

Meeting was called to order by Rob Jacobson at 6:00pm.

1. Roll Call

Present Members: Rob Jacobson, Walt Mandeville (zoom), Alan LaVoie, Bob Arigoni, Joe Crawford (zoom)

Absent Members: none

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. For Possible Action: Approval of minutes

- Alan LaVoie motioned to approve the minutes from the March 17, 2020 meeting; Bob Arigoni seconded, and the motion passed unanimously 5-0.

4. Public Participation:

5. Advisory Board Items for discussion

Rob Jacobson discussed the proposed budget that he built conservatively, which covers attendance for scheduled commission meetings except Las Vegas and only hotel stays for Winnemucca and Elko. Rob forwarded a copy of the budget to CAB members.

6. For Possible Action: on any/all Nevada Wildlife Commission Agenda items for their meeting in June. (Action may be taken)

County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife 2020 Big Game Quotas Recommendations

- Resident & Nonresident Black Bear - Either Sex - ANY LEGAL WEAPON
 - Discussion: Joe Crawford shared that the Nevada Sporting Dog Alliance supported the proposed quota set by NDOW. CAB discussed that there are 7 big game species in Nevada and over 60 hunt units with multiple weapon seasons managed by the department. Why does a single species the Black Bear require a separate day for the quota process, when in past the entire process was completed in a single day?
- Resident Antelope - Horns longer than ears - ANY LEGAL WEAPON HUNT
 - Discussion: Alan Lavoie shared that he believes that the population is down in some areas. He feels that without current survey data and numbers ---quotas should remain the same- we should stay status quo.
- Resident Antelope - Horns longer than ears - MUZZLELOADER HUNT- Agrees
- Resident Antelope - Horns longer than ears - ARCHERY HUNT – no discussion
- Resident Antelope - Horns “longer”? than ears - ANY LEGAL WEAPON HUNT
 - Discussion: Is this to read "Shorter" than ears? May be a misprint/typo. Alan stated that he has not seen as many antelope as in prior years. He would like the doe tag to be cut out.

- Nonresident Antelope - Horns longer than ears - ANY LEGAL WEAPON HUNT
 - Discussion: is 10% for nonresident tag allocations as quota system
- Nonresident Antelope - Horns longer than ears - ARCHERY HUNT- no discussion
- Resident Nelson (Desert) Bighorn Sheep - Any Ram - ANY LEGAL WEAPON HUNT
 - CAB discussion: If there is a health event in an area NDOW should look at opening the season earlier, allow for tag return past opening day or at the very least notify all tag holders of the situation.
- Nonresident Nelson (Desert) Bighorn Sheep - Any Ram - ANY LEGAL WEAPON HUNT
 - Discussion: 10% is quota
- Resident Nelson (Desert) Bighorn Sheep - Any Ewe - ANY LEGAL WEAPON HUNT
- Nonresident Nelson (Desert) Bighorn Sheep - Any Ewe - ANY LEGAL WEAPON HUNT
- Resident California Bighorn Sheep - Any Ram - ANY LEGAL WEAPON HUNT
 - Discussion: three units same quotas as last year. Rob added that he has been contacted by several people regarding John Zinzas proposal – this an example that could be applied to his proposal – will discuss after quota discussion.
- Nonresident California Bighorn Sheep - Any Ram - ANY LEGAL WEAPON HUNT
- Resident California Bighorn Sheep - Any Ewe - ANY LEGAL WEAPON HUNT
 - CAB discussed that with only 2 tags it seems like a money grab
- Resident Rocky Mountain Bighorn Sheep - Any Ram - ANY LEGAL WEAPON HUNT
 - CAB discussed if NDOW had any updates on the Ruby herd.
- Resident Mountain Goat - Any Goat - ANY LEGAL WEAPON HUNT
 - CAB Discussion regarding keeping status quo
- Resident Elk Antlered - ANY LEGAL WEAPON DEPREDATION HUNT
 - CAB Discussion regarding that they are good with the quota.
- Resident Elk - Antlerless - ANY LEGAL WEAPON DEPREDATION HUNT
 - CAB Discussion: The elk are hurting people property but property owners are not doing anything to prevent property destruction. CAB would like for the department to look at increasing the herd in area 6 and letting up on 081, those elk are on the run for half the year.
- Resident Elk - Antlered - ANY LEGAL WEAPON HUNT
 - CAB Discussion: Elk move back and forth between Nevada and Idaho. Idaho has more wolves. CAB would like for NDOW to look at a common seasons with Idaho?
- Resident Elk - Antlered - MUZZLELOADER HUNT
 - CAB Discussion: Alan discussed that if you hunt muzzleloader as first choice it should also be your next four choices – declare your weapon would equal less wounded animals. CAB supports presented quota.
- Resident Elk - Antlered - ARCHERY HUNT
 - CAB discussion: looks in line – CAB approved quota
- Resident Elk - Spike - ANY LEGAL WEAPON HUNT

