

MEETING ROOM, HAWTHORNE FIRE HOUSE

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

Absent: Darren Hamrey

1. Fiscal Year 2017 County Advisory Board Budget Request for review as submitted.

Glenn Bunch explained to the board the Budget Requested, amount the department was recommending for approval. No one had any questions of the data presented.

2. **Commission General Regulation 458, Electronic Rifle Triggers, Caliber and Cartridge Length, and Smokeless Powder Restrictions.** The Board will make recommendations to the Commission for consideration amending Chapter 5603 of the Nevada Administrative Code. The proposed regulation amendment contains several changes. The first change will clarify the use of black powder substitutes that are considered smokeless powder. The second change would make it legal to hunt big game mammals with a handgun if the handgun uses a centerfire cartridge of .22 or larger [and has a barrel length of 4 inches or more]. The third change would make it unlawful to hunt a big game mammal with a rifle using a centerfire cartridge of caliber .50 or larger or case length longer than 3 inches. The amendment would also make it unlawful to hunt a big game mammal with any firearm equipped with any sighting system using a computer or electronically controlled firing mechanism.

Glenn Bunch gave information to the Board of the information that had been discussed at the previous meetings. The Board is in favor of the information supplied.

3. **Commission General Regulation 459, Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (Drones),** The Board will make recommendation to the Commission for consideration amending Chapters 501 and 503 of the Nevada Administrative Code. The proposed regulation amendment contains several changes. The first change would make the prohibition of using aerial devices for the purpose of hunting and scouting from July 1 to the last day of February each calendar year rather than the current prohibition of 48-hours prior to and during any open season. The second change is to clarify existing language that prohibits the use of unmanned aerial vehicles for the purpose of hunting, locating, or observing big game animals. The changes would extend aerial scouting prohibitions and clarify the existing regulation by explicitly listing unmanned aerial vehicles. The third change is to clarify real-time satellite images. The proposed amendment would also add game birds and fur-bearing mammals to the aerial scouting and hunting prohibition.

Glenn Bunch gave an informational update on the drones, discussions of various entities. It was noted the fir bearers added. The Board agrees and concurs with the recommendations and the addition of the dates.

- 4. Commission Regulation 16-13, 2016-2017 and 2017-2018 Upland Game and Furbearer Seasons and Bag Limits.** The Board will make recommendation to the Commission for the establishment of regulations for season, bag limits, and special regulations for upland game birds, rabbits, wild turkey, furbearers, and falconry seasons for 2016-2017 and 2017-2018 seasons.

Upland Game

Youth Chukar and Hungarian Partridge Season

Open Areas – Statewide.

Season Dates: The fourth Saturday in September through the first Sunday in October.

LIMITS: Daily bag limit 6. Possession limit 18.

SHOOTING HOURS: Sunrise to sunset daily.

The Board agrees with Department Recommendation

Youth California and Gambel's Quail Season

OPEN AREAS: **Statewide***

SPECIES ALLOWED: California and Gambel's quail

SEASON DATES: The fourth Saturday in September through the first Sunday in October

LIMITS: Daily bag limit 10. Possession Limit 30.

SHOOTING HOURS: Sunrise to sunset daily.

The Board agrees with Department Recommendation

Youth Rabbit Season

OPEN AREAS: **Statewide***

SPECIES ALLOWED: Cottontail, pygmy and white-tailed jackrabbits

SEASON DATES: The fourth Saturday in September through the first Sunday in October

LIMITS: Daily bag limit 10. Possession Limit 30.

SHOOTING HOURS: Sunrise to sunset daily.

SPECIAL REGULATIONS:

Limit singly or in the aggregate **except for pygmy rabbit** where limits may not include more than **2 daily and 4 in possession.**

Open to hunters 17 years of age or younger only. Youth must be accompanied by an adult who is at least 18 years old. License and stamp requirements apply pursuant to NRS 502.010 and NRS 502.292.

