



**ELKO COUNTY WILDLIFE ADVISORY BOARD
COUNTY OF ELKO, STATE OF NEVADA
Will meet in the Mike Nannini Building, Suite 102
(Hearing Room) of the Elko County Courthouse,
540 Court Street, Elko, Nevada.**

May 8th, 2017

THE CHAIR RESERVES THE RIGHT TO CHANGE THE ORDER OF THE AGENDA AND IF THE AGENDA IS NOT COMPLETED TO RECESS THE MEETING AND CONTINUE ON ANOTHER SPECIFIED DATE AND TIME. THE PUBLIC CAN COMMENT ON ANY AGENDA ITEM BY BEING ACKNOWLEDGED BY THE CHAIRPERSON WHILE THE ADVISORY BOARD CONSIDERS THAT AGENDA ITEM.

THE NEVADA BOARD OF WILDLIFE COMMISSIONERS (NBOWC) WILL RECEIVE RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THIS MEETING ALONG WITH THE ELKO COUNTY COMMISSION.

Public comment will be taken on every action item after discussion but before action on each item, and is limited to three minutes per person. The chairman may allow persons representing groups to speak for six minutes. Persons may not allocate unused time to other speakers. Persons are invited to submit written comments on items or attend and make comment during the meeting and are asked to complete a speaker card and present it to the Recording Secretary. To ensure the public has notice of all matters the Commission will consider, Commissioners may choose not to respond to public comments in order to avoid the appearance of deliberation on topics not listed for action on the agenda.

Forum restrictions and orderly business: The viewpoint of a speaker will not be restricted, but reasonable restrictions may be imposed upon the time, place and manner of speech.

Irrelevant and unduly repetitious statements and personal attacks that antagonize or incite others are examples of public comment that may be reasonably limited.

NOTE: Public comment allowed on each action item and regulation workshop items and at the end of the meeting

Monday May 8th, 2017 6:00 pm

1. **Call to order, Pledge, Roll Call**
Jim Cooney, Mitch Buzzetti, Bert Gurr, Furn Winder, Wyatt Mesna

2. **Approval of the Agenda** **For Possible Action**
Furn moved to approve. Mitch Seconds. Board approves.

3. **Board Member Announcements :** **Non-Action Items**
Pursuant to advice from the Nevada Attorney General's Office, this time is devoted to comments by Board Members for general information or update purposes. No action may be taken upon a matter raised under this item of the agenda until the matter itself has been specifically included on a successive agenda and identified to be an action item. Any correspondence received by a Board member may be read and attached for the record.
Jim Cooney states South Fork people would like to be added to the next agenda.
Bert Gurr discussed season recommendations and the upset around the Elk season. Also he apologized if he offended the commission.

4. **Approval of the Minutes** **For Possible Action**
Moved to accept by Jim Cooney and seconded by Furn Winder. Board approves minutes.

5. **Legislative Update** **For Possible Action**
Bert Gurr provided some update on some of the items that effect sportsman.

6. **Presentation of Fiscal Year 2018 Draft Predation Management Plan (Final Draft)** **For Possible Action**

The Commission will review with the Department the third and final draft of the Fiscal Year 2018 Draft Predation Management Plan. The Commission may take action to modify or endorse the plan.

State Agenda #7

No Action Taken

7. **Commission General Regulation 466, Partnership in Wildlife (PIW) Drawing, Changes to Nonresident Restricted Deer Tag, and Changes to Big Game Return Card Questionnaire Deadline, LCB File No. R140-16–** **For Possible Action**

The Commission will hold a second workshop to consider a regulation relating to amending Chapter 502 of the Nevada Administrative Code (NAC). This regulation defines the term “main drawing;” revises the order in which the Silver State Tag drawing, PIW tag drawing and main tag drawings are conducted; authorizes an applicant for a nonresident restricted deer tag to apply for a nonresident deer tag in the PIW tag drawing and the Silver State tag drawing in the same year; and revises the big game return card questionnaire deadline from 5 p.m. to 11 p.m.

A workshop was held in Las Vegas on March 25, 2017. The Commission requested a second workshop due to questions the Commission had: 1) What are the effects on the applicant and the party if the applicant is drawn for the PIW tag; 2) Why are the predator and/or other fees not collected when applying for PIW; and 3) What is the nonresident process for applying for PIW.

State Agenda #8

Wyatt Mesna moves to oppose moving the PIW in front of the main draw. Mitch Buzzetti seconds. Board opposes.

