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Eureka County Wildlife Advisory Board
Minutes
May 6, 2010

The Eureka County Wildlife Advisory Board met in the Eureka County Administrative Facility on May 6, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.

Members Present: Chairman Chris Torres, Chad Bliss, Mike Taylor, Jim Evans and Dale Hornickle

Members Absent:

Others Present: Mike Podborny-NDOW, Jake Tibbitts- Natural Resources Manager, and Kathy Porter-Natural Resources Assistant

Call to order

Chairman Chris Torres called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. A quorum was determined to be present.

Review and Approve Minutes-

The minutes of the March 15, 2010 meeting were reviewed and unanimously approved, on a motion made by Mike Taylor and seconded by Jim Evans.

Vacancy for General Public on the Nevada Wildlife Commission-Discuss and approve recommendation to Governor Gibbons to fill the vacancy.

NRS 501.171 provides, a county advisory board to manage wildlife shall submit written nominations for appointments to the Commission upon the request of the Governor and may submit nominations at any other time. Governor Gibbons requested, in a letter dated April 23, 2010, nominations for consideration of the following members: One member who is actively engaged in ranching, one member who represents the interests of the general public and one member who during at least 3 of the 4 years immediately preceding their appointment held a resident license to fish or hunt, or both in Nevada. After discussion about those interested in the position, Mr. Taylor, in accordance with NRS 501.171, moved to nominate Eddie Boothe, Kensen Lee and Pete Mori, in writing to Governor Gibbons, to fill the vacancy of general public or any other opening that may be available on the Nevada Wildlife Commission.

Correspondence and reports

Mike Podborny, NDOW Biologist, reported that his ex-boss Larry Gilbertson of Elko has taken the position of Chief of Game for the Department of Wildlife in Reno. Mr. Gilbertson will now be sitting in the Commission meetings and Mr. Podborny feels he will be an excellent representative for Eureka County. The Regional Supervisor position is now vacant.

Mr. Evans reported he has been getting inquires from the public regarding rehab for Cold Creek. Mr. Evans would like to add Cold Creek to the next agenda and bring a Barrick representative to discuss rehab ideas.

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Wildlife and Mule Deer Enhancement Projects in Eureka County- Discuss and consider further efforts to proceed with wildlife and mule deer enhancement projects, including guzzlers, in Eureka County:

Chairman Torres reported that he spoke with Mike Rebaleati, Eureka County Auditor/Recorder, the funds that the ECAB requested for wildlife enhancement projects within Eureka County are currently in the proposed budget but the budget has not been finalized as of yet. The April special meeting was not held due to the uncertainty of this funding.

Mr. Bliss reported that he spoke with Mike Stom, Boots Straps Crew leader. Mr. Stom recommended the EA be written for 5-10 springs and include 3-5 acres. Mr. Stom also recommended gathering all required maps and getting the buy-in from as many water right holders as possible before beginning the process. Mr. Bliss also spoke with Tom Darrington of the BLM. Mr. Darrington thinks that the project could be put under a categorical exclusion because the proposed work will be done by hand thinning with chain saws, which creates fewer disturbances. Mr. Darrington will bring the proposal before Doug Furtado. Mr. Bliss feels positive about the project being that Mr. Furtado, Mr. Stom and Mr. Podborny are all in favor of this project. It was discussed who would hold the liability for this volunteer project since the BLM would not be in favor of holding the liability; this detail will be worked on further.

Mr. Torres spoke with Brian Mason of Ruby Hill, Barrick, to see if they are still interested in putting guzzlers up on Ruby Hill. It was discussed where to place the guzzlers on the mine site, which is private property or off of the mine site which is BLM administered property. Mr. Bliss suggested that if the guzzlers are placed in the right location it will limit the travel of deer crossing back and forward across the highway, resulting in fewer vehicle collisions with deer. Chairman Torres will follow up on this with Brian Mason.

Mr. Bliss suggested placing a guzzler on Silverado in White Pine County and 2 guzzlers on Dave King Mountain. Mr. Podborny suggested locating 3-4 sites then walking the sites before any paper work is done and checking for archeological sites. Mr. Bliss reminded the ECAB that the McCullough site has been cleared and the EA is complete so the guzzler can be put in. Mr. Podborny would like to first finish the work on the guzzler put in last fall. Mr. Podborny would also like to redo the apron on the guzzler, elevate it a little.

Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners Agenda and support material

The Board reviewed, discussed, and took action on a few of the support materials and agenda items for the upcoming Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners' meeting. Any item that was not acted upon was either not of concern to the Board or there was not enough information to take any action. The specific items discussed and acted upon are as follows:

Reports-Informational

Chairman Torres and Mr. Bliss attended the commission meeting in Las Vegas March. Mr. Bliss reported that the Silver State Tag (SST) was discussed, after discussion the Commission agreed on \$30 for the Elk tag and \$25 for a deer and other tag. Commissioner Scott Raine was helpful at getting the Silver State Tag passed at the March meeting. The SST will be ready for next season.

