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From: Cefalo, James
Sent: Tuesday, March 1, 2022 12:44 PM
To: Rob Harris; Vonde, Ann; 'fjwhitt@yahoo.com'
Cc: Henman, Christina
Subject: Applications for Permit 74-16224, 74-16225 and 74-16227 (IDFG Commission)

Dear Parties:

After our discussion of the issues of protest during the pre-hearing conference, I felt like these contested cases could be resolved prior to hearing. It appeared that permit conditions could be drafted to address the concerns raised by Mr. Whittaker. In my time as a hearing officer for IDWR, I have observed that parties sometimes struggle to find settlement by drafting permit conditions. This may be caused by the parties not knowing what conditions or language IDWR would be willing to accept. I am reaching out to you to see if you are interested in conducting one more settlement discussion prior to the March 14th hearing. You can, of course, engage in settlement discussions without my involvement, but I would be willing to participate in those discussions if you had questions about what type of language would be acceptable in a permit condition. Please let me know if you are interested in a settlement conference or if such a conference would be worthwhile. If the parties are interested, I will have Christina schedule a conference sometime next week. If, on the other hand, I have misunderstood the issues of protest and there is not really any room for settlement, please let me know and we can avoid the time and expense of an additional conference.

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