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Eureka County Wildlife Advisory Board
Minutes
March 3, 2013

The Eureka County Wildlife Advisory Board (CAB) met in the Eureka County Administrative Facility on March 3, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.

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

Members Absent: Chris Torres

Others Present: Bill Hicks, Jessica Contreras- Eureka County Natural Resources Assistant/Secretary, Kathy Porter- CAB Secretary, and Mike Podborny-NDOW Wildlife Biologist

Call to order

Chairman Jim Evans called the meeting to order at 7:11 p.m. A quorum was determined to be present.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Board Business

The minutes of the January 24, 2013 meeting were unanimously approved on a motion made by Raymond Hodson and seconded by Lester Porter.

Correspondence and Member Reports- Review and discuss any or all items.

Mr. Hodson reported he attended the State NDOW meeting. No Bear Hunt NV petition was rejected.

Wildlife and Mule Deer Enhancement Projects-*update on pinyon-juniper thinning projects, including 2013 Heritage Trust Account proposal, wildlife guzzlers installation and other potential projects and consider further efforts to move forward for successful implementation of projects.*

Chairman Evans reported he had looked over the pinyon-juniper thinning project proposal written by Jake Tibbitts. Chairman Evans brought up brief discussion regarding the clean-up of trees on gentle sloping areas after cutting rather than letting the trees lay. Chairman Evans moved to table the enhancement discussion for the next meeting when Mr. Tibbitts can attend. Mr. Hodson seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Proposed Legislation of the 2013 Nevada Legislature

Discuss and consider action on proposed legislation of the 2013 Nevada Legislature.

There was discussion about Senate Bill (SB) 120, SB184, Assembly Bill (AB) 168. Mr. Hodson started discussion on SB82-Bear Hunt and Senate Joint Resolution (SJR) 7 which preserves right to fish, hunt and trap.

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Bill Hicks as public comment strongly opposed SB184 and AB168. Commission members and CAB members should remain sportsmen because of the probability of further requests from special interests.

Mr. Hornickel moved SB168 to let the Wildlife Commissioner's decide. After brief discussion, Mr. Hornickel amended his motion to oppose SB168. Mr. Hodson seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Hodson moved to oppose SB184. Mr. Hornickel seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Hornickel moved to oppose SB120. Mr. Hodson seconded, motion carried unanimously.

There was discussion as to whether a letter could be sent regarding legislation from the CAB as a whole.

Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners Tag Allocation and Application Hunt Committee (TAAHC)

Discuss and determine 3 topics for potential inclusion into the 2013 Topic List guide TAAHC decision making for tag allocation and application hunt recommendations.

Discuss and determine 3 questions for potential use in an online survey process to seek information from online tag applicants.

Mr. Hodson moved to table both items for discussion at the next meeting. Mr. Hornickel seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners Meeting Agenda and Support Material—

Action Item: 19

Commission Policy #24, "Hunting Opportunities Among Weapons and Hunter Groups" First Reading - Tag Allocation and Application Hunt Committee Chairman Jack Robb

The Commission will conduct a second reading of the amended Commission Policy #24 "Hunting Opportunities Among Weapons and Hunter Groups." Note: Support material sent under agenda item #10.

After brief discussion, Raymond Hodson moved to accept changes to commission policy 24, "Hunting opportunities among weapons and Hunter Groups". Dale Hornickel seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Action Item 11/20A: A* Commission General Regulation 392, LCB File No. R047-11, Falconry – Program Officer III Maureen Hullinger and Chief of Wildlife Diversity Laura Richards

The Commission may adopt a regulation relating to falconry; authorizing the care or possession of raptors by certain persons not possessing a license or permit to possess raptors; authorizing certain transfers of raptors; authorizing the training of raptors by certain persons; authorizing the use of falconry raptors in certain educational programs; authorizing the filming or photographing of falconry raptors in certain circumstances; authorizing the use of falconry raptors for certain abatement activities; providing for the disposition of deceased falconry raptors; providing for the banding or other identification of falconry raptors; requiring certain reporting regarding raptors to the Department of Wildlife and United States Fish and Wildlife Service; providing for the transfer of falconry raptors under certain circumstances; prohibiting certain activities with certain falconry raptors; providing for the housing of falconry raptors; providing for the release to the wild of falconry raptors under certain circumstances; revising provisions

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regarding applications for and issuance of a license to practice falconry; revising provisions regarding the possession of falconry raptors; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Lester Porter moved that Eureka CAB take no position on regulation 392, Falconry. Mr. Hornickel seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Action Item 11/20B: Commission General Regulation 397, LCB File No. R046-11, Raptor Capture – Program Officer III Maureen Hullinger and Chief of Wildlife Diversity Laura Richards

The Commission may adopt a regulation relating to falconry; authorizing the taking under certain circumstances of raptors by a person other than the holder of a permit to on Regulation 397, Raptor capture program.

Mr. Hornickel moved that Eureka CAB take no position on regulation 397, Raptor Capture. Mr. Porter seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Action Item 11/20C: Commission General Regulation 424, LCB File No. T002-13, Transportation Permit (Temporary) - Chief Game Warden Buonamici

The Commission may adopt a regulation relating to adding a transportation permit to the game tag, and other matters relating thereto.

Mr. Hornickel moved to support regulation 424, transportation permit, as written. Mr. Hodson seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Action Item 11/20D: Commission General Regulation 425, LCB File No. T003-13, Transportation Demerit Points (Temporary) – Chief Game Warden Buonamici

The Commission may adopt a regulation relating to demerits assessed on game tag transportation permit and trapping visitation and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

After brief discussion, Mr. Hodson moved to accept the changes to regulation 425, transportation demerit points. Mr. Porter seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Action Item 20E: Commission General Regulation 426, LCB File No. T004-13, Desert Tortoise (Temporary) – Chief of Wildlife Diversity Laura Richards

The Commission may adopt a temporary regulation relating to desert tortoises; prohibiting a person from possessing more than one desert tortoise under certain circumstances; and providing other matters properly relating thereto. The Wildlife Commission will consider taking action to restrict the number of pet desert tortoises for adoption/possession as approved by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to *one* per person as of the enactment date (May 1, 2013). Pet desert tortoises in possession prior to enactment are not affected by the regulation (only new possessions of pet desert tortoise). The amendment is needed due to the over breeding of pet desert tortoises in captivity primarily in southern Nevada.

Mr. Hodson moved to accept the changes to regulation 426, desert tortoise. Mr. Porter seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Action Item 17: Petition – For Possible Action

Henry Krenka, president, Nevada Outfitters and Guides, has submitted a petition to the Commission “to eliminate questionable areas of regulations monitoring the Outfitters and Guides. The new proposed regulations would give a clearer description of Nevada Department of Wildlife (NDOW) and NOGA's position pertaining the guiding industry.” The Commission may accept the petition and initiate regulatory action or deny the petition.

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After discussion, Mr. Hodson moved to take no position on Action Item 17, petition relating to outfitters and guides. Mr. Hornickel seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting date was scheduled for May 2, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.

Public Comment

No Public Comment.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mr. Porter and seconded by Mr. Hornickel. There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

Approved this _____ day of _____ 2013.

Respectfully submitted: _____, Secretary
Jessica Contreras

Approved: _____, Chairman
Jim Evans