

Meeting was called to order by Walt Mandeville at 6:08pm.

1. Roll Call

- Present Members: Walt Mandeville, Rob Jacobson, Joe Crawford, Alan LaVoie
- Absent Members: Jessie Weller
- Guests: Kris Urquhart, Biologist III Nevada Department of Wildlife

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. For Possible Action: Approval of minutes

- Rob Jacobson motioned to approve the minutes from the September 17, 2019 meeting; Joe Crawford seconded and the motion passed unanimously 4-0.

4. Public Participation: *It is anticipated that public participation will be held at this time, though it may be returned to at any time during the agenda. Citizens wishing to speak during public participation are asked to state their name for the record and will be limited to 3 minutes. The Board will conduct public comment after discussion of each agenda action item, but before the Board takes any action. NONE*

5. Advisory Board Items for discussion (No action will be taken)

Joe Crawford reported that he received a call regarding hunter harassment via social media. The person reporting wanted to know if the department will work towards investigating any threats of bodily harm to individuals or family members. Walt recognized that this is not a new thing and asked if the hunters reported it to the local authorities and jurisdictions. Joe felt that this is a concern with the hunting community the needs to be addressed by the wildlife board. Walt further discussed how the wardens are heavily tasked and cover large areas.

Rob Jacobson brought up the Waterfowl hunt zone proposal. The CAB discussed the differences with the different proposed zones and that it does not affect Lyon County in any of the zone changes proposals. Rob asked how it would benefit Lander and Eureka to be in the Eastern zone. The CAB also discussed how the eastern zone freezes early. Rob felt that it should really be up to the Eastern region counties. The CAB further mentioned that the change proposal could be to align the hunt zones to the NDOW regions. The CABs input was that they follow the eastern counties recommendation and NDOW regional management recommendations as Lyon County does not have a stake in the game. The CAB provided input that they would support proposal two to align the hunt zones to the regional management areas.

6. For Possible Action: on any/all Nevada Wildlife Commission Agenda items for their meeting in June. (Action may be taken)***Commission Item #9A Tag Transfer, Deference and Return Program***

Rob discussed that he feels that it is a slippery slope to allow people to transfer tags to family member days or hours prior to the hunt. The CAB also discussed how life has a lot of turns and if you are unable to hunt when the tag hunt starts then it is really just an unfortunate situation. It is not right to be able to transfer a tag to a family member. There are a lot of situations where this program could be misused and unintended benefits. The CAB also stated that the tag return program is respectable and seems to work. Mr. LaVoie stated that to be able to give the tag to someone else because they cannot hunt is not right.

- Walt Mandeville made a motion that the Lyon County CAB decline the tag deference as stated in commission item #9. Alan LaVoie seconded the motion. All in favor 4-0

Commission Item #9B Veteran and Active Military Waterfowl Season

Rob brought up that the CAB discussed this commission item at the last CAB and further stated that they are proposing adding two days to the season for Veterans and Active Military. Walt stated that he is all for the kids getting some extra days and that he served in the military and is not for the extra hunt days. Alan asked where this originated from. Joe discussed that this is a federal regulation and that we can make ours more restrictive than the federal regulation but not more lenient.

- Walt Mandeville made a motion that the Lyon County CAB does not support the two extra designated hunt days for Veterans and Military waterfowl season. Rob Jacobson seconded the motion. All in favor 4-0

Commission Item #9C and 18A Use of Live Bait and Tackle Restrictions

Kris Uruhardt told that board the only change from the meeting last month was a small wording that made a difference to the Churchill board which is using bait from the “water” it was caught in to using bait within the “basin” it was caught in. Kris said that the small change in wording does make a difference and used the example of if you wanted to use carp at Lahonton for live bait you could catch them at Harmon Reservoir and bring them up from there instead of having to catch the carp in Lahonton to use in Lahonton. Alan asked Kris if he sees a problem with transporting from Harmon to Lahonton. Kris responded that the only concern was aquatic invasive species and to help slow that spread. It is not a deal breaker for us because the waters are connected anyways and the invasive species cannot swim upstream they can only spread downstream. Kris said they are not going to propose interbasin transfers and that hasn’t changed. One of the other changes was that it removed from the language in the Carson system being downstream from Dayton and expanded the area in which you can use live bait.

- Rob Jacobson made a motion that the Lyon County CAB accept and support NDOWs recommendation on live bait use. Alan LaVoie seconded the motion. All in favor 4-0

Commission Item #18.B. Land Owner Compensation Tags

The CAB members discussed that this has been a hot issue. Rob asked that the statute only allows for so many of each species and that they cannot legally issue more tags than the statute allows them to. He also asked if it is a system to disperse the tags equitably. The CAB discussed that they voted against the change at the last meeting. Walt mentioned how landowners can make big money on these landowner tags and grow certain crops that attract these animals. Alan would like to do more research and present more facts. He would like to receive numbers and facts. He is also concerned that the tag allocation that is deferring from our herds because the tags are not being used on the landowner property as they will not allow hunters in the property. There has to be a way that they can do a count that is not over allocating our tags. If landowners will not allow hunters to go on their property they should not be able to cry depredation. The same deer are often counted on multiple properties.

- Walt Mandeville made a motion that they further investigate and look at overhauling the landowner compensation tag program, develop a workshop and new guidelines that will take care of current problems that exist. Alan LaVoie seconded the motion. All in favor 4-0

Commission Item #18.C. Shed Antler Regulation

Rob mentioned that his concern is that the penalty does not fit the crime as some people do not care about demerit points. Alan mentions that the department of wildlife is understaffed and we need more public people out there helping out with this. The CAB discussed that shed hunters are stashing using GPS and will pay the \$100 fee. It is harassment to animals and people breaking the rule should be no trespassing. It is there to protect those animals that are hunted starting in August through January. The fines need to be stiffened and stricter.

- Rob Jacobson made a motion that they encourage the department to look at stiffening the fines for shed hunting violations. Joe Crawford seconded the motion. All in favor 4-0

7. Public participation:

Rob said that he had a guy talk to him about the number of horses in area 151 and said that there was hundreds of horses. Kris shared that the BLM has strict guidelines on managing the horses and once they are over AMA they initiate a gather up. Horses that are over AMA in Wyoming are done first and what federal space is left for western states. Rob mentioned seeing many springs that have been crushed and ruined by the horses.

Chair comments:

- The next Wildlife Commission meeting is scheduled for January 24th and 25th
- CAB meeting will be scheduled for Tuesday, January 21, 2019

8 Adjournment

Walt Mandeville adjourned the meeting at 7:12pm

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