

**MINUTES OF THE CHURCHILL COUNTY  
ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE**

**155 N. Taylor St., Fallon, NV 89406  
October 31, 2018**

**Call to Order:**

The regular meeting of the Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife was called to order at 7:00 PM on October 31, 2018.

PRESENT: Wildlife Board Member Peggy Hughes  
Wildlife Board Member Jim Curran  
Wildlife Board Member Timothy Gubler  
Wildlife Board Member Gary Cordes  
Deputy Clerk to the Board Pamela D. Moore

ABSENT: Wildlife Board Member Jason Sibley

**Pledge of Allegiance:**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by the board and public.

**Public Comment:**

Chairwoman Hughes asked if there was any public comment but there was none.

**Verification of the Posting of the Agenda:**

It was verified by Pamela D. Moore, Deputy Clerk to the Board, that the Agenda for this meeting was posted on the 24th day of October, 2018, between the hours of 1:00 and 4:00 PM at all of the locations listed on the Agenda, in accordance with NRS 241.

**Consideration and possible action re: Review and adoption of Agenda as submitted or revised:**

**Member Cordes made a motion to approve the Agenda as submitted. Member Curran seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.**

**Consideration and possible action re: Review and adoption of Minutes of the regular meeting held on:**

**A- September 17, 2018.**

The Minutes of the meeting held on September 17, 2018 are submitted for the board's consideration and approval.

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

**Member Cordes made a motion to approve the Minutes of the meeting held on September 17, 2018 as submitted. Member Curran seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.**

**Consideration and possible action re: Review of Correspondence:**

There was no correspondence presented.

**Appointments:**

**A- Consideration and possible action re: Items listed on the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners' Agenda for November 2 and 3, 2018, which is attached as Exhibit "A" to this Agenda.**

The board will discuss items listed on the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners' Agenda for November 2 and 3, 2018, which is attached as Exhibit "A" to the Agenda and make direct action related to items.

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED:

**Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Big Game Release Plan.**

Carl Erquiaga said there is some sheep habitat mostly on the west side above those farms in Silver State Valley. The goal is to get the sheep to where the bloody runs out the Pine Forest Range and Massacre Rim out of the Double H Mountains. They are going to capture and test for disease first, which will be done in the next 2 weeks. Hopefully, if they come back with good results, it will be an agenized item in February. Chairwoman Hughes said so that population is that good up there to be able to take that many? Mr. Erquiaga said there are a lot of sheep in the Pine Forest. In the Double H Mountains, I think they are trying to be a little pre-emptive and hold them where they are so they don't have too many. They do not want an event like they had in Montana Mountains right across the road. That isn't what happened there but they want to get them while they can, I guess.

Last week, pretty much all of the state sheep groups and Mike Cox from NDOW were there and laid out the plan. There is a portion of their funding they need from the NGOs who stand ready with their checkbooks to do that. Member Curran asked if there was any discussion on potential reintroduction sites? Mr. Erquiaga said I know they are gun-shy on the Desert Sheep; I don't think they have reached a conclusion on the disease yet. They are hoping that, after this weigh-in, they will put some more sheep. Chairwoman Hughes said have they had disease in the Desert Sheep? Mr. Erquiaga said there is a lot of it. I would have to make a guess as to the

percentage but I would say 60-70% of them have had some exposure somewhere in the past. They have done a lot of blood sampling and they have maps that show the sheep that are clean, which is basically the Muddy Mountains' sheep that are known exposed. They will be sampling some next week in the Toquima, Toiyabe, and Spotted Ranges. Member Gubler said they have not found disease in the Muddy Mountains? Mr. Erquiaga said they still test clean, which is unfathomable because they are surrounded by other sheep that all test positive. Member Gubler said I got a sheep just north of that which definitely had it last year. I got an infection from an infected sheep once that hospitalized me. It is pretty serious stuff. I got staph infection in my hand from cleaning the sheep. It was so bad that I do not know how the guy got the sheep off the mountains without the horns falling off. The inside of those horns looked like a really bad cavity. That was a California sheep out of Winnemucca around Paradise. Mr. Erquiaga said a year or so ago I got to watch them post a sheep on a trapping project in the Nellis Range and she was obviously not going to make it so Perry Wolf euthanized her and posted her and her sinuses were grown in with tissue.

**Member Gubler made a motion approving the FY19-20 Big Game Release Plan as submitted. Member Curran seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.**

**Request from the State of Utah for Desert Bighorn Sheep.**

The Utah Division of Wildlife Resources has requested Desert Bighorn Sheep for translocation into the State of Utah.

**Member Cordes made a motion approving the translocation of Desert Bighorn Sheep into the State of Utah. Member Gubler seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.**

**Commission General Regulation 482, Public and Sellable Lists, LCB File No. R192-18.**

This regulation clarifies the authority of the Department to remove specific personal information from any list sold or distributed by the department or the department's licensing vendor and makes it confidential. The regulation also simplifies how a person can request that their personal information remain confidential by removing the requirement that the request be in writing.

