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Eureka County Wildlife Advisory Board (CAB)

Minutes

The Eureka County Wildlife Advisory Board (CAB) met in the Eureka County Administrative Facility (Annex) on September 14, 2015 at 5:00 p.m.

Members Present: Chairman Lester Porter and Jim Evans

Members Absent: Ray Hodson

Others Present: Jessica Santoyo-CAB Secretary

Call to order

Chairman Porter called the meeting to order by Chairman Porter at 5:06 p.m. a quorum was determined to be present.

Public Comment

None

Board Business

Review and approval of minutes-

Jim Evans moved to approve the minutes as written from the July 30, 2015 meeting. Lester Porter seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Correspondence and Member Reports-

None

Update, discussion, and possible action on purchase of a member service award/plaque for Dale Hornickel.

Jessica Santoyo stated she spoke with Jake Tibbitts and he agreed to purchase the plaque out of the Natural Resources Department budget. Mrs. Santoyo has tried contacting the vendors who make the plaques but she believes that they are no longer in service. She is exploring other options to get the plaque ordered.

Mr. Porter suggested talking to Kim Todd or Kathy Porter because they have ordered plaques in the past.

Mr. Porter moved to purchase a plaque for Dale Hornickel. Mr. Evans seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Wildlife Habitat Enhancement Projects-

Update on pinyon-juniper thinning project, wildlife guzzler installation, and other potential projects, and consider further efforts to move forward for successful implementation of projects.

Mr. Porter stated that he went out to multiple spring locations and recorded their GPS locations. He then sent the information to Doug Furtado at the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and Mr. Furtado got the information over to Field Manager, John Sherve. Mr. Porter will be meeting with Mr. Sherve on September 16th to review aerial photos and begin the process. BLM is moving towards a categorical exclusion (CX), which would make the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process go by quickly. BLM is thinking that in three months' time the CX can be approved and the CAB will be released to do the work around the springs. The only thing they have to be careful with is to not disturb the footprint too much by only use chainsaws while

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cutting the trees. Mr. Furtado also promised to provide fencing materials in order to re-fence the area around the springs.

Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners Meeting Agenda and Support Material

Action Item #17/Public Comment Item #6:

Commission General Regulation 454, Firearm Carry During Muzzleloader and Archery Hunts, LCB File No. R007-15 – Chief Game Warden Tyler Turnipseed- The Commission will consider permanent adoption of the temporary regulation which expires November 1, 2015, relating to the carry of a firearm in the field while hunting under archery and muzzleloader regulations, including language changes from Assembly Bill 136 of the 78th Legislative Session. The regulation will change NAC 503.142 and 503.144 to allow the carry of personal protection handguns while archery and muzzleloader hunting. The regulation was in response to input from sportsmen and AB 136 sponsor by Nevada Assemblyman John Ellison to allow the carry of firearms while archery and muzzleloader hunting, for protection from criminal activity and wildlife attacks. A workshop on temporary regulation was held on November 14, 2014, and adopted on Feb. 7, 2015, at the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commission meetings. At the workshop the Commission discussed different alternatives to handgun carry restrictions and the needs for archers to carry a handgun during archery only season. The language was updated to reflect the changes requested by the Commission by allowing a person to carry any handgun that is not scoped and has a barrel length less than 8 inches. The language change clarified the type of handgun to be carried in the field during archery only season. Further language changes were added as a result of Assembly Bill 136 to also allow handgun carry during muzzleloader season. An additional workshop was held on Aug. 7, 2015 at the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commission meeting and no further changes were made.

