

Appendix A

Justin Tomei, MUCC Minority Report

On proposed changes proposed to bear season, and a “moderate” increase in the number of bear tags available to UP bear hunters.

MUCC holds the position a more appropriate recommendation may be to request a representative of deer hunting join the bear forum as a member, and the DMI request that the bear forum revisit the bear management plan in the UP with the added lense of deer management as a consideration.

MUCC has a policy to seek consensus at the bear forum, should the bear forum adopt these proposals MUCC would have no issue supporting them.

On the proposal for licenses for private land only in the southern UP DMU's.

MUCC has concerns about private land only tags and is worried that this equity issue represents a loss of opportunity for those hunting public land and may set a precedent that is not supported in other big game management in Michigan.

Appendix B

Dave Johnson Minority Report

As I stated on the opening of day 2, I was unhappy that we did not discuss the biology or how low the deer herd in the UP is, or may be. All we really did was make sausage and the only discussion of biology was that of Jim Hammill's discussion of Scenario B and the discussion of the erroneous buck to doe ratio at the beginning of the rifle season that was mentioned. We did not discuss what it would take to have the herd rebound. Jim also pointed out that the migration we have in the UP is unique and may only be rivaled by Maine's migrating herd.

At the beginning of the DMI we all voted to vote on a simple majority. The votes taken prior to the final were all based on a simple majority. At the very end, we voted with a convoluted vote that no one understood the way the vote was going to be tallied other than the person that participated in the LP DMI. Scenario B had 3 groups of 4 folks or 12 folks or simple majority. Somehow Scenario B this came in last place.

So much for the simple majority. The winning group had the LP person on the group and if the Scenario A and C groups voted a -2 for most of the Scenario B, that would be enough to throw the weighted average versus a simple majority. Do the math.

When we started the DMI process and the two day in-person, we were told this is our (the Member's) process. I stress we stated at the beginning the vote was to be a simple majority. It is hard to imagine that with 12 of 20 folks all wanted Scenario B that the other folks would have enough to override any vote.

Also we had 4 people from the LP on the UP DMI. The UP is different from the LP and the population issues existing today.

The other issue is FRD was not at the table to discuss the cutting of low land conifer in and around DWC's.

Dave Johnson