

Fish, Game & Fowl Meeting
Special Meeting on Spotted Knapweed
December 3, 2009
Club Office
1:00 p.m.

Present: DeWayne Evans, John MacFarland, Jim Rutledge, Dan Crandall, Phil Dennis, Leonard Jakubiak, Ivan Darling, and Jim MacMeekin, via phone, Manager Livermore and Keith Hopper. Guest speakers, are Manager Mark Manamen, from Seney Wildlife Refuge, and Pictured Rocks National Lake Shore biologist Bruce Leutscher.

The Manager from the refuge started out giving his opinion about the Spotted Knapweed, and he stated that if we have the opportunity to take care of this, that we should act on it because eventually it will take over and chemicals are the most effective way to take care of the Spotted Knapweed. He also informed the committee that in the Western UP, there where two types of beetles that have been introduced to take care of the Knapweed, and they will have to wait until spring or later for the results.

The biologist from Pictured Rocks, stated his opinion as well, and he told the committee that he has been working with this weed for ten years now, and said eventually when this weed takes over, we will lose all kinds of habitat, and the animals will leave the area. As right now there is no evidence that this weed kills itself off, and takes about 5 years to get it down enough to control. Bruce also suggested that we could contain pockets of the Spotted Knapweed with the equipment that we have, and he also pointed out that in the open pinelands it will keep spreading and in about 5 years it will kill everything around it.

Lengthily discussion with the committee members and the two guest speakers, after the guest speakers left and the committee members voiced their own opinions on the Spotted Knapweed.

Motion by Dan Crandall, 2nd by John MacFarland to bring two proposals, one from Ivan Darling and one from DeWayne Evans to the Board of Governor's meeting in January.

Proposal 1: (Ivan Darling), is to take \$40,000 out of the budget and purchased new equipment and then spend \$20,000 for the next four years after that, and then \$10,000 for every year after that just to keep it under control.

Proposal 2: (Dewayne's), For the coming year use the equipment that we have and make sure that we spray the food plots, Airport, and Poplar clear cuttings along the roads that are no older than 3 years old.

All in favor, motioned passed.

Next meeting January 5th, 2010 at 12:00 p.m. (Noon).

Fish updated from John MacFarland, he has sent in treatment permits for QGMU pond and for Jocko.

Meeting adjourned 3:07 p.m.