

Minutes of the Meeting of the Mineral County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife
Wednesday, January 27, 2016, 6:00 PM
MEETING ROOM, HAWTHORNE FIRE HOUSE

Present: Glenn Bunch, Chairman
Billie Williams Jr.
Johnny Peterson
Wayne Larson
Darren Hamrey
Marlene Bunch, Recording Secretary

Also Present: Jason Salsbury – NDOW

1. **Commission General Regulation 458, Electronic Rifle Triggers, Caliber and Cartridge Length and Smokeless Powder Restrictions, LCB File No. R144-15.** The Board will review and make recommendation to the Commission for their workshop to consider a regulation relating to amending Chapter 503 of the Nevada Administrative Code. It revises provisions relating to hunting; deleting the prohibition against using smokeless powder in a muzzle-loading firearm while hunting a big game mammal under certain circumstances; making it unlawful to use certain firearms and cartridges while hunting a big game mammal; and proving other matters properly relating thereto.

*Glenn explained the language changes relative to smokeless power is prohibited.
Language taken out and added
Unlawful to hunt with electronic or computer trigger*

*Jason explained that it will eliminate the larger cartridge.
The board does not have any problem with the changes and concur with dept
recommendation.*

2. **Commission General Regulation 459, Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (Drones), LCB File No. R145-15.** The Board will review and make recommendation relative to the Commission's workshop to consider a regulation relating to amending Chapters 501 and 503 of the Nevada Administrative Code. It revises provisions governing the use of aircraft, hot air balloons, unmanned aerial vehicles, satellites or certain other devices to locate or observe, for the purpose of hunting a big game mammal; and providing other matter properly relating thereto.

*Glenn explained the language struck. The board reviewed the language as
provided by the Dept.
Pg 18 as used unmanned aerial vehicle
The Board Agrees with dept recommendation*

3. **Commissioner Regulation 15-09- Amendment # 2 – Big Game Seasons** The Board will make recommendation as the Commission will consider amendment # 2 of the 2016-2017 hunting seasons and dates for mule deer, pronghorn antelope, elk, bighorn sheep, and mountain goat, including limits, hunting hours, special hunt eligibility, animal sex, physical characteristics and legal weapon requirements, hunt boundary restrictions and emergency depredation hunt structure and statewide quotas.

*Hunt 4107 Resident Elk Antlerless
Department recommended change to area 113B to close
Hunt 195 Change to Nov 20 – Dec 20
Travel restrictions to portions of Unit 241
Any Legal Weapon Hunt 3281
Unit 212 Oct 5 – Oct 25
Unit 213 Oct 5 – Oct 25
Unit 253 Oct 5 – Oct 25
Unit 268 Oct 5 – Oct 25
Any Ram Hunt 9151
Unit 091 2016-2017 Season to Sept 1 – Oct 30*

*Billie asked why are they running the hunt before the season instead of after.
Jason explained the hunt is better before
Board concur with recommendation*

- 4. Commissioner Regulation 16-09, Big Game Mountain Lion Harvest Limits for 2016-2017.** The board will make recommendation to the Commission for the consideration of the adoption of 2016-2017 mountain lion hunting season open units, harvest limits by unit group, hunting hours, and special regulations.

Approved as provided by the Department

Units 201-208 Harvest Limit 83

Limit one animal per tag. 2 tag maximum per person

- 5. Commission Regulation 16-10, 2016 Black Bear Seasons,** The Board will make recommendation to the Commission as they will consider the adoption of 2016 hunting season dates, open management units, hunting hours, special regulations, animal sex, legal weapon requirements, hunt boundary restrictions, and dates and times for indoctrination courses for black bear.

Approved as provided by the Department

Area 202 & 206

Open Sept 15 to Dec 31 (or until harvest limits are met)

Limit one animal per tag

- 6. Commission Regulation, 16-03, 2017 Heritage Tag Seasons and Quotas,** The Board will make recommendation to the Commission as they will consider the adoption of the 2017 Heritage Tag hunt species, seasons and quota.

Approved as provided by the Department

Mule Deer Quota 2

Pronghorn Antelope Quota 2

Rocky Mt. Elk – Quota 2

Nelson Bighorn Sheep – Quota 2

California Bighorn Sheep – Quota 1

Wild Turkey – Quota 5

- 7. Commission Regulation, 16-04, Dream Tag 2016 Seasons –** The Board will make recommendation as the Commission will consider the adoption of the 2016 Dream Tag seasons.

Approved as provided by the Department

Mule Deer, Hunt 1500 – Quota 1

Pronghorn Antelope Hunt 2500 – Quota 1

Rocky Mt. Elk, Hunt 4500 – Quota 1
Nelson Bighorn Sheep Hunt 3500 – Quota 1
CA Bighorn Sheep Hunt 8500 – Quota 1

8. **Commission Regulation, 16-05 Partnership in Wildlife (PIW) 2016 Season and Quotas.** The Board will make recommendation to the Commissioner as they will consider the adoption of the 2016 PIW hunt species, seasons and quotas.

Approved as provided by the Department

Res Mule Deer Hunt 1000-Quota 22
Non-Res Mule Deer Hunt 1200-Quota 3
Res Pronghorn Antelope Hunt 3000 – Quota 1
Res Rocky Mt. Elk Hunt 4000 – Quota 3
Res CA Bighorn Sheep Hunt 8000 – Quota 1

9. **Commission Regulation, 16-06 Silver State Tag 2016 Season and Quotas.** The Board will make recommendation to the Commission as they will consider the adoption of the 2016 Silver State Tag hunt species, seasons and quotas.

Approved as provided by the Department

Mule Deer Hunt 1300 – Quota 1
Pronghorn Antelope Hunt 2300 – Quota 1
Rocky Mt Elk Hunt 4300 – Quota 1
Nelson (Desert) Bighorn Sheep Hunt 3300 – Quota 1

10. **Any further discussion on the January 29-30, 2016 Wildlife Commission Agenda**

No further items were discussed.

11. **Public Comment**

Darren – Rocky Mt. – We do have a policy like a “good neighbor” with the Utah people. But they don’t return the favor. They can come over to the Nevada side, do they not allow us to go over to their side.

Jason said yes we can hunt on the Utah side. It’s better on the Nevada Side.They haven’t been doing the greatest on the Utah side.

It’s a mutual agreement.

Jason reported that they are going to be capturing sheep on the Lone Mt. But it is weather permitting. Going to release on the Kincaid side. There’s a guzzler up that canyon. Release up the canyon behind Kincaid buildings.

No Further business, the meeting adjourned