- CAB Discussion: maybe let out a couple more bull tags instead of killing spikes like the hunt for antelope horns shorter than ears. Overall, the CAB shared that it would not break our hearts to cancel this hunt.
- Resident Elk - Antlerless - ANY LEGAL WEAPON HUNT
 - CAB discussion: Alan does not agree with increasing cow tags. Some areas could handle more elk. Why are we killing cows?
- Resident Elk - Antlerless - ANY LEGAL WEAPON HUNT - WILDERNESS ONLY
- Resident Elk - Antlerless - MUZZLELOADER HUNT
- Resident Elk - Antlerless - ARCHERY HUNT
- Nonresident Elk - Antlered - ANY LEGAL WEAPON HUNT
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- Nonresident Elk - Antlerless - ANY LEGAL WEAPON HUNT
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- Nonresident Elk - Antlerless - ARCHERY HUNT
- Resident Junior Mule Deer Antlered or Antlerless - ARCHERY, MUZZLELOADER, OR ANY LEGAL WEAPON HUNT
 - CAB Discussion: If we don't involve the youth we will lose hunting base. Hunting is an experience and getting youth involved for the experience. CAB would like NDOW to consider that in areas where deer are on the decline, youth shoot buck only.
- Resident Mule Deer - Antlerless - ANY LEGAL WEAPON HUNT
 - CAB Discussion: if we can move sheep, we can move deer in winter to areas with less predation, depredation, weather and drought when taking population into consideration. The CAB would like NDOW to consider cancelling all doe hunts where deer are in decline
- Resident Mule Deer - Antlered - ANY LEGAL WEAPON HUNT
 - CAB Discussion: Should not increase without survey
- Resident Mule Deer - Antlered - MUZZLELOADER HUNT
- Resident Mule Deer - Antlered - ARCHERY HUNT
- Nonresident Mule Deer - Antlered - ANY LEGAL WEAPON HUNT
 - CAB Discussion: nonresident increased in areas considerably. Alan asked how this is justified without surveys.
- Nonresident Mule Deer - Antlered - MUZZLELOADER HUNT – no comment
- Nonresident Mule Deer - Antlered - ARCHERY HUNT- no comment
- Other recommendations:
 - CAB discussion: Rob doesn't feel that you should be able to turn in party tags under any circumstances.

NDOW needs to conduct surveys every year as part of the quota recommendation process, without surveys-don't change quotas from previous year. Our CAB is in favor of declaring a weapon for each hunt (all 5 choices need to be with the same weapon). Look to relocating mule deer. Predator control on the Sheldon, continue managing (with BLM

ferral horse populations. Finally, in order to fix the party hunt/tag return problem to keep points in the group-"No tags may be returned to NDOW from a party hunt!"

- Alan Lavoie made a motion the Lyon County Wildlife CAB submit their recommendations in the survey as stated in the above recommendations. Walt Mandeville seconded the motion. All in favor 5-0

Rob Jacobson brought up John Zins proposal about 25% trophy tags going to max point holders. He shared that he thinks that are certain unit tags could be effected if all of the max point holders put in for the same unit (if they agree to do so) , they could potentially hold the unit for as many years as there are max point holders. He has also heard that states that have it do not like it. Joe added that there are people that only put in for certain areas. Rob added that he thinks this will creep many hunters out of areas.

- Rob Jacobson made a motion that the Lyon County Wildlife CAB does not support John Zins proposal for max point holders getting 25% of the tags as it is not equitable for hunters. Joe Crawford seconded the motion. All in favor 5-0

The CAB discussed the second part of John Zins proposal regarding going from five weapon choices to three weapon choices. There are a lot of people that put in for a couple trophy tags in the front and an easier draw in the tail end. Rob is not sure if this serves the masses of how a lot people hunt and put in tags. Alan shared his opinion that he feels that hunters should have to declare their weapon or put in fewer choices. It was discussed that this will work well for archers and muzzleloaders as people will no longer choose archery and muzzleloader hunts as a backup choice to rifle hunts. Alan thinks if you have 5 choices you should declare weapon as they are taking away the true odd of drawing a tag.

- Alan Lavoie made a motion regarding declaring your weapon. Bob Arigoni seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-2 (Rob and Joe Nay)
- Alan LaVoie made a motion to reduce five choices to three choices. Bob Arigoni seconded the motion. The motion did not pass 2-3 (Rob, Walt, Joe Nay)

Alan Lavoie asked for the next Lyon County CAB agenda to have a discussion and possible action regarding first time hunt opportunities applications. This would be for those that are adults and just learning to hunt and cannot draw a tag. Rob shared that every year we have adults (mostly women) make up the attendance of the hunters ed class that he and Jessie Weller teach. These new adult hunters may not be able to draw tags- this is an example of a first time hunt opportunity that the CAB would like to discuss.

Joe added that they put a change in that they are discussing the Black Bear Quotas on Friday instead of Saturday. The CAB will submit their recommendation to keep the quota status quo.

7. Public participation: None

Chair comments:

- CAB meeting will be scheduled for Monday, June 22, 2020 – Next Commission meeting is scheduled for June 26 and 27

8. Adjournment

Rob Jacobson adjourned the meeting at 7:41

MOTIONS

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