The Board agrees with Department Recommendation

SAGE-GROUSE

OPEN AREAS: **That portion of Unit 184 in Churchill and Lander Counties
Unit 031 of Humboldt County**

SEASON DATES: First Saturday and Sunday in October
LIMITS: Daily bag limit 2. Possession limit 4.
SHOOTING HOURS: Sunrise to sunset daily.
SPECIAL REGULATIONS: **Closed to nonresidents.**

OPEN AREAS:

Hunt Units, or those portions of hunt units, 061, 062, 064-068, 071-077, 081, 101-104, 109, and 121 in Elko County
Hunt Units, or those portions of hunt units, 141-145, 155, 162 and 163 in Eureka County
Hunt Units, or those portions of hunt units, 154, 155, 161, 162, 172 and 173 in Lander County
Hunt Units, or those portions of hunt units 172, 173, and 161-164 in Nye County
Hunt Units, or those portions of hunt units, 104, 108, 111-113, 121, 131, 144, 221 and 222 in White Pine County

SEASON DATES: Fourth Saturday in September through the second Sunday in October

LIMITS: Daily bag limit 2. Possession limit 4.
SHOOTING HOURS: Sunrise to sunset daily.
SPECIAL REGULATIONS: **Closed to nonresidents.**

OPEN AREAS:

Hunt Units, or those portions of hunt units, 012, 034 and 051 in Humboldt County
Hunt Units, or those portions of hunt units, 011-015 in Washoe County

SEASON DATES: Fourth Saturday in September through the first Sunday in October

LIMITS: Daily bag limit 2. Possession limit 4.
SHOOTING HOURS: Sunrise to sunset daily.
SPECIAL REGULATIONS: **Closed to nonresidents.**

No Recommendation

SHELDON NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE SPECIAL SAGE-GROUSE HUNT

OPEN AREAS:

Unit 033 of Washoe and Humboldt Counties (Sheldon National Wildlife Refuge) excluding the Little Sheldon and other areas as posted.

HUNT PERIOD

SEASON DATES: Third Saturday and Sunday in September
LIMITS: Daily bag limit 2. Possession limit 4.
SHOOTING HOURS: Sunrise to sunset daily.
SPECIAL REGULATIONS:

Open to nonresidents.

Limited to **75 reservations** awarded through random draw.

No Recommendation

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OPEN AREAS:

Unit 033 of Washoe and Humboldt Counties (Sheldon National Wildlife Refuge) excluding the Little Sheldon and other areas as posted.

HUNT PERIOD

SEASON DATES: Fourth Saturday and Sunday in September

LIMITS: Daily bag limit 2. Possession limit 4.

SHOOTING HOURS: Sunrise to sunset daily.

SPECIAL REGULATIONS: See NDOW Agenda # 21

Open to nonresidents.

No Recommendation

BLUE (DUSKY AND SOOTY) AND RUFFED GROUSE

OPEN AREAS: **Carson City, Douglas, Elko, Eureka, Esmeralda, Humboldt, Lander, Lincoln, Lyon, Mineral, Nye, Washoe, White Pine**

SEASON DATES: September 1 – December 31

LIMITS: Daily bag limit 3. Possession limit 9.

SHOOTING HOURS: Sunrise to sunset daily.

SPECIAL REGULATIONS:

Limit singly or in the aggregate.

Per NAC 503.185, the head or one fully feathered wing must be attached to all dusky, sooty and ruffed grouse until the carcass reaches the possessor's residence or a commercial facility for its preservation.

Persons harvesting dusky, sooty or ruffed grouse are requested to deposit one wing from each bird harvested at any Nevada Department of Wildlife office, check station, or with Department employees who contact you in the field.

**except per NAC 504.340*

The Board Agrees with the Department Recommendation

SNOWCOCK

OPEN AREAS: **Elko and White Pine Counties**

SEASON DATES: September 1 - November 30

LIMITS: Daily bag limit 2. Possession limit 2.

SHOOTING HOURS: Sunrise to sunset daily.

No Recommendation

CHUKAR AND HUNGARIAN PARTRIDGE

OPEN AREAS: **Statewide***

SEASON DATES: Second Saturday in October – first Sunday in February

LIMITS: Daily bag limit 6. Possession limit 18.

SHOOTING HOURS: Sunrise to sunset daily.

SPECIAL REGULATIONS: Limit singly or in the aggregate

The Board Agrees with the Department Recommendation

CALIFORNIA, GAMBEL'S AND MOUNTAIN QUAIL

OPEN AREAS: **Statewide***

SEASON DATES: Second Saturday in October – first Sunday in February

LIMITS: Daily bag limit 10. Possession limit 30.

SHOOTING HOURS: Sunrise to sunset daily.

