

Concept Paper Strengths and Weaknesses

Usership Strengths:

- Consideration for local input
- Lack of surface water is a good reason to restrict fishing.
- Start with primary purpose of property as a focus of review. What is the intended use of the property?
- Recommendation #2 – management plans
- Emphasis on safety – model after Randy Stark’s checklist
- Size, shape and location of tract are key. These are probably relevant for all concept papers.
- Current and historical uses of properties (3A)
- Context of property use (“inholding”)
- Basic intention of statute should be preserved unless specific objections arise.
- Goal is to maximize usership, esp. younger users.
- 3D – time, space management should be reasonable, cost-effective
- There will be at least one or more restrictions of NBOAs on some of the properties.
- DNR \$\$ for more hunting and fishing
- Info signage needs to be an eligible expense.
- Signage uniformity, readability
- Discussing intention behind decision (list of items in #3)
- 3C – supply and demand for users
- Sovereignty of LUG for weapons discharge

Usership Weaknesses:

- Need a preamble to the rule that states the general philosophy
- Consider portfolio of lands and their uses
- Discuss 3C: surrounding uses are key to understanding what to restrict or allow
- Need standard, objective and defined criteria
- It’s important to collect info on who’s going to be using the property and what uses will be incompatible with others. This info is tough to collect. Analyze how many users would be turned away and how many would stay.
- #2 – second paragraph – local input
- 3D – what is information requested of grantee?
- Intro to 3 needs clarification, “additional factors to be considered”
- For long term prohibition, sunset needed, e.g. for a restoration project

Unique Plant and Animal Communities – Strengths:

- Concept paper is well-done and scientifically based
- Liked nine considerations, particularly #8
- Clear, follows existing DNR protocol (no extra process)
- Will treat DNR SNAs and non-DNR SNAs consistently

- Defers to SNA biologist appropriately
- Research – broaden definition
- Three bullet points on first page
- #4 is a plus
- Poaching risk, a plus
- Includes adaptive management (#8)

Unique Plant and Animal Communities – Weaknesses

- Reference other scientific reports
- #8 – adaptive management – acknowledge improvements made to ecosystem
- An expansion to include properties that may be restored, something that isn't unique now, but may be
- Consider temporary restrictions during project work
- #10 – suggestion – Fulfill intent: public access
- Include NBOAs in an overall preamble?
- Implement adaptive management decisions as parcel changes, e.g. more protection needed
- Request emphasis on “do no harm” philosophy
- Request ID as SNA in public notice