Mr. Evans moved to continue to support and approve Commission General Regulation 454, Firearm Carry During Muzzleloader and Archery Hunts. Mr. Porter seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Action Item #18/Public Comment Item #7:

Commission General Regulation 455, Trapping Questionnaire Deadline and Trapping License Valid Dates, LCB File No. R008-15 – Management Analyst 3 Maureen Hullinger- The Commission will consider permanent adoption of the temporary regulation which expires November 1, 2015, relating to trapping questionnaires and trapping license valid periods. The regulation will add language to specify the valid period of a trapping license as July 1 through June 30. The regulation amendment will also update the trapping questionnaire deadline language, changing the deadline from April 30 to May 31, making it consistent with other Department questionnaire language. The amendment includes adding authority for the Department to prohibit the purchase of a subsequent trapping license when a trapper fails to return a questionnaire. This amendment will allow the Department to administer the trapping processes effectively in regard to the trapping seasons as established by the Commission, prohibiting sale of a trapping license until the previous years' questionnaire is provided. The regulations intended to give trappers ample time to return their questionnaires but also provide an efficient license denial procedure if they fail to return their questionnaire. A workshop on the temporary regulation was held on November 14, 2014, and the temporary regulations was adopted on Feb. 7 2015, at the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners meeting. An additional workshop was held on August 7, 2015 at the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commission meeting

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where the word “may” on the last line of subsection 2, was changed to “shall” to eliminate ambiguity.

Mr. Evans moved to continue to support and approve Commission Regulation 455, Trapping Questionnaire Deadline and Trapping License Valid Dates. Mr. Porter seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Action Item #19/Public Comment Item #8:

Commission General Regulation 456, Special Incentive Elk Arbitration Panel, LCB File No. R030-15 – Game Division Administrator Brian Wakeling- The Commission will consider permanent adoption of the temporary regulation which expires November 1, 2015, relating to amending NAC 502.42283 by which the Commission may facilitate decisions by appointing or serving as the arbitration panel should arbitration of elk incentive tag awards become necessary; and other matters relating thereto. A workshop on the temporary regulation was held on March 20, 2015, and the temporary regulation was adopted on May 15, 2015, at the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commission meetings. An additional workshop was held on August 7, 2015, at the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commission meeting and no further changes were made.

Mr. Evans moved to continue to support and approve Commission General Regulation 456, Special Incentive Elk Arbitration Panel. Mr. Porter seconded motion carried unanimously.

Action Item #20/Public Comment Item #9:

Commission General Regulation 457, Awards, Issuance, and Use of Tags, LCB File No. R031-15 – Game Division Administrator Brian Wakeling- The Commission will consider a permanent adoption of the temporary regulation which expires November 1, 2015, amending license issuance and use clarification for elk incentive tags. Elk incentive tags were designed to be issued in association with "bull" hunts and seasons. Subsequent to initial NRS and NAC adoption, "spike" hunts have been developed, and "antlered" tags do not clearly denote the appropriate quota or season for which the incentive tags are intended. The amended formula will account for the harvest of "spike" elk, but identify seasons for incentive tag use; and other matters relating thereto. A workshop on the temporary regulation was held on March 20, 2015, and the temporary regulation was adopted on May 15, 2015, at the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commission meetings. An additional workshop was held on August 7, 2015, at the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commission meeting and the definition of TSH was changed to read “The total number of spike elk harvested in spike elk harvested in spike-only hunts in the previous year in the unit of units within the management area or areas in which the private land is located.” The new language inserted was “in spike-only hunts.” This is to make clear that the TSH would be limited to the total number of spike elk harvested in a spike-only hunt.

Mr. Evans moved to continue to support and approve Commission Regular Regulation 457, Awards, Issuance, and Use of Tags. Mr. Porter seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Action Item 21:

Commission Regulation 16 – 02 Fishing Seasons and Bag Limits for 2016 – 2018- Division Administrator Jon Sjoberg- The Commission will establish fishing seasons, bag and possession limits for the period of March 1, 2016 through February 28, 2018.

Mr. Evans moved to approve the Commission Regulation 16-02 Fishing Seasons and Bag Limits for 2016-2018. Mr. Porter seconded, motion carried unanimously.

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Next Meeting Date

The next meeting date was scheduled for November 3, 2015 at 3:00 p.m.

Public Comment

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mr. Porter and seconded by Mr. Evans. There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 5:25p.m.

Approved this _____ day of _____ 2015.

Respectfully submitted: _____, Secretary
Jessica Santoyo

Approved: _____, Chairman
Lester Porter