The Board Agrees with the Department Recommendation

PHEASANT

OPEN AREAS: **Statewide***
SEASON DATES: November 1 – November 30.
LIMITS: Daily bag limit 2. Possession limit 6.
SHOOTING HOURS: Sunrise to sunset daily.
SPECIAL REGULATIONS: Cocks only

The Board Agrees with the Department Recommendation

COTTONTAIL, PYGMY AND WHITE-TAILED JACK RABBITS

OPEN AREAS: **Statewide***
SEASON DATES: Second Saturday in October – February 28.
LIMITS: Daily bag limit 10. Possession limit 30.
SHOOTING HOURS: Sunrise to sunset daily.

The Board Agrees with the Department Recommendation

WILD TURKEY

2017 & 2018 SPRING TURKEY APPLICATION PROCEDURES FOR RESIDENT AND NONRESIDENT

HUNTS: Unless his privilege is limited or revoked pursuant to law, an eligible person may apply once for a type of hunt for Wild Turkey during a draw period.

Only one person may apply on an application.

Except for those Wild Turkey hunts requiring the landowner to sign the application, Wild Turkey applications must be submitted online through the Internet at

www.huntnevada.com.

Only one Wild Turkey tag can be awarded to an individual within a calendar year.

JUNIOR WILD TURKEY 2017 & 2018 SPRING - HUNT 0138

PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS: Bearded Wild Turkey

LIMIT: 1 by tag only.

SHOOTING HOURS: One half hour before sunrise to sunset

SPECIAL REGULATIONS:

Closed to nonresidents.

OPEN AREAS: **Season Dates Quota**

Mason Valley Wildlife Management Area Last Saturday in March through first Sunday in May 2

Moapa Valley of Clark County Third Saturday in March through second Friday in April 3
Unit 115 within White Pine County Last Saturday in March through first Sunday in May 2

Lincoln County Last Saturday in March through first Sunday in May 2

No Recommendation

WILD TURKEY 2017 & 2018 SPRING – LIMITED ENTRY – HUNTS 0131 & 0132

PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS: Bearded Wild Turkey

LIMIT: 1 by tag only

SHOOTING HOURS: One half hour before sunrise to sunset daily

UNIT 101 of ELKO COUNTY*

Hunt Periods: Last Saturday in March – First Sunday in May

Tag Quota Hunt 0131 Resident – 5 Hunt: 0132-Non Resident 0

UNITS 102 & 065 of ELKO COUNTY*

Seasons
Hunt Periods: Last Saturday in March – First Sunday in May
Tag Quota – Hunt 0131 Resident 12 Hunt 0132: Non-resident 0

UNITS 151 and 152 of LANDER COUNTY*

Hunt Periods: Last Saturday in March – first Sunday in May 2 -
Tag Quota-Resident Hunt 0131 -2: Non-Resident Hunt 0132-0

LINCOLN COUNTY

Hunt Periods-Last Saturday in March – First Sunday in May
Tag Quota –Resident Hunt 0131-5, Non-Resident, Hunt 0132 - 0

MASON VALLEY WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA ONLY OF UNIT 203

Hunt Periods: March 25 – April 2, 2017
Tag Quota: Resident-Hunt 0131-5, Nonresident Hunt 0132- 1
Hunt Period April 8 – 16, 2017
Tag Quota Resident 5 – Non-Resident 0
Hunt Period April 22 – April 30, 2017
Tag Quota: Resident Hunt 0131-5 ;Non-Resident Hunt 0132 - 0
Hunt Period March 31 – April 8, 2018
Tag Quota: Resident Hunt 0131-5: Non-Resident Hunt 0132- 1
Hunt Period April 14 – 22, 2018
Tag Quota: Resident Hunt 0131-5: Non-Resident Hunt 0132- 0
Hunt Period April 28 – May 6, 2018
Tag Quota: Resident Hunt 0131-5: Non-Resident Hunt 0132- 0

No Recommendation

WILD TURKEY 2017 & 2018 SPRING – LIMITED ENTRY – HUNTS 0131 & 0132

PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS: Bearded Wild Turkey
LIMIT: 1 by tag only
SHOOTING HOURS: One half hour before sunrise to sunset daily

