

**LYON COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE
MINUTES**

Wednesday, June 25, 2008

6:30 P.M.

**Lyon County Administrative Complex
Commission Chambers
27 South Main Street
Yerington, NV 89447**

6:30 P.M. – OPEN MEETING

1. PLEGE OF ALLEGIANCE

No action taken

2. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Meeting called to order at 6:33 P.M.

Members Present: Joe Mortensen, Lee Graves, Bill Meyers and Willis Lamm

Members Absent: Jim Jenne

Staff Present: Maureen Williss

Guests: None

3. ACTION ON APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Bill Meyer moved to approve the minutes as presented. Lee Graves seconded – 4-0 Unanimous.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT. Citizens who wish to address the Board may speak on matters that are related to the Lyon County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife. No discussion may take place and no action may be taken on a matter raised under this item of the agenda until the matter itself has been included on an agenda as an item upon which action will be taken. Public comment on agenda items will be taken when the Board addresses the agenda item.

No public present.

5. Discussion and possible action on Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners Agenda and support material packet – may discuss and act upon any or all items (action will be taken)

Commission General Regulation 356 – LCB File No. R059-08 – Amend a regulation relating to wildlife; classifying the gray wolf as a game mammal: Discussion followed on what rules and regulations may be instituted if the gray wolf is a game mammal. Bill Meyers moved to name the gray wolf as a game mammal. Willis Lamm seconded – 4-0 Unanimous.

Commission General Regulation 358 – LCB File No. R068-08 – Amend language requiring the Department of Wildlife to return the fees submitted for a tag for a subspecies of bighorn sheep or mountain goat under certain circumstances; prohibiting the department from returning the fees submitted for a tag or elk or deer under certain circumstances. Willis Lamm moved that all fees for tags would be retained by the state and that tags turned in can be rewarded with points. Bill Meyer seconded – unanimous

Commission General Regulation 360 LCB File No. R067008 – Amend language to expand the amount of hunter choice numbers allowed when apply for a tag to hunt mountain goat. Willis Lamm moved to approve the recommendation. Lee Graves seconded – 4-0 Unanimous.

Elk Damage Regulations Revisions to NAC 502-42259, 502.42261, 502.42263, 502.42266, and 504.350 – Approve submission of various NACs pertinent to elk damage management to the Legislative Counsel Bureau for review. Willis Lamm: It seems that its more profitable to entice elk on to your property then to grow crops. We need to ask if a rancher sells his incentive tag should he allow people on to his property. Bill Meyer: The issue was that some people where hunting on a property other than the property that the incentive tag was given on. I would like to see the incentive tags used on the property they were given on. No action taken.

Fiscal Year 08 Upland Game Stamp Program Update and Fiscal Year 09 Project Proposals – Approve 14 Upland Game Stamp Program Projects as described in support material that total \$292,672. Willis Lamm moved to approve projects. Lee Graves seconded – 4-0 Unanimous.

Fiscal Year 08 Duck Stamp Program Update and Fiscal Year 09 Project Proposals – Approve 22 projects that total \$121,995 – Joe Mortensen: Along with the previous item, this will address week eradication and other items that need to be done. Willis Lamm moved to approve projects. Lee Graves seconded – 4-0 Unanimous.

Request from the Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakima Nation for Pronghorn Antelope – Review and may approve a request from the Yakima Nation for surplus pronghorn from Nevada – Joe Mortensen: We should make sure Nevada has all the pronghorn we need in suitable habitats before we give them away. I'm not sure we should sent antelope there if they don't allow non-resident hunting, but as a practical matter I have no problem. Washoe County wants a report stating there are enough pronghorn here to facilitate the Yakima Nation's request. Lee Graves moved to agree with Washoe County's request. Willis Lamm seconded – 4-0 Unanimous.

Explanation of new regulatory constraints imposed on big horn sheep hunting on the Nevada Test and Training Range – Response to new special access requirements at NTTR, including that all hunters and their parties must: be at least 14 years of age, comply with all other Nevada Hunting requirements, give their consent for a criminal background check, and attend a hunter's safety briefing – Joe Mortensen: I believe we should agree with the conditions proposed. Lee Graves moved to agree with the conditions as presented. Bill Meyer seconded – 4-0 Unanimous.

Commission Regulation 07-07 – Review and may approve hunting seasons for upland game, rabbit, dove and crow seasons and trapping sealing dates for furbearing mammals – Joe Mortensen: Since we are missing pages R2, R4 and R6 of the recommendations I feel we are unable to make a recommendation. No action taken.

Commission Regulation 07-05 Amendment #1 – Presentation of the Heritages Committee's Heritage tag vendor recommendations to the commission for approval for the 2009 Heritage tags – Jo Mortensen: The Elk Tag should go to the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation. Lee Graves moved to agree with Washoe County's recommendation. ? seconded (need to listen to tape).

6. Discussion and possible action on Mountain Lions – hunt and general issues (action will be taken)
Bill Meyer: It costs the state money to pay for professional hunters. I'm looking for a way to entice hunters that are in an area with lots of lion, to be given a tag at a reduced rate to remove a lion if they see one. I think it would more than pay for itself, than paying a professional hunter. Willis Lamm moved to increase the incentive to encourage licensed hunters to acquire tags where lions are a problem and to reduce the cost to the state of hiring professional hunters. Lee Graves seconded – 4-0 Unanimous.

7. Discussion and possible action on Elk compensation for damage (action will be taken)
Bill Meyer: How far do we go to compensate for damage either with tags or money? We have to be fair but eventually the state could run out of money. We need to come up with some way of changing this. Joe

Mortensen: The don't pay the ranchers every year, just once then they fence or give incentive tags. Willis Lamm: They only fence the crops not the entire ranch. I think there needs to be better accountability on who is getting incentive tags. This item will be continued to the next agenda. Bill Meyer will ask a representative from the Nevada Division of Wildlife to attend the meeting and give an overview of how this incentive tag program operates. No action taken.

8. Future agenda items, dates & locations

Next meeting will be in August and Jim Jenne will coordinate this meeting as Chairman.

9. Adjournment

Lee Graves moved to adjourn. Joe Mortensen seconded – 4-0 Unanimous Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Approved: _____

Date: _____

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