

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
Marlene Bunch, Recording Secretary

Absent: Darren Hamrey
Also Present: None

1. **Commission Regulation 14-11, Amendment #3, 2015-2016 Upland Game, Migratory Upland Game and Furbearer Seasons and Limits Amendment**

The board will make recommendation to the Commission who will consider amendment #3 to the 2015-2016 season dates and length for the third Mason Valley Wildlife Management Area wild turkey hunt period. Amendment #3 would extend the wild turkey hunt for this period from two day to its original, intended 9-day length extending from April 23 through May 1, 2016 rather than the current two day hunt period of April 30 through May 1, 2016.

Wild Turkey 2015-2016 Spring – Limited Entry Hunts 0131 & 0132
Hunt Period changed from “Last” to Fourth Saturday in April
The Board concurs with Dept recommendation

2. **Commission Regulation 16-11, Migratory Game Bird Seasons, Bag Limits, and Special Regulations for Waterfowl and Webless Migratory Game Birds; Public Hunting Limited on Wildlife Management Areas and Designated State Lands 2016-2017 Season.** The board will make recommendation to the Commission for the seasons, bag limits, and special regulations for migratory game birds for the 2016-2017 season and adopt regulations that comply with the proposed regulations framework for the 2016-2017 hunting seasons on certain migratory game birds established by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. The Commission will also consider rules regulating public hunting on Wildlife Management Areas and designated state land.

Mourning and White – Winged Dove

Open Areas : Statewide

September 1 – October 30, 2015

Daily bag limit 15 Possession 45

Shooting Hours – ½ hour before sunrise to sunset.

Special Regulations Limits for mourning dove and white-winged dove are singly or in the aggregate.

The Board concurs with Dept recommendation

American Crow

Open Areas : Statewide

Fall Season: September 1 – November 17, 2016

March 1 – April 15, 2017

Daily bag limit 10

Shooting Hours Sunrise to Sunset

Special Regulations – Shotguns only. All crows must be retrieved and removed from the field.

Season closed on raven.

The Board concurs with Dept recommendation

SPECIAL YOUTH WATERFOWL HUNT

Open Areas: Northeast Zone

September 17 & 18, 2016

Northwest Zone

September 24, 2015? & February 4, 2017

South Zone (to include the Moapa Valley portion of the Overton Wildlife Management are)

February 11 & 12, 2017

Moapa Valley portion of the Overton Wildlife Management Area

October 15, 2016

Daily bag limit is the same as that for the general season for ducks, mergansers, geese, coots, and moorhens.

Limits singly or in the aggregate for Canada geese and Brant.

Limits singly or in the aggregate for Snow and Ross' geese.

Snow and Ross' geese are closed in Ruby Valley within Elko and White Pine Counties.

Shooting Hours- ½ hour before sunrise to sunset

Special Regulations: Open to hunters 17 years of age or younger.

Youth hunters 16 years of age and older must possess a Federal duck stamp.

Youth must be accompanied by an adult who is at least 18 years old.

Adults are not allowed to hunt during this season.

Open to Nonresidents.

The Board concurs with Dept recommendation

DUCKS AND MERGANSERS

Northeast Zone.

October 1, 2016 – October 23, 2015

October 26, 2016 – January 15, 2017

Northwest Zone

October 8, 2016 – October 23, 2016

October 26, 2016 – January 22, 2017

South Zone – Clark and Lincoln County (except the Moapa Valley)

October 15, 2016 – October 23, 2016

October 26, 2016 – January 29, 2017

South Zone – Moapa Valley to the confluence of the Muddy and Virgin Rivers

October 29, 2016 – January 29, 2017

Limits:

General Duck Limits: 7/21

Pintail: 2/6

Mallard (total/female): 2 hen mallards daily and 6 in possessions.

Redhead: 2/6

Canvasback: 2/6
Scaup 3/9 (within Scaup season)
Shooting hours: ½ hour before sunrise to sunset
Special Regulations: Open to Nonresident.

The Board concurs with Dept recommendation

SCAUP (Lesser and Greater)

Northeast Zone.

