

Minutes of the Mineral County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife  
Wednesday – August 13, 2014  
6:00 PM MEETING ROOM, HAWTHORNE FIRE HOUSE

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

Absent: Johnny Peterson  
Wayne Larson

Also Present: No public members in attendance

Meeting was called to order at the duly stated time of 6:00 PM.  
Noted the agendas were posted as per open meeting law requirement.

**1. Letter of Resignation from Board Member Stephen Gustafson for review and action.**

Chairman Bunch read a letter dated August 8, 2014 from Stephen Gustafson to the Mineral County Board of Commissioners stating his resignation effective immediately. The Board of Commissioners will now have to post the vacancy and fill it accordingly.

**2. Commission Regulation 15-01 Migratory Waterfowl and Webless Bird Season, Bag Limits, and Special Regulations for Waterfowl and Webless Birds, Public hunting limited on Wildlife Management Areas and Designated State Lands – 2014-2015 Season.** The board reviewed recommendations to the NDOW for seasons, bag limits and special regulations for migratory waterfowl and webless game birds for the 2014-2015 seasons and adopt regulations that comply with the proposed regulations framework for the 2014-2015 late and early hunting seasons on certain migratory game birds established by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Also to consider changes to rules and regulating public hunting on Wildlife Management Areas and designated state lands and possible changes to the current regulations for the Controlled Goose Hunting Zone within the Mason Valley Wildlife Management Area.

**SPECIAL YOUTH WATERFOWL HUNT**

Northeast Zone – September 13 & 14, 2014

Northwest Zone – September 27, 2014 & February 7, 2014

South Zone (to include the Moapa Valley portion of the Overton Wildlife Management Area) – Feb 7 & 8, 2014

Moapa Valley portion of the Overton Wildlife Management Area – October 8, 2014

Limits 3 Daily – 9 in possession

**Agree with recommendation**

**DUCKS AND MERGANSERS**

Northeast Zone – September 27, 2014 – October 26, 2014; October 29, 2014 – January 11, 2015

Northwest Zone – October 11, 2014 – October 26, 2014; October 29, 2014 – January 25, 2015

South Zone – Clark and Lincoln County (except the Moapa Valley) October 11, 2014 - October 26, 2014; October 29, 2014 – January 25, 2015

South Zone – Moapa Valley to the confluence of the Muddy and Virgin Rivers-Nov 1, 2014 – January 25, 2015

Limits: General Duck 7 Daily – 21 in possession

Pintail- 2 Daily – 6 in possession

Mallard (total/female) 2 hen mallards daily and 6 in possession  
Redhead – 2 daily and 6 in possession  
Canvasback – 1 Daily and 3 in possession  
Scaup – 3 daily and 9 in possession (within Scaup season)

**Agree with Recommendation**

**SCAUP ( Lesser and Greater)**

Northeast Zone – September 27, 2014 – October 26, 2014; October 29, 2014 – December 23, 2014

Northwest Zone – November 1, 2014 – January 25, 2015

South Zone – Clark and Lincoln County (except the Moapa Valley) November 1, 2014 – January 25, 2015

South Zone – Moapa Valley to the confluence of the Muddy and Virgin Rivers-Nov 1, 2014 – January 25, 2015

**Limits: 3 Daily and 9 in Possession**

**Agree with Recommendation**

**COOTS AND COMMON MOORHENS (Common Gallinates)**

Northeast Zone – September 27, 2014 – October 26, 2014; October 29, 2014 – January 11, 2015

Northwest Zone – October 11, 2014 – October 26, 2014; October 29, 2014 – January 25, 2015

South Zone – Clark and Lincoln County ( except the Moapa Valley) October 11, 2014 – October 26, 2014;

October 29, 2014 – January 25, 2015

South Zone – Moapa Valley to the confluence of the Muddy and Virgin Rivers-Nov 1, 2014 – January 25, 2015

Limits 25 Daily – 75 Possession

**Agree with Recommendation**

**COMMON SNIPE**

Northeast Zone – September 27, 2014 – October 26, 2014; October 29, 2014 – January 11, 2015

Northwest Zone – October 11, 2014 – October 26, 2014; October 29, 2014 – January 25, 2015

South Zone – Clark and Lincoln County (except the Moapa Valley) October 11, 2014 - October 26, 2014;

October 29, 2014 – January 25, 2015

South Zone – Moapa Valley to the confluence of the Muddy and Virgin Rivers-Nov 1, 2014 – January 25, 2015

Limits 8 Daily, 24 possessions

**Agree with Recommendation**

**CANADA GEESE AND BRANT**

Northeast Zone – September 27, 2014 – October 26, 2014; October 29, 2014 – January 11, 2015

