

Minutes of the Mineral County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife
TUESDAY – June 17, 2014
6:00 PM MEETING ROOM, HAWTHORNE FIRE HOUSE

Present: Glenn Bunch, Chairman
Billie Williams Jr.
Wayne Larson
Johnny Peterson

Marlene Bunch, Recording Secretary

Absent: Stephen Gustafson, Member

Also Present: Jason Salisbury, NDOW
Heather Salisbury, General Public
Eric Petlock, Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership

- 1. Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Big Game Release Plan Amendment.** The board will review the NDOW staff request to amend the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 (through June 2015) Big Game Release Plan to add a desert bighorn augmentations for the Garfield Hills and Gillis Range in Mineral County
Jason Salisbury of NDOW explained his interest in the areas and stated that there is some opposition to it. There was one sick sheep behind Marietta.
Discussion of the areas in the Garfield Hills with potential for sheep in the area.
- 2. CR 14-11 Upland Game, Migratory Upland Game and Furbearer Seasons and limits.** The board will make recommendations to the Commission to establish regulations for seasons, bag limits, and special regulations for upland game birds, rabbits, wild turkey, furbearers, American Crow, mourning dove, falconry seasons, and white winged dove for 2014-2015 seasons.

Youth Chucker and Hungarian Partridge Season.

Statewide

Last Saturday and Sunday of September

Dailey Bag limit 6. Possession limit 12

Hunters 15 years and younger

Board agrees with department Recommendation

Youth California and Gambel's Quail Season

Statewide

The Last Saturday and Sunday of September

Bag 10 daily and 20 in possession.

Hunters 15 years and younger.

Board agrees with Department Recommendation

Youth Rabbit Season.

State wide.

The Last Saturday and Sunday of September

Daily bag limit 10, Possession Limit 20
Hunters 15 years of age or younger

Board agrees with Department Recommendation

Sage Grouse

Open Areas Churchill County, except Units 041, 181, 182 and 183
Lander County except Units 068, 151, 152, 154, 155, 161, 172, 173
First Saturday & Sunday in October
Daily bag limit 2, Possession limit 4.
Closed to Non-Residents

Board agrees with Department Recommendation

Sage Grouse

Elko County except 076,078, 081, 079, 091, 105 and 106
Eureka Co except Unit 068
Lander Co except Units 068, 151, 152, 153, 156, 183, and 184
Nye Co except units 132, 133, 181, 251, 252, 261, and 262
White Pine County, except Unit 114, 115, and 132
September 25 to October 9
Daily bag limit 2, Possession limit 4
Closed to Non- Residents

Board agrees with Department Recommendation

Sage Grouse

Humboldt Co except Units 031, 032, 033, 035, 042, 044, 046, 151
Washoe Co except Units 015, 021, 022, 033, 194, and 196
September 25 to October 4
Closed to non-residents

Board agrees with Department Recommendation

Sheldon National Wildlife Refuge Special Sage Grouse Hunt

Unit 033 of Washoe and Humboldt Counties
Third Saturday and Sunday in September
Daily bag limit 2, Possession limit 4
Open to non-resident

Board agrees with Department Recommendation

Blue (Dusky and Sooty) and Ruffed Grouse

Carson City, Clark, Douglas, Elko, Eureka, Esmeralda, Humboldt, Lander,
Lincoln, Lyon, Mineral, Nye, Washoe, White Pine.
September 1 to December 31
Daily Bag Limit 3. Possession limit 6
Special limitations

Board agree with Department Recommendations

Snowcock

Elko and White Pine Counties
September 1 to November 30
Daily bag limit 2, Possession limit 2

Board agrees with Department Recommendation

Chucker and Hungarian partridge

State wide

Second Saturday in October – First Sunday in February

Daily Bag limit 6. Possession limit 18

Board agrees with Department Recommendation

California Gambel's and Mountain Quail

State wide

Second Saturday in October – First Sunday in February

Daily bag limit 10. Possession limit 20

Board agrees with Department Recommendation

Pheasant

State wide

November 1 to November 30

Daily bag limit 2. Possession limit 4

Board agrees with Department Recommendation

Cottontail Pygmy and White-Tailed Rabbits

Statewide

Second Saturday in October to February 28

Daily bag limit 10. Possession limit 20

Board agrees with Department Recommendation

Wild Turkey

2015-2016 Ap procedures for Resident and nonresident hunts.