Action Item 22: Wildlife Heritage Projects- Chairman Lent

The Heritage Committee will provide recommendations to the Commissioner for the approval of projects submitted for funding in fiscal year 2011 and including 2010 projects.

NO RECOMMENDATION

Action Item 23: Commission Regulation 10-01 #1- Chairman Lent

Presentation of the Heritage Committee's vendor recommendations to the Commission for approval for the 2011 Heritage tags.

Chad Bliss moved to support the same recommendations as last year's with 1 Desert Sheep tag to stay with NBU. Reason: NBU has been a great help to NDOW and the sportsmen of Nevada. Mike Taylor seconded, motion carried unanimously. The ECAB was unable to review the Heritage Committee's recommendations as there was not a vendor list to review.

Action Item 24A: Commission General Regulation 375- Apprentice License- LCB File No. R019-10- Program Officer III Maureen Hullinger

The Commission may adopt a regulation relating to hunting; providing for the issuance of an apprentice hunting license; requiring a mentor hunter to complete a mentor hunter affidavit for each apprentice hunter he accompanies and directly supervises; restricting mentor hunters to accompanying and directly supervising one apprentice hunter at a time; and providing other matters properly relation thereto.

Mr. Taylor moved to support. Mr. Bliss second, motion carried unanimously.

Action Item 24B: Commission General Regulation 378 – Guide License Changes - LCB File No. R006-10 – Chief Game Warden Rob Buonamici

The Commission may adopt a regulation relating to wildlife; revising the date after which the Department of Wildlife will not process an application for the issuance or renewal of a master guide license; amending certain examination dates for a master guide license; amending the requirements concerning the amount of insurance a master guide must carry; authorizing the Department to deny, revoke or suspend a guide's license for a conviction of a crime involving physical violence, theft or fraud; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Mr. Taylor moved to support Regulation 378, guide license changes. Dale Hornickle seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Action Item: 24C Commission General Regulation 379 – Junior Hunt Eligibility Changes - LCB File No. R150-09 – Program Officer III Maureen Hullinger

The Commission may adopt a proposed regulation relating to junior hunts; expanding the period of eligibility for applicants for a junior hunt; revising provisions relating to the number of years for which an applicant may apply for a junior hunt; and providing other matters properly relating thereto..

Jim Evans moved to support regulation 379, junior hunt eligibility changes. Mr. Bliss seconded, motion carried 4-1, Mr. Hornickle opposed.

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Action Item 24D: Commission General Regulation 385 – Expired Duck Stamp Purchase – LCB File No. R011-09 – Program Officer III Maureen Hullinger

The Commission may adopt a proposed regulation relating to state duck stamps; setting forth the price of unexpired state duck stamps; authorizing a person to obtain or purchase an expired state duck stamp under certain circumstances; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Mr. Hornickle moved to support regulation 385. Mr. Taylor seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Action Item 25: Second Reading, Commission Policy #50, Duck Stamp – Management Analyst 3 Kim Jolly

The Commission will conduct a second reading to review recommendations and changes from NDOW staff, including delete stamp printing sections on the last two pages and update the purpose in order to coincide with the new duck stamp regulation.

Mr. Hornickle moved to support Policy #50, Duck Stamp. Mr. Taylor seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Action Item 26: Commission Regulation 09-01 Amendment #2 – Program Officer III Maureen Hullinger

The Commission is being asked to approve corrections to Commission Regulation 09 – 01 Amendment #1 to include Fallon Naval Air Station and Nevada Test Site and Training Range restrictions which were omitted in Commission Regulation 09-01 Amendment #1.

Mr. Hornickle moved to support Amendment #2. Mr. Taylor seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Action Item 27 Big Game Quotas

After discussion it was agreed to begin looking at the recommendations by beginning with mule deer. Mr. Evans moved to support all recommended mule deer quotas. Mr. Hornickle seconded, motion carried 4-1, Mr. Bliss opposed. Mr. Evans stated he would support more conservative numbers if Mr. Bliss wanted to propose them and Mr. Hornickle agreed. Mr. Taylor agreed stating he would support a decrease in numbers except for in archery and muzzle loader due to the already low success rate. After discussion it was agreed that the motion was unclear. Mr. Taylor moved to strike Mr. Evans motion and to work through each quota recommendation individually. Mr. Bliss seconded, motion carried.

See attached form for quota recommendations.

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting is scheduled for June 17th at 6:00 p.m.

Public Comment

There was no public comment

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mr. Evans and seconded by Mr. Mr. Taylor. There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

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Approved this _____ day of _____ 2010.

Respectfully submitted: _____, Secretary
Kathy Porter

Approved: _____, Chairman
Chris Torres