

**WHITE PINE COUNTY WILDLIFE ADVISORY BOARD  
MEETING MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 6, 2007  
7:00 P.M.  
MT. WHEELER POWER CONFERENCE ROOM**

Call to Order: *Bill Miller called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.*

\* **\*Approval of Minutes – Discussion/Action:** *Shane Boren made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, Scott Simon seconded the motion. The motion passes.*

- **\*Budget Review – Discussion/Action:** *It was reported that at the end of January 2007 the balance was \$5,269.30*
- **\*Payment of Bills – Discussion/Action:** *The following bills were presented for payment; Bill Miller travel \$68.53 and Elanie Cracraft secretarial \$225.00. Scott Simon made a motion to pay the bills, Shane Boren seconded the motion. The motion passed*
- **\*Public Comment Period:** *There was not any public comment at this time.*
  
- **\*Discussion/Action – Lost Ox Trail:** *Bill Miller reported that they are still working with BLM regarding the Lost Ox Trail.*
  
- **\*Discussion/Action – White Pine Land Use Plan:** *Bill Miller reported that at the PLUAC meeting it was discussed to use the management plans which are already in place instead making a new plan which duplicated the plans which were already in place.*

**1\* Discussion/Action - Correspondence – Acting Director Rob Buonamici**

The Commission will review and may discuss written items sent or received by the Commission since the last regular meeting. ***The board had no comment on this item.***

**2\* Discussion/Action - Appeal – Allen Shearer – Action**

Mr. Shearer is requesting a hearing to appeal to the Commission that he be granted the first 21 days of the 2007 Elk Heritage tag season. ***Shane Boren made a motion to support Eureka County's recommendation to exclude depredation tags from tag hunt dates, Thomas Brunson seconded the motion. The motion passed.***

**Workshop Regulation – Informational**

**3\* & 6\* Discussion/Action - Commission General Regulation – 333 – LCB File No. R R107-05 – Steve Albert**

Amends and adopts wildlife regulations regarding: assessment and revision of demerits for convictions of certain hunting and trapping violations; provides for temporary transport of unsealed bobcats from the state; completion and return of trapping report forms or questionnaires; requirement of a tag to hunt mountain lion; establishment of license revocation periods for felony and gross misdemeanor convictions of certain wildlife crimes; establishment of a provision making it unlawful to capture a mammal or bird with a trap set within 30 feet of exposed bait. Due to input provided at the Commission's "Administrative Procedures and Regulations Committee" meeting, there will be no change to existing mountain lion regulations other than language to clarify that a mountain lion tag is required to hunt mountain lion. It is also proposed that trapping provisions related to visitation, handling or disposal of non-target trapped animals, descriptions of bait, and application of civil penalties be dropped from the proposed regulation; this would include Sections 5 through 9. **Thomas Brunson made a motion to accept the resolution as written, Scott Simon seconded the motion. The motion passed.**

**4\* Discussion/Action - Legislation – Chairman MacKenzie – Action**

The Commission will hear a report from the Commission's Legislative Committee and may vote to support or oppose proposals to the 2007 session of the Nevada State Legislature. ***The board had no comment on this item.***

**5 Reports – Informational – Discussion/Action**

**A\* Heritage Account Interest and Principal – Chief of Operations Bob Haughian**

**B\* Nevada Wildlife Data System – Chief of Operations Bob Haughian**

**C\* Wildfire Rehabilitation Fund – Chief of Habitat Dave Pulliam**

**D\* Wildlife Water Development Program Update – Chief of Habitat Dave Pulliam**

**E\* Mule Deer Foundation Update – Miles Moretti**

**F\* Western Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies 2007 Mid-Winter Meeting – Commissioner McNinch**

**G\* Administrative Procedures and Regulations Committee – Commissioner Lurie**

**H\* Overton Wildlife Management Area Committee – Commissioner Swanson**

**I\* Litigation Report – Deputy Attorney General Nhu Nguyen**

**J\* 2006 Mercury Sampling Update – Chief of Fisheries Rich Haskins**

**K\* Lake Mead Zebra Mussel Update – Chief of Fisheries Rich Haskins**

***Chris Crookshanks gave a presentation on item J. and K.***

**7\* Discussion/Action - 2006 Legislative Counsel Bureau Audit Report – Acting Director Rob Buonamici – Informational: *The board had no comment on this item.***

**8\* Discussion/Action - 2006 Preliminary Big Game Harvest Results – Mike Cox - Informational**

Summary and overview of preliminary big game harvest data and implications to hunting season structure and herd status. ***The board had no comment on this item.***

**9\* Discussion/Action - Commission General Regulation 07- 01 – 2007- 2008  
Proposed Big Game Season Dates – Russ Mason – Action**

The Board of Wildlife Commissioners, under the authority of sections 501.181, 502.140, 502.250, 503.120 and 503.140 of the Nevada Revised Statutes, will adopt season dates for all big game species, except mountain lion.

