee concluded it would be better to await the advice of a stream consultant and to save Fishing Fund money to pay for the work the consultant recommends.

Another long discussion concerned the definition of "family" in the Fishing Regulations. They now state the owner of a house or condominium, his or her spouse, and "children of the household" may use a Primary Permit. The Committee concluded this definition was too limited as well as vague. It recommended that "of the household" be eliminated and that children and grandchildren younger than 25 be allowed to use a Primary Permit.

Another issue concerned the thirteen or so "fishing clubs" that own their units via a partnership, LLC, or other entity and have the entity purchase one set of Fishing Permits (usually 4) for use by all "club members." This practice allows each partner of a

partnership and their “families” to use the same permits. As a result, because the cost to each partner is much less than it would be if he or she owned a unit individually, the Committee felt the practice was not fair. To correct the problem, most of the Committee concluded that the Regulations should be amended to require each person who wanted to fish at the Ranch to purchase the Permits appropriate for his or her use, regardless of who owns the title to his or her unit.

The issue of allowing float tubes was discussed again at length. The Committee recommended that float tube be allowed on the center and western sewer ponds for \$25 per season or for daily use without restrictions on the time or days of use. PB will draft float tubes procedures for the Committee to consider at a later meeting.

The Committee continued its discussion about the Permit fees for 2009 it would recommend to the Board of Directors, but did not come to a conclusion.

Next meeting dates: August 8 and 22, 2008

Adjourn

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