Member Curran said I read this but don't fully understand what direction this is going. I see they dropped the word "written". When we all applied for tags this year, there was that box on there where you checked to not get junk mail. I didn't know it was that I wouldn't be on any lists. I miss the days of getting the list with names and the tags that they drew. I don't know if this helps that or changes anything, although I read it several times last night. Chairwoman Hughes said it is not very clear. Member Curran said I guess there has been a push by some individuals that want to be anonymous. I know this is just the first hearing on it and I am sure there will be at least 2 more meetings after this and maybe I can get clarification on it.

Carl Erquiaga said I would guess that the intent of the box to check was to not have the list online because of the bear hunt where there is so much emotion and people are going to get threats by bear lovers, so this is maybe taking it one step further. I believe the sellable lists are what the guides do by buying the lists to see who drew what tags and they can send them a brochure. This may be an opt out of that, although I do not know. Member Curran said, during one of the public comment periods, somebody was even concerned about people who would know when he was out deer hunting and they would come burglarize his place. I thought that was pretty ridiculous when you have a 30 day season and to guess when he is going deer hunting is silly. I can understand it with the bear hunters, however. There has been a lot of harassment for those folks. Member Gubler said, with the box, do they want to do away with the box where you click on this and, if you don't want your name on a list, you have to write in? Member Curran said no, they are doing away with the written requirement. Member Gubler said so it is just the box. Chairwoman Hughes said they can request that their personal information remain confidential by removing the requirement that the request be in writing. "Upon the request of a person who has applied for or obtained the certificate of number or certificate ownership, the name, address, phone number, and other personal information of the person is confidential and the department shall remove the name, address, phone number, and other personal information from any lists sold or distributed by the department or a licensing vendor of the department." "Upon the request of the person who has applied for or obtained a license, permit, tag, or other licensing document from the department, hereto the name, address, phone number, and other personal information of the person is confidential and the department shall remove the name, address, phone number, and other personal information from any list sold or distributed by the department or from a licensing vendor of the department." I think it is just whatever lists are there, those things will not be on there anymore. Member Gubler said they are trying to protect people. Chairwoman Hughes said it is to protect your personal information as to who you are and where you live and what your phone number is and all of that. Member Curran said so now you are not going to be able to get a list of who has been successful. For a while there, we were not getting them and you had to go in and hand write them and then they came up with a policy to get a photo copy for a certain price per name. Member Gubler said we have an outfitter friend in the southeast that missed a deadline so we went to Systems Consultants with a check from us and bought the list and then we met him halfway and he wrote us a check and we gave him the list. Member Curran said our Trappers Association used to buy the licensed trappers list. Chairwoman Hughes said I think that is all done for based on this.

**Member Cordes made a motion to approve General Regulation 482 as submitted. Member Gubler seconded the motion, which carried by majority vote, with Member Curran abstaining until he can get more information.**

### **Wildlife Trust Fund Report.**

**Member Cordes made a motion approving the Wildlife Trust Fund Report. Member**

**Gubler seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.**

**Commission General Regulation 480, Shotgun Gauges Legal for Turkey Hunting, LCB File No. R194-18.**

This regulation would remove the prohibition against using a shotgun smaller than 20 gauge to hunt wild turkey. It would also clean up unnecessary language regarding shot size used on a wildlife management area. The Commission held a workshop on September 21, 2018 and the Commission directed the department to reverse the changes on page 1, keeping the prohibition against using a shotgun smaller than a 20 gauge and retaining the cleanup language on page 2 relating to shot size used on a wildlife management area.

Chairwoman Hughes said we reviewed this at our last meeting and agreed to the change.

**Member Curran made a motion to approve General Regulation 480 as submitted. Member Gubler seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.**

**Commission Regulation 19-01, Taking of Raptors for Falconry for 2019-2010.**

The Commission will consider and may take action to approve the 2019-2020 season dates, species, quotas, limits, closed areas, application procedures and deadlines, and taking of raptors for falconry.

**Member Curran made a motion to approve Commission Regulation 19-01 as submitted. Member Cordes seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.**

**Commission Regulation 19-02, Noncommercial Collection of Reptiles and Amphibians for 2019-2020.**

The Commission will consider and may take action to approve 2019-2020 season and limits for noncommercial hobby collecting of live, unprotected reptiles and amphibians.

Member Curran said the list looks the same as it has for years – you are allowed 2 of each species a year.

**Member Curran made a motion to approve Commission Regulation 19-02 as submitted. Member Gubler seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.**

**Consider Future Agenda Items:**

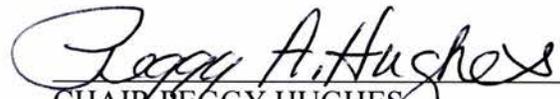
The next meeting will be held on January 22, 2019.

**Public Comment:**

Chairwoman Hughes asked if there was any public comment but there was none.

**Adjournment:**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:36 PM.

  
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MEMBER TIMOTHY GUBLER

  
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MEMBER GARY CORDES

ATTEST:

  
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Pamela D. Moore, Secretary