

LYON COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE

Hillyard Hall-Buckland Station
2945 Ft. Churchill Street
Silver Springs, NV 89429

Wednesday, January 20, 2016
MINUTES

1. Call to order
Meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m.
Members present: Jessie Weller, Rob Jacobson, Mitch Burns, Eric Bobrick, Walt Mandeville.
Staff Present: Maureen Williss
Guests Present: Rex Flowers, Mike Bryan
2. Pledge of Allegiance
No action taken.
3. For Possible Action: Approval of minutes
Eric Bobrick moved to approve the minutes of November 3, 2015. Walt Mandeville seconded – 5-0 unanimous.
4. Public comment may be on any agenda item (No action will be taken)
None.
5. For Possible Action: Elect Chair for the 2016
Walt Mandeville moved to nominate Mitch Burns. Eric Bobrick seconded – 5-0 unanimous.
6. For Possible Action: Elect Vice-Chair for 2016
Walt Mandeville moved to nominate Jessie Weller. Mitch Burns seconded – 4-1 approved by majority – Jessie Weller opposed.
7. Advisory Board Items for discussion (No action will be taken)
Walt Mandeville: Regarding the field trip that we want to take at the Mason Valley Wildlife Management area, I will talk with the manager out there and let him know that we want to do this. General discussion followed and a date of March 16th was tentatively agreed upon at 4:30 pm – at the Fish Hatchery with the regular meeting to follow at 6:00 pm.

Mitch Burns: There will be an advisory board training held on March 5, 2016 from 9am to 12pm at the Silver Springs Community Center, hosted by Lyon County.
 - For Possible Action: Discuss proposal for changes to Wildlife Commission policy's etc.
No discussion or action taken.

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

Commission Regulation 16 – 09, Big Game Mountain Lion Harvest Limits for 2016 – 2017 – Wildlife Staff Specialist Pat Jackson – For Possible Action

The Commission will consider the adoption of 2016 – 2017 mountain lion hunting season open units, harvest limits by unit group, hunting hours, and special regulations.

Rex Flowers: I would like this board to take a vote to open area 033. That area is kept closed. I have spoken to individuals who would like to see this area opened up and in order to do that, we need to have a dialogue with NDOW. NDOW has kept this area closed due to it being a federal refuge. No studies have been done by NDOW as to the effect Mountain Lions have on this area. Both Humboldt and Washoe Counties support opening up this area. There needs to be some predator control in the Sheldon. Mitch Burns: Is there any data on why the deer population has gone down? Rex Flowers: There have been no studies done and that is something that needs to be done. Jason Salisbury: People in charge of the Sheldon (Feds) are conducting their own surveys. Eric Bobrick: According to NDOW's budget there is \$892,000 available to be spent on predator control but not one penny goes to that area? Jason Salisbury: That is correct.

Walt Mandeville moved to approve CR 16-09 as presented with an additional caveat to allow hunting of Mountain Lions in area 033. Eric Bobrick seconded – 5-0 unanimous.

Commission General Regulation 458, Electronic Rifle Triggers, Caliber and Cartridge Length, and Smokeless Powder Restrictions, LCB File No. R144-15 – Chief Game Warden Tyler Turnipseed – Workshop/Public Comment Allowed

The Commission will hold a workshop to consider a regulation relating to amending Chapter 503 of the Nevada Administrative Code. It revises provisions relating to hunting; deleting the prohibition against using smokeless powder in a muzzle-loading firearm while hunting a big game mammal under certain circumstances; making it unlawful to use certain firearms and cartridges while hunting a big game mammal; and proving other matters properly relating thereto.

Jessie Weller moved that the Lyon County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife reviewed the regulation and would like to keep all restrictions currently in place as written. Walt Mandeville seconded – 5-0 – unanimous.

Commission General Regulation 459, Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (Drones), LCB File No. R145-15 – Chief Game Warden Tyler Turnipseed – Workshop/Public Comment Allowed

The Commission will hold a workshop to consider a regulation relating to amending Chapters 501 and 503 of the Nevada Administrative Code. It revises provisions governing the use of aircraft, hot air balloons, unmanned aerial vehicles, satellites or certain other devices to locate or observe, for the purpose

of hunting, a big game mammal; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Rob Jacobson moved to support CR 459 and Lyon County opposes any use of drones. Eric Bobrick seconded – 5-0 – unanimous.

Rob Jacobson: How did the Ewe hunt go? Jason Salisbury: Not well, I think there were a lot of non-kills.

Commission Regulation 15 – 09 – Amendment #2 – Big Game Seasons – Division Administrator Brian F. Wakeling – For Possible Action

The Commission will consider amendment #2 of the 2016 – 2017 hunting seasons and dates for mule deer, pronghorn antelope, elk, bighorn sheep, and mountain goat, including limits, hunting hours, special hunt eligibility, animal sex, physical characteristics and legal weapon requirements, hunt boundary restrictions, and emergency depredation hunt structure and statewide quotas

Jason Salisbury: Area 113B was deleted due to depredation of Elk. Area 195 was added for a sheep hunt. Non-resident ewe hunt has been added.

Rob Jacobson: I've heard from several people that Area 6 is over allocated.

Jason Salisbury: Per the Western Elko Sub-plan in that area only 500 Elk are allowed so until that sub-plan can be adjusted there's pretty much nothing that can be done.

9. Public Comment (General comments, no action will be taken)
None.

10. Adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.