

**CABMW RECOMMENDATIONS for the March 19th and 20th 2010
Wildlife Commission Meeting**

Elko County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife meeting results

Submitted by Chairman Ken Wellington

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1. Unit specific mountain lion sub committee report:

At the committee meeting, information was distributed by Russell (NDOW Biologist) on eastern region harvest by unit group. It was explained that NDOW still tracks harvest by unit even though hunting is by region.

The group discussed the reasons the lion hunt was changed from the previous method of hunting by unit to hunting by region. Hunters did not have to call to inquire if a unit was closed and did not have to worry if the lion being chased crossed a unit boundary.

Several hounds men not in attendance were contacted by committee members and they did not express strong feelings either way about hunting by unit.

Russell said biologically speaking it does not matter to NDOW if lions are hunted by unit or region. To get the proper statistical information, lion harvest numbers are tracked by region.

In the last four years no unit would have closed because it reached its maximum allowable harvest. That being said, if units close to move hunters to other units that becomes a social issue and not a biological one. Some members of the committee expressed enough interest in that idea it has become one of the bullet points.

In closing the committee did not see the need to convert the entire region back to hunting by unit. It felt the most important point to be made was to keep a stable lion population. The following points should be looked at in the future to help with lion and hunter management.

1. Move a unit out of regional hunt and put a max allowable harvest number in the unit, such as unit 091 which is an interstate hunt. This was for hunt quality purposes.
2. Have a resident and non-resident hounds men permit. Provide a sportsman's journal that the hounds men can track days hunted, tracks followed, lions treed and not killed, mountain ranges, etc. (A way to find out how many non-resident guides are in Nevada hunting lions and also provide more information to NDOW.)

3. Utilize hounds men in addition to ADC if a fair and equitable system of notification and results can be obtained..

Recommendation

In Support X

The Elko County Advisory Board supported the sub-committees idea's and made a motion to forward the three noted points to the Commission for consideration.

2. Commission General Regulation 380, Application Amendment, LCB File No. R155- 09

The Commission may adopt a proposed regulation change that would allow a tag applicant to withdraw or amend an application previously submitted.

Recommendation

No action was taken as this Board had opposed any changes at our meeting in May of 2009 and stands by that decision.

3. Commission General Regulation 354, Silver State Tag, LCB File No. R196- 09-

The Commission may adopt a proposed regulation change that would establish language for the Silver State tag and drawing.

Recommendation

In Support X

The Elko County Advisory Board has stood in support from the beginning of this project and continues to support it.

4. Commission General Regulation 381, Crayfish Regulation, LCB File No. R176-0-9

The Commission may adopt a proposed regulation prohibiting the importation, transportation or possession of certain crayfish, authorizing the Department of Wildlife to issue certain permits or licenses to an institutional member of the Zoological Association of America.

Recommendation

In Support X

5. Commission General Regulation 382, Colorado River Regulation, LCB File No. R004-10-

The Commission may adopt a regulation relating to waterways; requiring vessels to be operated at a reduced speed along a certain portion of the Colorado River.

Recommendation

No action was taken, as this regulation does not effect our county directly.

6. Approval of Sponsoring Agency for Nevada Duck Stamp Art Contest -

The Commission is being asked to select a sportsmen's group to sponsor the annual Nevada Duck Stamp Art Contest for the 2011 and 2012 contests.

Recommendation

In Support X

Elko County supports the Nevada Waterfowl Association.