Board agrees with Department Recommendation

Junior Wild Turkey 2015-2016 General Spring Hunts 0138

Bearded Wild Turkey

Unit 151 & 152 Lander County – Last Saturday in March through first Sunday in May Quota 1

Mason Valley Wildlife Management Area, Last Saturday in March through First Sunday in May. Quota 2

Moapa Valley of Clark County, Third Saturday in March through first Sunday in May, Quota 3

Unit 115 of White Pine County, Last Saturday in March through first Sunday in May, Quota 2

Board agrees with Department Recommendation

Wild Turkey 2015-2016 Spring – limited entry – Hunts 0131& 0132

Limit 1 by tag only

→Unit 091 Elko County, Last Saturday in March first Sunday in May, Resident Hunt 0131, Quota 2, Nonresident Hunt 0132-0

→Unit 101 of Elko County, Last Saturday in March – First Sunday in May Resident hunt 0131 quota 5, Hunt 0132 non-resident – 0

→Units 102 & 065 of Elko County Last Saturday in March – First Sunday in May, Resident Hunt 0131 –quota 12, Non-resident Hunt 0132 Quota 2

→Units 151 and 152 of Lander County, Last Saturday in March – First Sunday in May Resident Hunt 0131 quota 2, Non-resident Hunt 0132 quota – 0
→Mason Valley Wildlife Management Area only of Unit 203,
Last Saturday of March – First Sunday in April, Resident Hunt 0131 Quota 5, Non-Resident Quota – 0
Second Saturday in April – Third Sunday in April, Resident Hunt 0131 – Quota 5, non-resident quota – 0
Last Saturday in April – first Sunday in May, Resident Hunt 0131 quota 5, non-resident quota - 0

Board agrees with Department Recommendation

Wild Turkey 2015 & 2016 Spring – Limited Entry – Hunts 0131 & 0132

1 by tag only

→Moapa Valley Portion of Clark County

Last Saturday in March - First Sunday in April, Resident Hunt 0131 Quota 3, Non-Resident Hunt 0132 Quota – 0

Second Saturday in April – Third Sunday in April, Resident Hunt 0131 Quota 3, Non-Resident Hunt 0132 Quota -0

Last Saturday in April – First Sunday in May, Resident Hunt 0131 quota – 3, Non-Resident Quota – 0

→Pershing County, Last Saturday in March – Second Sunday in April, Resident Hunt 0131-Quota – 7, Nonresident Hunt 0132 Quota -0

Last Saturday in April – First Sunday in May, Resident Hunt 0131 Quota - 7, Non-resident Hunt 0132 Quota – 0

→Unit 115 of White Pine County, Last Saturday in March – First Sunday in May, Resident Hunt 0131 – Quota 23, Non-resident Hunt 0132 – Quota – 2

Board agrees with Department Recommendation

Wild Turkey 2015 – 2016 Spring Hunts 0135 & 0137, Unit 192 of Douglas County

Bearded Wild Turkey

Limit 1 by tag only

Last Saturday in March – First Sunday in May

Quotas – Resident Hunt 135 – Open, Non-Resident Hunt 0137 Open

Board agrees with Department Recommendation

Wild Turkey 2015 – 2016 Spring Hunts – 0135 & 0137, Units 202, 203, 204, and 291 of Lyon County Except the Mason Valley Wildlife Management Area

Limit 1 by tag only

Last Saturday in March – First Sunday in May

Quota Resident Hunt 0135 – Open, Non-Resident Hunt 0137 – Open

Special Regulations

Board agrees with Department Recommendation

Wild Turkey 2015 – 2016 Spring Hunts- 0135 & 0137 Paradise Valley of Humboldt County

Limit 1 by tag only

Season, Last Saturday in March – First Sunday in May

Quota – Resident Hunt 0135 – Open, Non-Resident Hunt 0137 – Open

With Special Regulations

Board agrees with Department Recommendation

Falconry Seasons for Upland Game Birds & Rabbits

Statewide

September 1 to last day in February.