October 1, 2016 – October 23, 2015
October 26, 2016 – December 27, 2016

Northwest Zone

October 29, 2016 – January 22, 2017

South Zone – Clark and Lincoln County (except the Moapa Valley)

November 5, 2016 – January 29, 2017

South Zone – Moapa Valley to the confluence of the Muddy and Virgin Rivers

November 5, 2016 – January 29, 2017

Limits – 3/9 (Included within general duck limit, not in addition to)

Shooting hours: ½ hour before sunrise to sunset

Special Regulations: Open to Nonresidents.

The Board concurs with Dept recommendation

COOTS AND COMMON MOORHENS (Common Gallinules)

Northeast Zone.

October 1, 2016 – October 23, 2015
October 26, 2016 – January 15, 2017

Northwest Zone

October 8, 2016 – October 23, 2016
October 26, 2016 – January 22, 2017

South Zone – Clark and Lincoln County (except the Moapa Valley)

October 15, 2016 – October 23, 2016
October 26, 2016 – January 29, 2017

South Zone – Moapa Valley to the confluence of the Muddy and Virgin Rivers

October 29, 2016 – January 29, 2017

Limits – 25 / 75

Shooting hours: ½ hour before sunrise to sunset

Special Regulations: Open to Nonresidents.

The Board concurs with Dept recommendation

SNIPE

Northeast Zone.

October 1, 2016 – October 23, 2015
October 26, 2016 – January 15, 2017

Northwest Zone

October 8, 2016 – October 23, 2016
October 26, 2016 – January 22, 2017

South Zone – Clark and Lincoln County (except the Moapa Valley)

October 15, 2016 – October 23, 2016
October 26, 2016 – January 29, 2017

South Zone – Moapa Valley to the confluence of the Muddy and Virgin Rivers

October 29, 2016 – January 29, 2017
Limits – 8 / 24
Shooting hours: ½ hour before sunrise to sunset
Special Regulations: Open to Nonresidents.

The Board concurs with Dept recommendation

CANADA GEESE AND BRANT

Northeast Zone.

October 1, 2016 – October 23, 2015
October 26, 2016 – January 15, 2017

Northwest Zone

October 8, 2016 – October 23, 2016
October 26, 2016 – January 22, 2017

South Zone – Clark and Lincoln County (except the Moapa Valley)

October 15, 2016 – October 23, 2016
October 26, 2016 – January 29, 2017

South Zone – Moapa Valley to the confluence of the Muddy and Virgin Rivers

October 29, 2016 – January 29, 2017
Limits – 4/12

Shooting hours: ½ hour before sunrise to sunset
Special Regulations: Open to Nonresidents.

The Board concurs with Dept recommendation

WHITE-FRONTED GEESE

Northeast Zone.

October 1, 2016 – October 23, 2015
October 26, 2016 – January 15, 2017

Northwest Zone

October 8, 2016 – October 23, 2016
October 26, 2016 – January 22, 2017

South Zone – Clark and Lincoln County (except the Moapa Valley)

October 15, 2016 – October 23, 2016
October 26, 2016 – January 29, 2017

South Zone – Moapa Valley to the confluence of the Muddy and Virgin Rivers

October 29, 2016 – January 29, 2017
Limits – 10/30

Shooting hours: ½ hour before sunrise to sunset
Special Regulations: Open to Nonresidents.

The Board concurs with Dept recommendation

SNOW AND ROSS' GEESE

Northeast Zone.

October 26, 2016 – January 15, 2017
February 25, 2017 – March 10, 2017

Northwest Zone

October 26, 2016 – January 22, 2017
February 25, 2017 – March 10, 2017

South Zone – Clark and Lincoln County (except the Moapa Valley)

October 15, 2016 – October 23, 2016

October 26, 2016 – January 29, 2017

South Zone – Moapa Valley to the confluence of the Muddy and Virgin Rivers

October 29, 2016 – January 29, 2017

Limits – 20/60

Shooting hours: ½ hour before sunrise to sunset

Special Regulations: Open to Nonresidents.

CLOSED: Ruby Valley within Elko and White Pine Counties

CLOSED: Kirch WMA, Mason Valley WMA and Scripps WMA/ Washoe State Park during February 20, 2016 – March 9, 2016 season.

The Board concurs with Dept recommendation

FALCONRY SEASON FOR MIGRATORY GAME BIRDS

Northeast Zone.

