

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

Date & Time: Monday September 16, 2019 at 6:00 PM

Location : MEETING ROOM, HAWTHORNE LIBRARY, 1<sup>st</sup> & A<sup>st</sup>

Present: Glenn Bunch, Chairman,  
Members: Billie Williams Jr., Johnny Peterson, Wayne Larson  
Marlene Bunch, Recording Secretary  
Kris Uruquhart– NDOW- Fisheries biologist - By Teleconference

Absent: Darren Hamrey

Public Present : None

Glenn Bunch called the meeting to order at 6:07 PM and noted that the meeting was properly noticed on September 9, 2019.

Glenn reported to the Board that Kris Uruquhart would be joining the meeting by teleconference. He was on his way here and was stopped in Schurz do to a Semi Tractor/Trailer accident and Highway 95 was closed to all traffic. Kris called before our leaving the house and it was decided that he could go back to Fallon and call in by teleconference. He should be available around 6:15 PM. With that, the meeting continued.

- 1\* **Commission Regulation 18-01, Amendment # 3, Fishing Seasons and Regulations for the Two-Year period March 1, 2018 through February 29, 2020**, The Board will review and make recommendation to the Commission as they will consider amending CR 18-01 to change the ending date of this regulation from February 29, 2020 to December 31, 2019.

Glenn reported no changes noted in Mineral County as far as season go. Rose Creek is open year round, ---if you have a key.

Johnny Peterson said at Rose Creek it should read that when it snows you can't get up there. The road is pretty bad.

Chairman Bunch read to the board and they discussed the recommendations of the Dept.

Chairman Bunch asked if the board has any problems with the recommendations. At this time, there was no problems with the recommendations, but would like to hear from the Dept.

Glenn stated that this agenda item would be continued when Kris joined the conversation by telephone.

- 2\* **Commission Regulation 29-01, Fishing Seasons and Regulations for the Two Year Period January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2021**, The Board will consider recommendations to the Commission as they will establish fishing seasons, bag and possession limits for the period of January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2021

Glenn read into record the fishing seasons for Mineral County and the change in fishing seasons change. Explained the 2 year season and the change of the date.

Wayne said that if you they go to a 2 year season that they should sell you a 2 year fishing license.

*After discussion the board Concurs with the Dept recommendation to change the date and extending for the 2 year recommendation.*

- 3\* **Commission General Regulation 487, Use of Live Bait Fish and Tackle Restrictions, LCB File No. R060-19** The Board will make recommendations to the Commission as they will hold a work shop to consider and recommend amendments to Chapter 503 of the Nevada Administrative Code (NAC). This regulation is intended to update and simplify the use of bait and other fishing tackle in NDOW's Western Region and Southern Region.

Glen said read to the recommendation about the live bait. Explained the changes into the Western Region. Especially noted was the portion on the Walker River from the Southern Pacific Railroad at Wabuska, downstream to and including Walker Lake.

Good news, looking forward to fish in Walker Lake.

After further discussion:

*The board concurs with the dept recommendation.*

- 4.\* **Bighorn Sheep Ewe Hunting in Nevada –Informational.** The Board will review the information provided to the Department as they will provide a briefing on the background, development, need and management objectives of bighorn sheep ewe hunts; current application and hunt metrics; and opportunities, constraints, and landscape risks to conducting translocations as an alternative to ewe hunts in meeting management objectives.

Glenn informed the Board that he put this back on the agenda to discuss. Even though it is not on the Las Vegas Agenda, but he felt we need to discuss the issue and let the Commission know how the Mineral County Board feels about a ewe hunt.

Johnny Peterson stated that the alternative is translocation and that costs too much money.

Glenn explained that when it went before the Commission, it was sold as they “wanted it as a tool in their tool box”. And from discussion from others at State Meetings, there is a lot of dislike for the ewe hunt. Glenn asked the board what their feelings were. And now he thinks they should take it back out of their tool box. So virtually what’s coming is the Dept is going to try to justify it. And what Glenn would like to see is that we (Mineral County Board ) do not like the ewe hunt and feel it should go away.

Billie explained the discussion at the prior Commission meeting.

Wayne said he doesn’t like the hunt of the antelope shorter than the ears too. They should be allowed to grow. That’s just totally wrong. Even though it’s not in our area, he saw a lot of them this year and one was so short, it almost had an imaginary horn. And it was so small he carried it over his shoulder. It’s just wrong.

*The decision of the Board is to oppose the Ewe Hunt and to oppose the horns shorter than the ears. And to carry this on to the Commission level.*

**A continuation of the Fishing regulation as listed above. Kris Uruquhart from NDOW now joined the meeting by telephone.**

He stated he was there in case the Board had any questions regarding the fishing regulations, the 2 year cycle or the change in the Truckee River.

Glenn stated that the board had agreed to support the Dept regulations.

Kris said he went to Corey Creek and see what was going on. It didn't look real good, it's got a little flat there there in the lower section. There was water a little higher. He thinks they will stick with Cat Creek as being their priority in there. We are going to look at putting fish in the Cat Creek Reservoir or the stream above that as the next project for the population expansion for the Walker Lake Cutthroat.

Kris went on to say that he wanted to talk about Fletcher area. He is going to talk with the Walker Basin Conservancy and State Parks and get a project going in there to get some stocking in the ponds. He stated he went out in the area with Laura (Patten) from the Conservancy to discuss some of the options out there with the topography and what to do with the State parks.

Glenn stated that he had heard from the Dept and that there was more work to be done to put more depth in the ponds. We had not heard from any of the Sportsman's groups as to what they would like to see in that area.

Glenn asked if there was any talk about putting fish in around 9 Mile ranch? There was a couple ponds in there around the river and was wondering what kind of shape they were in.

Kris stated that he hadn't looked at those reservoirs. He would talk with Larry Spikert, he's living out there at 9 Mile and see what he knows about that area and what appetite the State Parks has for the area.

Billie stated there are 2 ponds located across from the corrals. Where rough crick runs through, there are 2 ponds down by the road. And there is probably fish in them right now.

Kris said he wouldn't be surprised at all they were there and he would check into that.

Kris asked if the Board had any questions of him?

Glenn asked if there was any planting in Rough Creek this year? He knows the road has been rough getting in there.

Kris stated that he went a way up there with Laura and it was tough to get a fish truck up in there. The road has been washed out pretty bad. He stated that they still have it in the stocking plan and they could plant in the lower area and the fish would work their way up the stream.

Kris stated the road is bad and he has to talked with the Forest Service there is some erosion issues down in the canyon now. Hopefully they can put some man crews in there to put the stream back where it need to. Quads can still go up and down but is not passable to vehicles.

***The Board concurred with the recommendations and the discussions as presented by Kris Uruguhart***

Discussion about Fletcher area and the State Parks System.

## **5\* Discussion of other items on the Commission Agenda for September 20-21.**

Glenn showed the board the different hunt zones as proposed.

The Board discussed the possible changes.

***After further discussion, it was the decision of the Board to support alternative 1. If it's not broke, don't fix it.***

6. **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 6:48 PM