Northwest Zone – October 11, 2014 – October 26, 2014; October 29, 2014 – January 25, 2015

South Zone – Clark and Lincoln County (except the Moapa Valley) October 11, 2014 – October 26, 2014;

October 29, 2014 – January 25, 2015

South Zone – Moapa Valley to the confluence of the Muddy and Virgin Rivers – November 1, 2014 – January 25, 2015

Limit 4 Daily, 12 in Possession

**Agree with Recommendation**

**WHITE-FRONTED GEESE**

Northeast Zone – September 27, 2014 – October 26, 2014; October 29, 2014 – January 11, 2015

Northwest Zone – October 11, 2014 – October 26, 2014; October 29, 2014 – January 25, 2015

South Zone – Clark and Lincoln County (except the Moapa Valley) October 11, 2014 – October 26, 2014;

October 29, 2014 – January 25, 2015

South Zone – Moapa Valley to the confluence of the Muddy and Virgin Rivers – November 1, 2014 – January 25, 2015

Limit Daily 10, 30 in Possession

**Agree with Recommendation**

**SNOW AND ROSS' GEESE**

Northeast Zone – November 1, 2014 – January 25, 2015; February 21, 2015 – March 10, 2015  
Northwest Zone – November 1, 2014 – January 25, 2015; February 21, 2015 – March 10, 2015  
South Zone – Clark and Lincoln County (except the Moapa Valley) October 11, 2014 – October 26, 2014; October 29, 2014 – January 25, 2015  
South Zone – Moapa Valley to the confluence of the Muddy and Virgin Rivers – November 1, 2014 – January 25, 2015  
Limit; 20 Daily and 60 in possession

**Agree with Recommendation**

**FALCONRY SEASONS FOR MIGRATORY GAME BIRDS**

Northeast Zone – September 27, 2014 – October 26, 2014; October 29, 2014 – January 11, 2015  
Northwest Zone – October 11, 2014 – October 26, 2014; October 29, 2014 – January 25, 2015  
South Zone – Clark and Lincoln County (except the Moapa Valley) October 11, 2014 – October 26, 2014; October 29, 2014 – January 25, 2015  
South Zone – Moapa Valley to the confluence of the Muddy and Virgin Rivers – November 1, 2014 – January 25, 2015  
Limit Daily 3, 9 in Possession

**Agree with Recommendation**

**SWAN**

ALL AREAS: October 11, 2014 – January 4, 2015  
Limit 1 per hunt, Maximum two swan hunt permits per season – One Swan per day

**Agree with Recommendation**

- 3. Update on Bighorn Herd Status and Disease in Mineral and Esmeralda Counties and Amendment to the Fiscal Year 2014 – 2015 Big Game Release Plan.** The board will make recommendations to the Commission on NDOW's request to amend the Fiscal Year 2014 – 2015 (through June 2015) Big Game Release plan to add a desert bighorn augmentation for the Garfield Hills and Gillis Range in Mineral County

Discussion ensued of previous actions relative to this item pertaining to guzzlers being built in this area. Also mentioned was history of diseased sheep. Also discussed was the possibility of sheep in these areas.

- 4. Commission General Regulation 450, Trap Visitation, LCB File No. R087 – 14** The Board will consider recommendations to the Commission relative to a regulation relating to increasing the number of demerit points that the Department of Wildlife must assess for certain wildlife violations; expanding the wildlife violations for which the Department must assess demerit point. This regulation increases from three (3) to twelve (12) the demerit points that the Department of Wildlife must assess for a conviction for fishing in non-navigable waters on private property without permission; and from six to 12 demerit points for a conviction for hunting or trapping on private property without permission. The regulation also adds the imposition of six demerit points against a person for a failure to visit a trap, snare or similar device 48 or more hours after the prescribed period for visiting the trap, snare or similar device. Finally, this regulation requires the Department to double the demerit points within 60 months; providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Chairman Bunch informed the board of what went on during the last Commission meeting. Member Billy Williams brought up the letter from Judi Caron. After discussion –

**The Board recommends to leave it alone. We don't need any changes.**

**5. Discussion of remaining items listed on the commission agenda for August 15 – August, 16, 2014 Meeting in Fallon.**

Nothing else was brought up for discussion

**6. \* Public Comments**

Billie Williams mentioned that Mr. Barcellos saw where NDOW noted that they had fish to release. He asked Chairman Bunch to request more fish to be planted in the rough creek area. The creek is doing good and the beaver are doing their work just fine. Chairman Bunch said he would pass the word on.

Meeting adjourned at 6:55 PM