

LYON COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE

Hillyard Hall-Lahontan Room
2945 Ft. Churchill Street
Silver Springs, NV 89429

Monday, February 6, 2017
MINUTES

1. Call to order
Meeting called to order by Vice-Chair Jesse Weller at 6:00 p.m.
Members Present: Jesse Weller, Walt Mandeville, Eric Bobrick, Rob Jacobson
Guests: Mike Scott, NDOW
2. Pledge of Allegiance
No action taken.
3. For Possible Action: Approval of minutes
Walt Mandeville moved to approve the minutes of November 14, 2016. Eric Bobrick seconded – 4-0 unanimous.
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)
Jesse Weller: The Water Fowl season – Geese are showing up late so it would be more effective to have the opening date later in the season. I'm looking at two weeks after the Duck season opens, so around November 1st. Walt Mandeville: A lot of the geese have adapted to private land but out here you can still hunt them. Eric Bobrick: Doesn't the feds have a say so in the opening date? Mike Scott: No, the state controls that. I have heard there is a proposal to have the season end in May. Jesse Weller would like this item placed on the next agenda for discussion and possible action. No action taken.
6. For Possible Action: on any/all Nevada Wildlife Commission Agenda items for their meeting in February (action may be taken).

Nevada Lands Act

Nevada Land Management Task Force, Senate Joint Resolution 1 (SJR 1) of the 2015 Nevada Legislature and Subsequent Federal Legislation Update – Commissioner Drew – Informational

Commissioner Drew will review the history of the Nevada Land Management Task Force, SJR 1, and subsequent federal legislation in regards to the transfer of no less than 7.2 million acres of public lands currently administered by the Bureau of Land Management and U.S. Forest Service to the State of Nevada.

Walt Mandeville: This item bothers me because the state doesn't have the resources to manage all of this property.

Walt Mandeville moved to oppose SJR1. Rob Jacobson seconded – 4-0 unanimous.

Draft Fiscal Year (FY) 2018 Predation Management Plan – Wildlife Staff Specialist Pat Jackson – For Possible Action

The draft Fiscal Year 2018 Predation Management Plan will be presented to the Commission for initial review. Following this review, the draft plan will be updated and shared with the State Predatory Animal and Rodent Committee (PARC). All comments from the PARC, County Advisory Boards to Manage Wildlife, and any other interested entity will be compiled and shared with the Wildlife Damage Management Committee (WDMC) for their consideration at their March 2017 meeting. The Commission will receive an update at the March 2017 meeting from the Wildlife Damage Management Committee and may provide additional direction at that time.

Rob Jacobson: Is the state still doing Coyote removal? Mike Scott: We have been killing coyotes for a long time and they will respond with larger litters. There are some short-term benefits for certain species. There has been a study done in Idaho that for every \$17,000 spent on Coyote management, you save one Buck. NDOW is mandated to spend 80% of the fees on predation management. Rob Jacobson: Are they removing Mountain Lions? Mike Scott: We have four contractors working on this. There have been some lions trapped in Bobcat traps (around 15) and we have collared some of them. No action taken.

Commission Regulation 17 - 05, 2017 - 2018 and 2018 - 2019 Big Game Seasons – Wildlife Staff Specialists Mike Cox and Cody Schroeder and Staff Biologist Cody McKee – For Possible Action

The Commission will consider adopting 2017 - 2018 and 2018 - 2019 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 legal weapon requirements, and emergency depredation hunt structure and statewide quotas.

Commission Regulation 17 - 06, 2018 Heritage Tag Seasons and Quotas – Management Analyst 3 Maureen Hullinger – For Possible Action

The Commission will consider the adoption of the 2018 Heritage Tag hunt species, seasons and quotas.

Commission Regulation 17- 07, 2017 Dream Tag Seasons – Management Analyst 3 Maureen Hullinger – For Possible Action

The Commission will consider the adoption of the 2017 Dream Tag seasons.

Commission Regulation 17- 08, 2017 Partnership in Wildlife Seasons and Quotas – Management Analyst 3 Maureen Hullinger – For Possible Action

The Commission will consider the adoption of the 2017 PIW hunt species, seasons and quotas.

Commission Regulation 17 - 09, 2017 Silver State Tag Seasons and Quotas– Management Analyst 3 Maureen Hullinger – For Possible Action

The Commission will consider the adoption of the 2017 Silver State Tag hunt species, seasons and quotas.

Rob Jacobson: I would like to discuss the above items together. All concur. There were two tags for California Sheep in the Montana's and 5 sheep were killed, was this because of the specialty tags? Mike Scott: There are rules now for some of the specialty tags. If an animal is killed in a specific unit they can't hunt in that area the following year. Rob Jacobson: Elk in the Santa Rosa – the access is so poor no one will be able to kill them. Mike Scott: We just did a survey there and only 143 counted. Eric Bobrick: If you have an Elk tag and don't harvest can you reapply? Mike Scott: The waiting period is 7 years if you harvest or not. Rob Jacobson: Perhaps when a tag is sold for a buck you could offer them to purchase a cow tag as well? Mike Scott: That is a good questions and I will bring this up. Jesse Weller: Commission item #22 – I see that two late archery tags disappeared why did that occur? Mike Scott: The biologist didn't see much success.

Jesse Weller moved to reinstate area 121 and areas 101 through 109 archery tags. Rob Jacobson seconded – 4-0 unanimous.

Rob Jacobson: Commission items 23, 24, 25, 26 – I move that regardless of what type of tag you have no person can hunt in the area until general tag holders can hunt. Walt Mandeville seconded – 4-0 unanimous.

Rob Jacobson: I want to thank the biologists and all staff at NDOW for their hard work and providing the excellent information to us. No action taken.

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None.

8. Adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

Next meeting will be March 20, 2017 – 6:00 p.m. – Silver Springs - Hillyard Hall Community Center

Approved: Jess Weller, VC

March 20, 2017
Date

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