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Eureka County Wildlife Advisory Board
Minutes
January 24, 2013

The Eureka County Wildlife Advisory Board (CAB) met in the Eureka County Administrative Facility on January 24, 2013.

Members Present: Chairman Jim Evans, Raymond Hodson, Chris Torres, Dale Hornickel and Lester Porter

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Jake Tibbitts- Eureka County Natural Resources Manager, and Kathy Porter- Eureka County Natural Resources Assistant/CAB Secretary

Call to order

Chairman Jim Evans called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. A quorum was determined to be present.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Board Business-

Elect chairman for 2013

Raymond Hodson nominated Jim Evans to remain Chairman. Dale Hornickle seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Review and approval of minutes

The minutes of the November 29, 2012 meeting were tabled until the next meeting.

Correspondence and reports

Mr. Hodson reported he attended the December 6-7 Wildlife Commission meeting. The petition to change hunting with dogs was tabled due to lack of support material. Mr. Hodson noted there was a lot of support on both sides. The Houndsmen met with Chairman Robb to discuss their position.

Wildlife and Mule Deer Enhancement Projects-*update on pinyon-juniper thinning projects, wildlife guzzlers installation and other potential projects and consider further efforts to move forward for successful implementation of projects.*

Jake Tibbitts reported he is continuing to work to finalize the pinyon-juniper thinning project budget to receive final approval for project funding from the various sources. Once these final funding opportunities are finalized the projects can go to bid and thinning can begin.

Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners Meeting Agenda and Support Material—

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Action Item 12A: Commission Regulation 13 – 03, Big Game Tag Application Eligibility and Deadline Information - Program Officer 3 Maureen Hullinger

The Commission will adopt language regarding 2013 big game application eligibility and deadline information.

Recommendation:

In Support

Raymond Hodson moved to support Regulation 13-03 Big Game Tag Application Eligibility and Deadline Information. Dale Hornickle seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Action Item 12B: Commission Regulation 13 - 04, Big Game Seasons – Wildlife Staff Specialists Mike Cox, Tony Wasley and Pete Bradley

The Commission will consider adoption of 2013 – 2014 and 2014 - 2015 hunting seasons and dates for mule deer, pronghorn antelope, elk, bighorn sheep, mountain goat, mountain lion and black bear, including limits, hunting hours, special hunt eligibility, animal gender, physical characteristics and legal weapon requirements, hunt boundary restrictions, and legal weapon requirements, emergency depredation hunt structure and statewide quotas, the 2013 - 2014 nonresident restricted deer tag quotas and seasons, and dates and times for indoctrination courses.

Recommendation:

Chris Torres moved to remove the mule deer doe hunt in area 15. Lester Porter seconded, motion carried unanimously. Mr. Porter moved to approve the rest of the hunts. Mr. Porter amended his motion to add a foot note for area 16 bull hunts to make it clear what that the early hunt rotates which could include language such as that already provided as justification in the support material to “rotate the bull rut hunt for all 3 weapon classes over a 3-year period where archery and muzzleloader seasons share the early September and late September (rut) seasons for 2 years and in the 3rd year the rifle hunt takes the rut period and the muzzleloader season occurs in late October during the normal early rifle season.” Mr. Torres seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Action Item 12C: Commission Regulation, 13 - 05, 2013 Silver State Tag and Partnership in Wildlife Season and Quotas 2013 - Program Officer III Maureen Hullinger and Big Game Biologist Mike Cox

The Commission will consider the adoption of the 2013 Silver State Tag and Partnership in Wildlife hunt species, seasons and quotas.

Recommendation:

Mr. Hodson moved to change the Silver State Tag season dates to coincide with the new Heritage Season dates as originally intended. The CAB discussed that Silver State Tags were meant to be patterned after the Heritage Tags. Mr. Hornickle seconded, motion carried unanimously.

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Action Item 12D: Commission Regulation 13 - 06, 2013 Dream Tag Seasons - Program Officer III Maureen Hullinger and Big Game Biologist Mike Cox

The Commission will consider the adoption of the 2013 Dream Tags seasons.

Recommendation:

In Support

Mr. Torres moved to support Regulation 13-06, 2013 Dream Tag Seasons as written.

Mr. Porter seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Action Item 12E: Commission Regulation 13 - 07, 2014 Heritage Tags Seasons and Quotas- Program Officer III Maureen Hullinger and Big Game Biologist Mike Cox

The Commission will consider the adoption of the 2014 Heritage Tag hunt species, seasons and quotas.

Recommendation:

Mr. Hodson moved that Heritage Tag seasons and Silver State Tag season coincide with each other as recommended under Action Item 12C. Mr. Torres seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Action Item 12F: Commission Regulation 13 - 08, 2013 - 2014 Big Game Mountain Lion Harvest Limits – Chief of Game Larry Gilbertson

The Commission will consider the adoption of 2013 - 2014 mountain lion harvest limit recommendations.

Recommendation:

Mr. Hodson moved to support the changes of harvest quota number but to deny the restriction of night hunting. Mr. Hornickle seconded, motion carried unanimously. Reason: no need to impose new restriction when no problems or citations have been made and it really is not an issue.

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting date was scheduled for March 7, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.

Public Comment

None

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mr. Torres and seconded by Mr. Hodson. There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Approved this _____ day of _____ 2013.

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Respectfully submitted: _____, Secretary
Kathy Porter

Approved: _____, Chairman
Jim Evans