

Humboldt County Advisory Board to Manage wildlife

May, 07 2012

Humboldt County Courthouse

Board Members Present- Tom Cassinelli, Larry Allen, Mike Jurad, Tony Gildone

Ndow Representatives- Ed Partee, Cody Bryne, Tony Wasley, Mike Doble

1805- Meeting called to order by Chairman Cassinelli.

NDOW Report-

Fish stocking update- Spaulding pond, Bilk Creek Res., Coyote Creek, and the Pine Forrest Reservoirs have been stocked.

Bass are being taken from Bilk Creek and transplanted into Chimney Res.

Discussion on future stocking of trout into Big Springs res.

Big Game Quotas-

Black Bear-

Discussion and explanation from Mike Doble on the Commission's decision to choose Black Bear boundary option # 4.

Motion passed 5-0 to accept the state's recommended quotas on all Bear hunts

Antelope-

Motion passed 5-0 to accept the state's recommended quotas on all Antelope hunts.

Elk-

Motion Passed 4-1 to accept the state's recommended quotas on all Elk hunts
With the exception of **Hunt # 4151-072,074 early- Drop quota to two tags and**
distribute the remaining fourteen tags to the mid and late hunts.

Desert Sheep-

Motion passed 5-0 to accept the state's recommended quotas on all Desert Sheep
hunts.

California Sheep-

Motion passed 5-0 to accept the state's recommended quotas on all California
Sheep hunts.

Rocky Mountain Sheep-

Motion passed 5-0 to accept the state's recommended quotas on all Rocky
Mountain Sheep hunts.

Mountain Goat-

Motion passed 5-0 to accept the state's recommended quotas on all Mountain
Goat hunts.

Mule Deer-

Long discussion between NDOW representatives and HCAB members on the
state's proposed quotas. Tom Cassinelli stated that he's lived at the base of the
Santa Rosa's for 40 years and the deer numbers are significantly down. All the
deer hunters he runs into have similar opinion. Tom questioned the state's model
and how effective it was in managing herds in smaller areas like Humboldt
County's.

Giovanni Giordano had similar comments on the deer numbers in the Jackson's
and questioned the state on it recommended quotas.

Very strong opposition to the quota recommendations was voiced by many members of the public in attendance at the meeting.

Tony Wasley explained the model and the NDOW's justification for the quotas. He stated that he believes the model works but the data being inputted into the model must be accurate. NDOW reps. admitted that due to limited flying time in the county, the data being used may not be sufficient. Tony Wasley committed to trying to dedicate more survey time in the county in the future.

Motion Passed 5-0 to recommend that quotas remain at the 2011 level for areas 031-035 and 041.-046

Motion passed 5-0 to recommend that quotas for area 051 be set at twenty five percent less than the 2011 quotas.

Motion passed to set the new doe hunt quotas in area 051 at 10 instead of the proposed 66.