Non-resident restrictive deer tag Mitch Buzzetti moves to support. Second by Jim Cooney. Board approves.

Big Game return card Jim Cooney moves to approve. Second by Wyatt Mesna. Board approves.

8. **Allow access to public land per NAC 502.42276-Presentation by Ken Wellington** **For Possible Action**

Cab to hear and take action as to policy of handling complaints and investigation process for complaints concerning access per NAC 502.42276

Ken Wellington gave presentation.

Furn Winder asked if Wellington if Ellison is using the tags for a profit?

Wellington answered yes the tags go through a broker.

Mitch Buzzetti are you going to petition the commission? Ken Wellington answered that yes he was he is asking for support from the CAB’s for this petition.

Jim Cooney asked when was the last time this was reviewed? Ken Wellington stated that he is unsure and doesn’t think it has not been reviewed. Jim

Cooney supports the idea of having this go under review but does not support the petition without seeing the petition first.

Furn Winder supports this as long as it is the complete program.

Mitch Buzzetti supports the petition process. He thinks this is a right of everyone and supports them bringing a petition.

Bert Gurr also has a hard time backing a petition without seeing it first.

Furn Winder moves to support Ken Wellington bringing a petition to have it on agenda to get public opinion and CAB's input.

Board votes to support a petition brought up for consideration.

- 9. Deer and Antelope Compensation Tag Program – For Possible Action**
The Department will provide a briefing to the Commission on the existing Landowner Deer and Antelope Compensation Tag Program, recent history, and management options. The Commission will discuss and may direct the Department to develop a draft Commission Regulation regarding options regarding the Landowner Deer and Antelope Compensation Tag Program.
State Agenda #16
Tom Donham and Tyler Knoll NDOW brought forth a PowerPoint to provide clarification.
Mitch Buzzetti thinks that sportsman are missing out on tags because of this NRS.
No Action Taken at this time.
- 10. Commission Regulation 17-14, 2017 Landowner Deer and Antelope Compensation Quotas – For Possible Action**
Landowner deer and antelope compensation quotas are set annually, according to NRS 502.145, at 1.5 percent of the total deer and antelope quotas. The 1.5 percent is generated from the total deer and antelope quotas, which are established in CR 17-13. As a result of this cap being established the deer and antelope damage compensation tag allocations for the 2017 season may exceed the 1.5 percent statutory cap. The Commission may vote to adopt a regulatory model that changes the allocation of the tags to meet the statutory cap.
State Agenda #18
No action taken at this time.
- 11. Commission Regulation 17- 13, 2017 Big Game Quotas for the 2017 - 2018 Season – For Possible Action**
The Commission will establish regulations for the numbers of tags to be issued for mule deer, pronghorn antelope, elk, bighorn sheep, black bear, and mountain goats for the 2017 - 2018 seasons.
State Agenda #17
See attached Quota recommendation sheet.
Tom Donham NDOW provided clarification of quota recommendations.
Tony Buzzetti asking what the winter loss is before increasing tags?
Furn Winder moves to accept recommendations on all antelope tags. Board approves all of the departments recommendations.
Matt Jeffers NDOW provided clarification on California Bighorns for area 066.
Mitch Buzzetti and Jim Cooney moves to accept recommendations on California Bighorns any legal weapon. Board approves.
Keri Huebner NDOW update on Rocky Mountain Bighorns in area 115.
Furn Winder moves to accept hunt 9151 recommendations. Board approves.