**Hunt # 2151 & 2251: Shane Boren made a motion to have all units be August 21 – August 27 except the three early seasons leave them as proposed, Stephen Marich seconded the motion. The motion passed**

**Hunt #2161 & 2261: The board voted to leave as proposed.**

**Hunt #2181: The board voted to leave as proposed.**

**Hunt #4102: The board voted to leave as proposed.**

**Hunt #4151, 4251, 4156, & 4256: Shane Boren made a motion to change the dates to be; the Muzzleloader to be October 23 – November 3, the Early Any Legal Weapon to be November 4 – November 13, and the Late Any Legal Weapon to be November 21 – December 1, excluding unit 091, Scott Simon seconded the motion. The motion passed with Stephen Marich voting in opposition.**

**Hunt #4161, 4261, 4181, 4281, 4176, & 4276: The board voted to leave as proposed.**

**Hunt #4111 & 4211: Stephen Marich made a motion to change the dates to August 5 – August 25, Shane Boren seconded. The motion passed.**

**Hunt #3151, 3152, 8151, 8152, 9151, 9251, 7151, 7251, 1181, & 1101: The board voted to leave as proposed.**

**Hunt #1331&1235: Scott Simon made a motion to accept the seasons as proposed with the recommendation that the late hunt tags could not exceed 5% of the tags in the early hunt. Bill Miller seconded the motion. The motion passed with Shane Boren and Stephen Marich voting in opposition.**

**Hunt #1107 : Stephen Marich made a motion to accept the seasons as proposed with the recommendation to delete all of the late hunts for youth, and in Unit 114, 115 that the dates for Any Legal Weapon and Muzzleloader hunts be switched as they are in the wrong weapon class. Scott Simon seconded the motion.**

**PIW, Emergency Depredation: The board voted to leave as proposed.**

**10\* Discussion/Action - Commission Regulation – 07- 02 – Craig Mortimore -  
Action**

The Commission will adopt mountain lion harvest objectives for the 2007 season. **Stephen Marich made a motion to accept the regulation Scott Simon seconded the motion. The motion passed.**

**11\* Discussion/Action - Commission Regulation 07- 03 Raptors for Falconry –  
Laura Richards Action**

The Commission will establish 2007 and 2008 season dates, species, quotas, hours, limits, closed areas, application procedures and deadlines, and take for raptors for falconry. **The board had no comment on this item.**

**12\* Discussion/Action - Commission Regulation 07 – 04 2008 Heritage Tags – Bob Haughian – Action –**

The Commission will adopt Heritage Tag species, seasons and quotas for the 2008 year. *Stephen Marich made a motion to accept the regulation, Scott Simon seconded the motion. The motion passed.*

**13\* Discussion/Action - Commission Regulation 07 – 05 2009 Heritage Tags – Bob Haughian - Action**

The Commission will adopt Heritage Tag species, seasons and quotas for the 2009 year. *Stephen Marich made a motion to accept the regulation, Scott Simon seconded the motion. The motion passed.*

**14\* Discussion/Action - Upland Species Management Plan – Shawn Espinosa and Russ Mason – Action**

The Board of Wildlife Commissioners will consider a draft upland species management plan for comment and adoption. *Stephen Marich made a motion to accept the regulation, Scott Simon seconded the motion. The motion passed.*

**15\* Discussion/Action - American Beaver Management Plan – Craig Mortimore and Russ Mason – Action**

The Board of Wildlife Commissioners will consider a draft American beaver management plan for comment and adoption. *The board had no comment on this item.*

**16\* Discussion/Action - Highly Pathenogenic Avian Influenza – Craig Mortimore and Russ Mason – Informational**

The Board of Wildlife Commissioners will hear a summary of the 2006 Nevada Highly Pathenogenic Avian Influenza surveillance effort. *The board had no comment on this item.*

**17\* Reports – Informational – Discussion/Action**

**A\* Department Activities Report – Acting Director Rob Buonamici**

**B\* Tag Allocation and Application Hunt Committee – Commissioner Jeffress**

**C\* 2006 Mercury Sampling Update – Chief of Fisheries Rich Haskins**

**D\* Lake Mead Zebra Mussel Update – Chief of Fisheries Rich Haskins**

*The board had no comment on these items.*

**18\* Discussion/Action - Future Commission Meeting – Acting Director Rob Buonamici - Action**

The next Commission meeting is scheduled for March 30 and 31, 2007, in Las Vegas, and the Commission will review potential agenda items for that meeting. *The board had no comment on this item.*

Note: In accordance with NRS 241.020 this agenda closes three days prior to the meeting date and has been posted at the following: Ely Post Office, 2600 Bristlecone Avenue Ely, Nevada 89301; Sportsworld, 1500 Aultman Street, Ely, Nevada 89301; and WPC Courthouse, 801 Clark Street Ely, Nevada 89301.