

LANDER COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE

March 6, 2013
Lander County Fire Hall
15 East Second Street
Battle Mountain, NV 89820

DRAFT MINUTES

- I. Meeting was called to order at 6:40. Chairman Matheus led the board in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- II. Members present were: Philip Gray, James Matheus, Gary Sweeney, and Scott Torgerson. NDOW member present was Jeremy Lutz, Biologist and Matt Jeffress, a guest from NDOW.
- III. Scott Torgerson motioned for approval of Agenda Notice. Motion was seconded and carried.
- IV. Gary Sweeney motioned for approval of Minutes from the January 30 meeting. Motion was seconded and carried.
- V. CORRESPONDENCE
 - A. James Matheus read the letter from Coalition for NV Wildlife urging all CABS to recommend denial of the proposed petition to prohibit the use of dogs in hunting black bears. They also urge the CABS to recommend denial of the proposed closure of lion hunting at night in the western game management units open to bear hunting.
 - B. James Matheus read the e-mail received with the subject of Mountain Lion proposed Hunting Hour Restrictions CR 13-08. There was discussion about this being a non-issue and that the LCABMW was against any change to these regulations.
- VI. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDIZED ITEMS
 - A. There was not any public comment.
- VII. Discussion and possible recommendation for Areas 066 and 153 Bighorn Sheep hunts which was tabled at previous meeting.
 - A. Matthew Jeffress gave a presentation on Snowstorm CBHS Disease Monitoring. He gave short and long term objectives; history of the Snowstorm herd; a population chart; events leading up to die-off; What can be learned from the study; Cost and funding breakdown; Summer 2012 Lamb Surveys; Compounding Factors; Domestic Goat/Bighorn Interaction; A history of interaction between domestic sheep and bighorn along the Ellison Domestic Sheep Trailing Route North of I-80; November 2012 Collaring & Disease Sampling; Population estimates for 066 California Bighorn Herd. Scott Torgerson asked why hunters are not allowed to hunt since the sheep will probably die off anyway. Mr. Jeffress stated that it is shut down until 2014, when it might possibly be opened again.

- VIII. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE RECOMMENDATION CONCERNING THE LARGE RAVEN POPULATION IN BATTLE MOUNTAIN AND LANDER COUNTY LANDFILL.
- A. In the past, Lander County was able to get a permit to kill 150 Ravens, but they were lowered down to only 25. Ravens are packing trash around our community. NDOW Lutz believes that the State of NV can only Kill 2,000 Ravens a year. Discussion on getting health board and the cattlemen involved.
- IX. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE RECOMMENDATION ON ELK SPIKE/RAG HORN HUNT.
- A. NDOW is recommending an Elk Spike/Raghorn hunt. Phil Gray made a motion to recommend a 4-point or less hunt. The motion was seconded and carried.
- X. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON SENDING A LETTER TO THE LANDER COUNTY DA'S OFFICE EXPRESSING CONCERN OVER THE AMOUNT OF TIME IT HAS TAKEN TO PROSECUTE THE DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE CASES.
- A. Buck Tingle, Game Warden, would like the LC Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife to write a letter expressing concern about prosecuting wildlife cases to the LC District Attorney.
- XI. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON INCREASING THE LIMITS ON WIPERS IN NEVADA WATERS
- A. Chris Drake gave background on Wipers. Wipers have assisted in controlling Yellow Perch in Wildhorse. He also explained the 10-year prescription plan of each watery.
- XII. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION OF PURCHASING TO AUGMENT THE POPULATION OF WIPERS IN WILDHORSE AND SOUTH FORK RESERVOIRS WITHOU GETTING A RESULT FROM A PUBLIC SURVEY AS TO WHAT THE PULIC WOULD LIKE FROM THE FISHERIES.
- A. James Matheus recommended that the public should have more input on what they want to see in the waters.
- XIII. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO THE COMMISSION TO DEVELOP PLANS FOR A WAR WATER FISH HATCHERY FOR THE STATE OF NEVADA
- A. Chris Drake informed us that a fish hatchery is very expensive. We can purchase fish eggs by just paying for the freight.
- XIV. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE COMMISSIONER'S AGENDA
- A. Donald Negro recommended that the LCABMW also expression concern about the time that it takes the District Attorney to prosecute a wildlife case.
- XV. UPDATE FROM NDOW Biologist Jeremy Lutz
- A. Jeremy Lutz informed the Board that they will be flying and counting the spring deer the next two weeks.
- XV. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE RECOMMENDATION FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS
- A. Waiting periods on antelopes
- B. Possible projects to get guzzlers moving with Elko BLM
- C. Big Game Hunt Quotas
- D. Budget
- E. Next meeting will be May 1st at the Firehall
- XVI. Chairman Matheus adjourned the meeting at 8:20 p.m.