

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

Tuesday – August 4, 2015

6:00 PM MEETING ROOM, HAWTHORNE FIRE HOUSE

Present: Glenn Bunch, Chairman
Billie Williams Jr.
Darren Hamrey

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

1. **Commission Regulation 16 - 01 Migratory Waterfowl and Webless Bird Seasons, Bag Limits, and Special Regulations for Waterfowl and Webless Birds, Public hunting limited on Wildlife Management Areas and Designated State Lands 2015 - 2016 Season–** *(For Possible Action)* The Board will make recommendation to the Commission for considering recommendations for seasons, bag limits, and special regulations for migratory waterfowl and webless game birds for the 2015 – 2016 season and adopt regulations that comply with the proposed regulatory framework for the 2015 – 2016 late and early hunting seasons on certain migratory game birds established by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. The Commission may also consider changes to rules regulating public hunting on Wildlife Management Areas and designated state lands.

The board discussed the information supplied. After review the Board agreed with Department Recommendation.

2. **Annual Big Game Release Plan for Fiscal Year 2016 –** *(For possible action)* The Board will make recommendation to the Commission relative to review and where they may take action to approve the Department's proposed annual big game release plan for fiscal year 2016.

The board discussed the information supplied. Further discussion of sheep in Garfield Hills and Mable Mountain. After review of the information the Board concurred with department recommendation

3. **COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 454, Firearm Carry During Muzzleloader and Archery Hunts, LCB (Legislative Counsel Bureau) File No. R007-15** *(For possible action)* – A review, discussion and possible action to recommend that Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners approve, deny or otherwise modify a proposed permanent adoption of the temporary regulation which expires November 1, 2015, relating to the carry of a firearm in the field while hunting under archery and muzzleloader regulations, including language changes from Assembly Bill 136 of the 78th Legislative Session. The regulation will change NAC (Nevada Administrative Code) 503.142 and 503.144 to allow the carry of personal protection handguns while archery and muzzleloader hunting.

Discussion of language changes and reason for changes.

Concur with Regulation change.

4. **Commission General Regulation 455, Trapping Questionnaire Deadline and Trapping License Valid Dates, LCB File No. R008-15 – For possible action)** A The Commission will consider permanent adoption of the temporary regulation which expires November 1, 2015, relating to trapping questionnaires and trapping license valid periods. The regulation will add language to specify the valid period of a trapping license as July 1 – June 30. The regulation amendment will also update the trapping questionnaire deadline language, changing the deadline from April 30 to May 31, making it consistent with other Department questionnaire language. The amendment includes adding authority for the Department to prohibit the purchase of a subsequent trapping license when a trapper fails to return a questionnaire. This amendment will allow the Department to administer the trapping questionnaire processes effectively in regard to the trapping seasons as established by the Commission, prohibiting sale of a trapping license until the previous years' questionnaire is provided. The regulation is intended to give trappers ample time to return their questionnaires but also provide an efficient license denial procedure if they fail to return their questionnaire. The temporary regulation was discussed in a workshop session on Nov. 14, 2014, and the temporary regulation was adopted on Feb. 7, 2015, at the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners meeting.

Discussion of the information supplied. The Board concurs with recommendations.

5. **Any further discussion on the August 7 & 8, 2015 Wildlife Commission Agenda**

No further discussion of additional items on the agenda

6. **Public Comment**

Daren Hamrey questioned since they instituted spring snow goose season. What can we do to move the hunting season from starting prior to February 28 and ends March 10. But our license only goes to February 28th and we have to buy a new license to finish the season.

Glenn Bunch advised Mr. Hamrey that we can send in the request and see what the department can do. To change the license has to change the legislature.

Darren Hamrey stated that it makes more reason to buy the license for the season you are hunting in. When your license doesn't cover the entire season and you have to purchase a new license to complete the hunt.

Chairman Bunch said he would carry on to the board.

No further comment

Meeting adjourned.