MOAPA VALLEY PORTION OF CLARK COUNTY*

Seasons March 25 – 31, 2017
Tag Quota: Resident Hunt 0131-3: Non-Resident Hunt 0132- 0
Hunt Period April 1 – 7, 2017
Tag Quota: Resident Hunt 0131-3: Non-Resident Hunt 0132- 1
Hunt Period: April 8 – 14, 2017
Tag Quota: Resident Hunt 0131-3: Non-Resident Hunt 0132- 0
Hunt Period : March 24 – 30, 2018
Tag Quota: Resident Hunt 0131-3: Non-Resident Hunt 0132- 0
Hunt Period: March 31 – April 6, 2018
Tag Quota: Resident Hunt 0131-3: Non-Resident Hunt 0132- 1
Hunt Period April 7 – April 13, 2018
Tag Quota: Resident Hunt 0131-3: Non-Resident Hunt 0132- 0

No Recommendation

PERSHING COUNTY*

Hunt Periods March 25 – April 9, 2017 10 1
Tag Quota: Resident Hunt 0131-10: Non-Resident Hunt 0132- 1
Hunt Periods: April 15 – April 30, 2017 10 1
Tag Quota: Resident Hunt 0131-10: Non-Resident Hunt 0132- 1
Hunt Period March 31 – April 15, 2018 10 1
Tag Quota: Resident Hunt 0131-10: Non-Resident Hunt 0132-
Hunt Period: April 21 – May 6, 2018 10 1
Tag Quota: Resident Hunt 0131-10: Non-Resident Hunt 0132-

UNIT 115 OF WHITE PINE COUNTY**

Hunt Periods: Last Saturday in March – first Sunday in May 23 2
Tag Quota Resident Hunt 0131-23: Nonresident Hunt 0132-2

No Recommendation

WILD TURKEY 2017 & 2018 SPRING HUNTS - 0135 & 0137

Units 202, 203, 204 and 291 of Lyon County

(except the Mason Valley Wildlife Management Area)*

PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS: **Bearded Wild Turkey**

LIMIT: **1 by tag only.**

SHOOTING HOURS: **One half hour before sunrise to sunset daily.**

SEASON DATES: **Last Saturday in March – first Sunday in May**

QUOTAS: **Resident Hunt 0135 Nonresident Hunt 0137**

SPECIAL REGULATIONS: See Official Document for description

UNITS 202, 203, 204 and 291 OF LYON COUNTY (except the Mason Valley Wildlife Management Area)* APPLICATION REGULATIONS: See Document for full detail

No Recommendation

WILD TURKEY 2017 & 2018 SPRING HUNTS - 0135 & 0137 PARADISE VALLEY OF HUMBOLDT COUNTY

PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS: **Bearded Wild Turkey**

LIMIT: **1 by tag only.**

SHOOTING HOURS: **One half hour before sunrise to sunset daily.**

SEASON DATES: **Last Saturday in March – first Sunday in May**

QUOTAS: **Resident Hunt 0135 Nonresident Hunt 0137**

SPECIAL REGULATIONS Apply- see official document for details

No Recommendation

FALCONRY SEASON

FALCONRY SEASONS FOR UPLAND GAME BIRDS & RABBITS

OPEN AREAS: Statewide*

SEASON DATES: September 1 – Last day of February

LIMITS: Daily bag limit 2. Possession limit 8.

SHOOTING HOURS: Sunrise to sunset daily.

SPECIAL REGULATIONS APPLY

The Board agrees with Department Recommendation

FURBEARING ANIMALS

BEAVER, MINK AND MUSKRAT

OPEN AREAS: Statewide

SEASON DATES: October 1 – April 30

OTTER

OPEN AREAS: Elko, Eureka, Humboldt, Lander and Pershing Counties

SEASON DATES: October 1 – March 31

SPECIAL REGULATIONS:

Carson City, Churchill, Clark, Douglas, Esmeralda, Lincoln, Lyon, **Mineral**, Nye, Storey, Washoe and White Pine counties are closed to otter trapping.

If an otter is accidentally trapped or killed in those counties which are closed or outside the prescribed season, the person trapping or killing it shall report the trapping or killing within 48 hours to a representative of the Department of Wildlife. The animal must be disposed of in accordance with the instructions of the representative.

The Board agrees with Department Recommendation

KIT AND RED FOX

OPEN AREAS: Statewide

SEASON DATES: October 1 - Last Day of February

The Board agrees with Department Recommendation

BOBCAT SEASON

OPEN AREAS:

Glenn Bunch read into record the letter from Nevada Trappers Association Which recommended opening first of Nov instead of last of Nov start. Recommended a 120 day season as recommended by NV Trappers.