October 1, 2016 – October 23, 2015

October 26, 2016 – January 15, 2017

Northwest Zone

October 8, 2016 – October 23, 2016

October 26, 2016 – January 22, 2017

South Zone – Clark and Lincoln County (except the Moapa Valley)

October 15, 2016 – October 23, 2016

October 26, 2016 – January 29, 2017

South Zone – Moapa Valley to the confluence of the Muddy and Virgin Rivers

October 29, 2016 – January 29, 2017

Limits – 3/9

Shooting hours: ½ hour before sunrise to sunset

Special Regulations: Open to Nonresidents.

Migratory birds allowed for take include: geese, ducks, mergansers, coots, common moorhens and common snipe. Limits for all permitted migratory birds are singly or in the aggregate.

The Board concurs with Dept recommendation

SWAN

OPEN AREAS: Churchill, Lyon and Pershing counties

Season Dates: October 8, 2016- January 8, 2017

Limits One swan per swan hunt permit,

Maximum two swan hunt permits per season

One swan per day.

SHOOTING HOURS: ½ hour before sunrise to sunset

SPECIAL REGULATIONS APPLY AS NOTED BY THE DEPT.

Discussion of the board said they still would like to see a swan hunt in Mineral County. This to be addressed in future consideration.

The Board concurs with Dept recommendation

- 3. Commissions General Regulation 459 – Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (Drones), LCB File No. R145-15.** The board will make recommendation to the Commission for the workshop to consider a regulation relating to amending Chapters 501 and 503 of the Nevada Administrative Code. The proposed regulation amendment contains two changes. The first change would make the

prohibition of using aerial devices for the purpose of hunting year-round rather than the current prohibition of 48-hours prior to any open season 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 the big game animals. The changes would extend aerial scouting prohibitions and clarify the existing regulations by explicitly listing unmanned aerial vehicles.

Glenn explained dialog that it is was discussed at the Las Vegas Meeting. Other ways of how they can still take pictures. They had a workshop on it in Las Vegas and at the meeting this week, it will be where they word smith it. Now it is a decision meeting.

Chairman Bunch gave an update to the Members of the Las Vegas Meeting discussions. There were some changes to the language that they wanted to be entered. One change is to change to an unmanned aerial vehicle instead of drone. That is why it is back again in the Yerington meeting. The Board concurred with the updated verbiage.

- 4. Commission General Regulation 440, Trail Cameras and Other Devices, LCB File No. R012-16** The board will make recommendation to the commission as they will hold a workshop to consider a regulation relating to amending Chapter 503 of the Nevada Administrative Code. The proposed regulation change is intended to restrict the use of motion and heat sensing cameras that are left for a period of time, and held in the hand. The proposed language would prohibit the use of trail cameras to locate or observe big game mammals for the purpose of hunting from August 1 to December 31. The Commission directed the Department to develop this regulation at the September 2013 meeting.

Chairman Bunch gave an update of changes proposed for the changes in the trail camera regulation. He also gave the information that was presented in the Las Vegas Meeting. The Board concurred with the proposed changes.

- 5. Bighorn Sheep Disease Surveillance and Herd Performance from 2012-2016**
Informational only.
Chairman Bunch handed out papers that he brought home from the report to the Commission in the Las Vegas Meeting in regards to the Bighorn Sheep.
- 6. Any further discussion on the March 24-25, 2016 Wildlife Commission Agenda**

Discussion of the letter that was forwarded to the Board from NBU with their standing on the smokeless powder they remain neutral. He also included information of the gun that was demonstrated at the Las Vegas Meeting of the rifle that would shoot 1,000 yards and hit a laser point.

The Board disapproves the use of the gun. It takes the sportsman's challenge out of the sport. A discussion of the video that was shown to the commission. This is a military gun. Not to be used by sportsmen.

*The Board whole heartedly **does not** condone the use of this type of gun.*

7. Public Comment

Johnnie Peterson brought up the planting of fish, that was good. Billie Williams Jr said to send the word back to NDOW a thank you for planting the fish at Rough Creek. The Board discussed the great day they had out there helping to plant the fish. It was a good day and good sized fish too. Glenn mentioned that he had spoke with Carrie Wright who is now over the fish hatchery. He said he told Carrie that anytime they have some fish, we can take them!

Thanks to NDOW for bringing the fish to Rough Creek.

No further business the board adjourned at 6:55 PM.