

Minutes of the Mineral County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife Meeting-Draft Minutes

Date & Time: Monday October 28, 2019 at 6:00 PM

Location : MEETING ROOM, HAWTHORNE LIBRARY, 1st & Ast

Present: Glenn Bunch, Chairman,
Members: Billie Williams Jr., Wayne Larson
Marlene Bunch, Recording Secretary

Absent: Darren Hamrey, Johnny Peterson,
Public Present : None

Glenn Bunch called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM and noted that the meeting was properly noticed on October 21, 2019.

Glenn opened the meeting by explaining to the board that the items on the agenda were back again as the Commissioners, at their last meeting, directed the Department to change some of the language and clean up some of the items. The chairman could find that there were people that could possibly work angles. And they are trying to close the loopholes. So these items are both back out here tonight to discuss the issues again.

Glenn gave some scenarios that could possibly be done as was discussed at the last Commission meeting. So both of these items are put back on for clarification.

- 1*** **Commission Regulation 485 Tag Transfer, Deference, and Return Program.** The Board will make recommendation to the Commission as they will hold a third workshop to consider a regulation relating to amending Chapter 502 of the Nevada Administrative Code. This regulation would provide direction for allowing the transfer, deference or return of tags under certain extenuating circumstances after the passage of Assembly Bill 40 4of the 80th Legislative Session. At the first workshop, the Commission directed the Department to narrow the options for the transfer or deference of a tag. At the second workshop, the Commission directed the Department to draft changes to the regulation encompassing the description of "extenuating circumstances" and a timeline to return the tag to the Department.

Glenn explained to the board that what came up was that if I didn't want a tag I could give it to you (others present as an example.) It was not clear who the tag was to be given to. Examples of possible actions were shown to the board.

The Board went through the proposed changes as presented and possible scenarios of probability. Also explained was the reasoning for the word smithing of the language and why. Even after the Commission comes up with all their wishes, the LCB will still re-word it accordingly to legal language, then will be sent back to the Commission for final approval.

Glenn stated that it really wasn't so much a change in the idea of the regulation, but to clarify the process and the rules for accomplishing the ability to transfer a tag.

Glenn stated that for an example, there were tags given for a burn area. At the time of the draw, it was not a burn area, however before the season began, there was a big fire and the animals were no longer there to hunt. Rather than having X number of hunters where there wasn't a chance to fill anyway, this gives the avenue to easily accommodate all the affected hunters. And the hunters affected want the same tag next year but not through the draw process. So to get that tag back next, you have to jump through hoops to get the tag back next year.

The board concurs with the department's the recommendation as written.

- 2*** **Commission Regulation 486, Veteran and Active Military Waterfowl Season.** The board will review and make recommendation to the Commission as they hold a second workshop to consider a

regulation to amend Chapter 502 of the Nevada Administrative Code (NAC). Federal Statute was adopted in 2019 which would allow for veterans and active military to exclusively hunt waterfowl for a period of two days within the existing season. If adopted, the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners may establish such a season. The Commission held a workshop on September 20, 2019 and has requested that the Department bring the regulation back for a second workshop and provide an example of how waterfowl seasons could be structured if this NAC were adopted and if the Commission chose to implement the veteran and military waterfowl season.

Glenn explained this came up after the last meeting. This was proposed by a group in Las Vegas. They want a special season when no one else is around. Then they tried to decide where would we put it. If it is put in the middle, then all the birds would be gun shy. Then it was proposed at the end. But that wasn't supported. So what they leaned toward is that they have a youth waterfowl season before the regular season. It was considered to looking putting the youth and veteran and active military together at the same time. It doesn't take away from the start since the 2 days was already set aside for the youth hunt anyway.

Billie stated that during the youth hunt would be the best place as there are not that many youth out there hunting anyway. Then they don't have to change anything. They can just add it to it without changes of the seasons since there are just so many days that can be set aside for duck season.

Wayne stated that combining the veterans and youth is the path of least resistance.

The Board reviewed the Department proposal and discussed possible situations. After review—the Board concurred to support the combination of the military and the youth hunt.

3* Discussion of other items on the Commission Agenda for November 1-2, 2019.

Item 9 C Commission General Regulation 487, Use of Live Bait Fish and Tackle Restrictions. LCB File No R00-19

The board reviewed the recommendation by the Department relative to the live bait fish and tackle restrictions. It was noted the only variance in Mineral County was the exclusion of the Walker River Paiute Tribe Reservation from the regulation. The rest of Mineral County did not have any changes.

Glenn stated advised the board that he spoke with the fisheries staff about stocking rough creek and 9 Mile. Kris from NDOW had asked Glenn if the beaver ponds back? If we have the beaver ponds back, we can see what we have to do to stock that stream. Even if we have to carry them in.

Billie stated the ponds had been there for 50 years.

Glenn stated that the last flood had taken out the ponds, but the beavers had put them back. But not sure the status of the road getting in there.

Billie stated that he had not been up there lately, but he would make a trip to see what the status of the road is and get back to Glenn as to what condition it is in and if some work needs to be done.

The board concurred with the Department recommendation for Mineral County relative to the Live Bait changes.

- 4. Public Comment** No action can be taken by MCABMW at this time; any item requiring MCABMW action may be scheduled on a future MCABMW agenda
No public comment

Meeting adjourned at 6:30 PM