Caleb McAdoo NDOW provided update on Mountain Goats.
Jim Cooney moves to approve and second from Furn Winder to approve hunts 7151 and 7251. Board approves.
Riley Manzonie brought up the issues of hunts overlapping.
Joel McConnell brought up numbers and issues with moves the tags to different seasons.
Chris Konakis brought up issues with moving tag quotas around and hunter congestion.
Keri Huebner NDOW provided clarification on depredation hunt in area 081 and hunter congestion.
Caleb McAdoo NDOW provided clarification of Elk in area 10.
Scott Roberts NDOW provided clarification for Elk in area 065.
Tony Buzzetti thinks bull numbers are too high for areas 076,077,079,081.
Thinks the bull numbers should be cut.
Jake Reed thinks that 4 bull tags in area 065 is too many.
Joel McConnell 076,077,079,081 thinks that maybe the bull tags could be cut due to seasons being overlapped. Also, stated no bulls were surveyed in February 2017 aerial survey in 065.
Mitch Buzzetti thinks that the quality of bulls and numbers of bulls are down in 076,077,079,081 and the Elk are moving out of state. Also agrees with a reduction in tags in 076,077,079,081.
Furn Winder thinks area 065 bull elk quotas should be 2.
Ken Wellington agrees it was hard to find cow elk but Elk are moving into 062.
Matt Jeffers NDOW there is no evidence that elk from 061 are moving into 062.
Jason James asked why there is no 061,071-antlerless muzzleloader hunt.
Matt Jeffers NDOW states they are closer to meeting objects and conflicts with muzzleloader bull hunts.
Jerry Swisher is concerned with the amount of archery bull tags that are dropping.
Mitch Buzzetti moves to have the department perform teeth collection on all Elko County units except 072 and 075. Wyatt seconds motion. Board in favor of request.
Henry Krenka in regards to antlerless deer hunt should be lowered with lower deer herd numbers.
Jason James for doe hunts and thinks the numbers for area 101 are accurate to what he is seeing in the field.
Caleb McAdoo provided clarification on area 10 doe hunts.
Joel McConnell asked why 065 tag numbers increased? Scott Roberts NDOW clarified why tag quota was increased.
Jim Cooney thinks late 10 archery tags should be increased.
Jerry Swisher what is the total numbers for mule deer for the state? He thinks that the archery tags are going out.
Hunt 4102 Mitch moves to accept and Wyatt seconds-Board accepts.
Hunt 4151 Furn moves to accept and Jim seconds. Board accepts with amendment to hunt 076,077,079,081 early to have 85 tags and late to have 70 tags. Also amended 065 to 2 tags.
Hunt 4251 Jim moves to accept and Wyatt seconds-board accepts.
Hunt 4156 Mitch moves to accept and Wyatt seconds-board accepts.
Hunt 4161 Mitch moves to accept and Jim seconds-board accepts.
Hunt 4651 Mitch moves to accept and Furn seconds- board accepts with amendment of 061-071 mid at 25 tags.

Hunt 4181 Mitch moves to accept and Wyatt seconds-board accepts with amendment of 076,077,079,081 early at 160 tags and late season quota at 75 tags.

Bert Gurr states he is getting some response about hunting cows in January and the cows being bred.

Hunt 4181 wilderness Mitch moves to accept and Jim seconds-board accepts.

Hunt 4176 Jim moves to accept and Wyatt seconds-board accepts.

Hunt 4111 Mitch moves to accept and Furn seconds-board accepts.

Hunt 4481 with option 1331 Jim moves to accept and Mitch seconds-board accepts.

Hunt 4476 with option 1371 Wyatt moves to accept and Jim seconds-board accepts.

Hunt 4411 with option 1341 Furn moves to accept and Jim seconds-board accepts.

Hunt 4407 with option 1107 Mitch moves to accept and Furn seconds-board accepts.

Hunt 1107 Jim moves to accept and Furn seconds-board accepts.

Hunt 1181 Wyatt moves to accept and Mitch seconds-board accepts with amendment to area 101,102,109 tags to be increased to 250. Mitch and Jim disagree.

Hunt 1331 Furn moves to accept and Wyatt seconds-board accepts.

Hunt 1371 Furn moves to accept Jim seconds-board accepts.

Hunt 1341 Furn moves to accept and Wyatt seconds with amendment of 061,062,064,066-068 to increase tags to 300. Also area 101-109 Early decrease tags to 250 and 101-109 late increase tags to 20. Board accepts.

Mitch moves Jim Second teeth collection on Elko County Mule Deer.

12. **Future Commission Meeting:** **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**
The next Commission meetings are scheduled for June 23rd and 24th, 2017, in Las Vegas and August 11th and 12th, 2017, in Minden; and the Commission will review and discuss potential agenda items for that meeting. The Commission may change the time and meeting location at this time. The chairman may designate and adjust committee assignments as necessary at this meeting
Elko County Wildlife Board's future meeting date will be Monday prior to the next state meeting.

13. **COMMENTS BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC:** **NON-ACTION ITEM**
Pursuant to N.R.S. 241.020, 2(c) (3), this time is devoted to comments by the general public, if any, and discussion of those comments. No action may be taken upon a matter raised under this item on the agenda until the matter itself has been specifically included on a successive agenda and identified to be an action item.

ADJOURNMENT

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