The Board concurs with Nv Trappers reasoning for 120 day season

GRAY FOX SEASON

OPEN AREAS: Statewide

SEASON DATES: Last Saturday in November – Last day of February

SPECIAL REGULATIONS: **Closed to Nonresidents**

Glenn Bunch read into record the letter from Nevada Trappers Association Which recommended opening first of Nov instead of last of Nov start. Recommended a 120 day season as recommended by NV Trappers.

The Board concurs with NV Trappers reasoning for 120 day season

BOBCAT PELT SEALING DATES FOR THE 2016--2017 SEASON

City Date Time Location

Carson City December 28 10am-2pm

NDOW Warehouse Corner of south Carson at Colorado St.

Elko January 17, February 8, March 10 1 p.m.–5 p.m.

NDOW Elko Office

Ely January 19, 8 a.m.–Noon

February 23, 10 a.m.- 2p.m. NDOW Ely Office

Eureka January 18 12 p.m.–4 p.m. NDOW Eureka Office

Fallon January 25 10 a.m.–3 p.m. NDOW Fallon Office

Annually scheduled to coincide with the NTA Fur Sale. 7 a.m.–11 a.m.

Nevada Trappers Association Fallon Fur Sale March 10 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

NDOW Fallon Office

Las Vegas January 26 8 a.m.– 5 p.m. March 10 1 p.m.– 5 p.m. NDOW Las Vegas Office

Panaca March 10 8 a.m.– 5 p.m. Nevada State Parks – NDOW Office, Panaca

Tonopah February 9 8 a.m.– 5 p.m. NDOW Tonopah Office March 10 1 p.m.– 5 p.m.

Winnemucca January 26 8 a.m.– 1 p.m. NDOW Winnemucca Office

BOBCAT PELT SEALING DATES FOR THE 2017-2018 SEASON

City Date Time Location

Carson City December 27 10am-2pm, NDOW Warehouse Corner of south Carson at Colorado St.

Elko January 16, February 7, March 9 . 1 p.m.–5 p.m. NDOW Elko Office

Ely January 18 8 a.m.–Noon; February 22, 10 a.m.- 2p.m. NDOW Ely Office

Eureka January 17 12 p.m.–4 p.m. NDOW Eureka Office

Fallon January 24 10 a.m.–3 p.m. NDOW Fallon Office

Annually scheduled to coincide with the NTA Fur Sale. 7 a.m.–11 a.m.

Nevada Trappers Association Fallon Fur Sale March 9 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

NDOW Fallon Office

Las Vegas January 26 - 8: am 5 pm; March 10 1pm – 5 pm

NDOW Las Vegas Office

Panaca March 9 8 a.m.– 5 p.m. Nevada State Parks – NDOW Office, Panaca

Tonopah February 6 8 a.m.– 5 p.m. NDOW Tonopah Office March 9 1 p.m.– 5 p.m.

Winnemucca January 25 8 a.m.– 1 p.m. NDOW Winnemucca Office

The Board reviewed the dates with no objection.

- 5. Commission General Regulation 460, Definition of “Spike Elk,”** The board will review the Commission consideration adopting amendments to NAC 502.104 and 502.1045 to define “Spike Elk” in a manner that limits inadvertent errors in the field. The intent is to consider and possibly broaden the definition of spike in

a manner that is consistent with the management objective of defining a spike while reducing the likelihood of errors in harvest identification. A workshop was held in Yerington on March 25, 2016 and further discussion on the proposed amendment occurred in Reno on May 14, 2016. The Commission amended the version of language for consideration at the June meeting that defines "spike" as any antlered elk having no more than two points above the top of the ear on either antler.

***Glenn Bunch gave an update to the Board of the reasoning for the change in regulation. Discussion of spikes by the Board.
The Board concurs with the recommended language as submitted.***

6. Discussion on any other item on Commission Meeting Agenda for June 24-25, 2016
7. Public Comment

Glenn gave an update of the tags that was awarded in the May 13-14, 2016 meeting. The Board was inquiring whether we received the recommendations as we had submitted. Glenn Bunch stated that Mineral County did receive all the requests as submitted with the exception of the non-resident deer it was rounded up to and was increased to 6. The Board was good with the change.

No further public comment. Billie moved, Johnny seconded to adjourn.