

Eureka County Wildlife Advisory Board

Minutes

June 23, 2009

The Eureka County Wildlife Advisory Board met in the Administrative Facility on June 23, 2009 at 6:00 p.m.

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

Members Absent:

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

Call to order

Chairman Torres called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m. A quorum was determined to be present.

Review and Approve Minutes-

The minutes of the May 11, 2009 meeting were reviewed and unanimously approved on a motion made by Dale Hornickle and seconded by Mike Taylor.

Correspondence and reports

Chairman Torres brought an e-mail he had received from Tracy Truman, member of the Clarks County Wild Life Advisory Board and Vice President Nevada Trappers Association regarding a proposal to change the 2010 fur bearing season. Mr. Truman sent graphs for the boards' review of harvest results for bobcat and gray foxes for the last few years. Mr. Truman feels November is prime season and the season should not be shortened by removing November from the season.

Silver State Tag

Chad Bliss reported the Silver State Tag was amended into AB 246, the apprentice Hunting License bill and was passed. It was vetoed by the Governor but the veto was overridden. The language of the Silver State Tag did stay in tack. Also, the Dream Tag was amended into the same bill but those that were against the Dream Tag were appeased with the language for the Dream Tag being changed from shall give out Dream Tag to may give out Dream Tag. Mr. Hornickle stated that he did not like the idea of the Dream Tag being in the same bill as the Silver State Tag. Mr. Bliss stated that politics played a big roll all along the way in this process although he is unsure why, especially when there was so much support for the Silver State Tag. Now changes need to be made in regulations to implement the provisions of the tag.

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 Commission 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:

Friday, June 26, 2009

- Item # 6 Wild Horses-
The greatest impact of this legislation will be to Nevada since 60% of wild horse populations are in Nevada. The board agreed that in a majority of horse areas, AML os severe;u exceeded. Overpopulation of wild horses on rangelands is detrimental to all wildlife reliant on these shared resources and wild horses use the resources in exclusion to wildlife. Mr. Taylor moved to support the draft letter, Mr. Hornickle seconded, motion passed unanimously.
- Item # 7- U.S. Forest Service Northeastern Travel Management Plans-
The board discussed the wording of the letter and noted that it is misleading because the 1,500 miles of “new roads” are not new but are preexisting roads that have not yet been included in the mapping system. These roads are in existence and the Forest Service is only recognizing that these roads are currently being used. Jim Evans moved to accept the letter with clarifying of what is meant by “new roads”. Mr. Hornickle seconded, the motion passed unanimously.
- Item # 8- Muzzle loader Visual Disabilities Modifications.
Mr. Hornickle moved to support option 4, motion died for a lack of a second. Mr. Evans moved to support option 3, Mr. Taylor seconded the motion. Mr. Hornickle moved to amend the motion to support option 3 or 4- a 1x scope or any scope to all hunters. Mr. Taylor seconded, the motion passed unanimously.
- Item #10-Commission Regulation 07-07 Amendment #3.
Mr. Hornickle moved to accept the amendment as written. Mr. Taylor seconded the motion passed 3-1. Mr. Bliss would like to see the bobcat season shorter than the proposed season.
- Item # 11- Commission Regulation 09-01 Amendment #1.
Recommend proposals:
 - 1 Mule deer- Silver State Tag
 - 1 Mule deer- Safari Club International, Northern Nevada Chapter
 - 1 Antelope – Wildlife Habitat
 - 1 Antelope- PCCU
 - 1 Rocky Mountain Elk- Silver State Tag
 - 1 Rocky Mountain Elk- Nevada Bighorn Unlimited
 - 1 Bighorn- Nevada Bighorn
 - 1 Bighorn- Wild Sheep Foundation
 - 1 California Bighorn Sheep- Safari Club International, Northern Nevada Chapter
 - 1 Wild Turkey- National Wild Turkey Federation, Reno
 - 2 Wild Turkey- National Wild Turkey Federation, Las VegasMr. Hornickle moved to accept vendor proposals as recommended. Mr. Taylor seconded, motion passed unanimously.
- Item #14, D- Online Hunt Application changes/amendments after application submission.
Mr. Taylor moved to support the changes/amendments to online applications. Mr. Bliss seconded the motion passed 3-1, Mr. Hornickle did not agree, voted against the

motion, and thought that there did not need to be provision in place to amend applications.

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 11, 2009 at 6:00pm.

Public Comment

Mr. Podborny suggested passing a resolution from the Eureka County Commissioners, as a memorial for Art Biale. The board discussed presenting Betty Biale and the family a plaque photo in memory of Mr. Biale's many years on the county wildlife commission and the state wildlife commission. Mr. Bliss commented that Mr. Biale was a true sportsman. Mr. Evans will make the arrangements.

Mr. Podborny also reminded the board of the guzzler project that is attentively scheduled for Saturday June 27th. Mr. Podborny is waiting for materials and will contact those who are interested in helping.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Mr. Hornickle and seconded by Mr. Taylor to adjourn. There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 8:51 p.m.

Approved this _____ day of _____ 2009.

Respectfully submitted: _____, Secretary
Kathy Porter

Approved: _____, Chairman
Chris Torres