

Conservation Review Committee

Following are key activities and accomplishments of this committee since the Feb 2013 meeting:

- We renewed our memberships to both the Virginia Conservation Network (VCN) and Virginia League of Conservation Voters (VLCV).
- The CRC Chair, along with President and Past-President, were involved in review and discussion regarding development of the Conservation Affairs Network, an initiative of National TWS Government Affairs Department. This program, which will kick off during 2014, will formalize collaboration between state chapter conservation affair/review committees within each section of TWS. Our CRC chair will serve as a representative to the SE CAC. Optional changes within our chapter CRC could involve having topic area members and a co-CRC chair.
- The Committee drafted 4 letters, sent by the Chapter President, to:
 - The Mayor and Members of the Roanoke City Council to express concerns about the operation of trap, neuter, release (TNR) programs for feral cats in the City of Roanoke (March 2013).
 - US congressmen in Virginia encouraging them to support the State & Tribal Wildlife Grants Program in FY2014 (April 2013).
 - Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries to express support for the proposed amendments regarding unauthorized feeding of cervids (4VAC15-40-285) (May 2013).
 - US congressmen in Virginia encouraging them co-sponsor the Invasive Fish and Wildlife Prevention Act of 2013 (HR 996) (July 2013).

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