Limits Daily bag 2, Possession limit 8

Board agrees with Department Recommendation

Furbearing Animals, Beaver, Mink, Muskrat

Statewide

October 1 – April 30

Board agrees with Department Recommendation

Otter

Areas – Elko, Eureka, Humboldt, Lander and Pershing Counties only

Seasons Dates October 1 – March 31

Board agrees with Department Recommendation

Kit and Red Fox

Statewide

Season – October 1 – Last Day of February

Board agrees with Department Recommendation

Bobcat Season

Statewide

December 1 to February 21

Closed to non-residents

Board agrees with Department Recommendation

Gray Fox Season

Statewide

Season – December 1 – February 21

Closed to Non-Residents

Board agrees with Department Recommendation

Bobcat pelt Sealing Dates

Reviewed by board

No Action

Migratory Upland Game Birds

Statewide

Spring Season March 1 – April 15

Fall Season September 1 – November 17

Limits Daily bag limit 10

Board agrees with Department Recommendation

Mourning and White Winged Dove

Season – September 1 – October 30

Daily bag limit 15, Possession limit 45

Board agrees with Department Recommendation

- 3. Trapping Regulation Committee Report and Recommendations** – The Board will make recommendations to the Commission relative to a report from the Trapping Committee. The Trapping Committee has received considerable testimony at various meetings around the state regarding various trapping related issues. The report may contain recommendations regarding the development of regulations relative to the frequency of visitation of a trap, snare or similar device, in various areas of the state. Recommendations may also be brought forward on other matters related to trapping such as demerit points, education, on private lands and other matters related thereto.

Discussion of history of what got it to this spot

Trying to get a workable solution in the urban areas.

Glenn read letter from the trapping Association Joel Blakeslee

Johnny Peterson liked the scientific approach.

Johnny Peterson made the motion, Wayne Larson seconded to support the Recommendation of the trappers association

Motion carried.

- 4. Discussion of remaining item listed on the commission agenda for June 20 – June 21, 2014 Meeting**

Wayne Larson asked about the California Bighorn Sheep swap with south Dakota Jason Salisbury, NDOW explained that 16 will be going to South Dakota for research and are we getting anything back from South Dakota.

Nothing back from South Dakota.

It is a Research Deal

Is South Dakota paying for the transportation?

Jason Salisbury stated they pay for the some but not all.

- 5. * Public Comments - .**

Eric Petlock Nevada Field Representative of the Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership.

Mr. Petlock stated the National Organization's headquarter is in DC

Field staff is located in west

Prior mission to work on federal policy that impact sportsman hunting and fishing.

Guarantee all Americans a place to hunt and fish

Currently working on Land management policy.

Prior main focus is looking at BLM land in west.

Looking at a place of importance for wildlife habitat and areas BLM's planning process and how well it is managed.

Mount Wilson in Lincoln County Wind project 35,000 acres in some of the best hunting location

Big fight to get them back off. and they are involved with them to back off.

Sportsman do not support the wind projects.

There is big oil and gas places.

They are not anti-development but sportsmen have a voice

They are looking for incompatibility.

BLM is unique as it is in planning
Policy has served us well but are running out of space
TRCC working with BLM to develop new planning tools to conserve back
country to management flexibility maintaining existing access allowing for
guzzlers, but at the same work on how the layer of protection allows room for
development of gas if in a high quality range.

There are two resource plans update in the Carson Range

They Local partner NV Big Horns and NV Wildlife

They are Identifying things in these two areas that allow a higher area of
protection.

He would like to e-mail electronic copies of proposals to BLM.

He would like the chance to talk with each Board Member individually. They
came to the board as they are the first interface between the public at large and the
sportsman's community. He would like comments and feedback and get in
contact with county commissioners. He will follow up by phone.

Chairman Glenn advised Mr. Petlock of the meeting tomorrow where a petition is
coming to the County Commissioners by the Walker River Paiute Tribe to Close
the Wassuk range, Gillis Range, Mt. Grant, Lucky Boy area and to give it all to
the tribe.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion of Walker Lake

Wayne Larson Moved and Johnny Peterson seconded meeting adjourned at 7:30
PM.