

MEETING ROOM, HAWTHORNE FIRE HOUSE

Present: Glenn Bunch, Chairman
Billie Williams Jr., Johnny Peterson, Wayne Larson
Marlene Bunch, Recording Secretary
Also Present: Jason Salisbury NDOW
Dennis Bunch
Absent: Darren Hamrey

1. Discussion of project for Elk introduction to Mineral County. Review of County Commissioner's meeting and all pertinent information relating thereto.

Glenn gave an update on the events around the request for Elk introduction to Mineral County. He gave an update on the Mineral County Board of Commissioners Meeting for the request to be sent to NDOW to start the process. Everyone is excited for this to come to reality.

2. Commission Regulation 16-12, 2016 Big Game Quotas for the 2016-2017 The Board will make recommendation to the Commission for the establishment of regulations for the numbers of tags to be issued for mule deer, pronghorn antelope, elk, bighorn sheep, black bear, and mountain goats for the 2016 -2017 seasons.

1. Resident and Nonresident Black Bear – Either Sex – Any Legal Weapon Hunt 6151 and 6251
Board agrees with Recommendation
2. Resident Antelope – Horns longer than ears – Any Legal Weapon Hunt 2151
Area 202, 204: Oct 15-Oct 30 Dept Recommended 7 same as last year.
Board Agrees with Recommendation
Area 205-208: Aug 22 – Sept 7 Dept Recommended 20, a reduction of 5 from 2015.
Discussion of data and observation of the area.
Johnny Peterson Moved and Billie Williams Second we take it back to 25 without the reduction. Motion carried.
3. Resident Antelope – Horns longer than ears – Muzzel loader Hunt 2171
Board Agrees
4. Resident Antelope – Horns longer than ears – Archery Hunt 2161
Area 205-208: Aug 1 – Aug 20 Dept Recommends 10 same as last year
Board Agrees.
5. Resident Antelope – Horns shorter than ears – Any Legal Weapon Hunt 2181
No Recommendation
6. Nonresident Antelope – Horns longer than ears – Any Legal Weapon Hunt 2251
Area 205-208: Aug 22 – Sept 7, Dep Recommends 2, it was 3 tags a reduction of 1
Johnny Peterson said he does not see any problem with leaving it 3.

Discussion of success ratio.

After review: Johnny Peterson Moved to taking the it back to 3 same as last year and Billie Second. Motion Carried

7. Nonresident Antelope – Horns longer than ears – Archery Hunt 2261
Area 205-208: Aug 1 – Aug 20, Dept Recommends 1, Same as 2015
Board Agrees
8. Resident Nelson (Desert) Bighorn Sheep – Any Ram – Any Legal Weapon Hunt 3151
Area 202-204: Oct 15 – Nov 5, Dept Recommended 6 Same as 2015
Board Agrees
Area 205: Nov 20 – Dec 20, Dept Recommended 13, Increase of 3 from 10 in 2015
Board Agrees
Area 206, 208: Nov 20 – Dec 20, Dept Recommended 6, Same as 2015 -6
Board Agrees
Area 207: Nov 20 – Dec 20, Dept Recommended 8 , Increase of 1 from 7 in 2015
Board Agrees
9. Resident Nelson (Desert) Bighorn Sheep – Any Ewe – Any Legal Weapon Hunt 3181
No Recommendation
Johnny Peterson stated he does not know why they want to kill a ewe.
Jason Salisbury stated that it was a way of managing numbers.
10. Nonresident Nelson (Desert) Bighorn Sheep – Any Ram – Any Legal Weapon Hunt 3251
Area 205: Nov 20-Dec 20, Dept Recommended 2, Same as 2015 – 2
Board Agrees
Area 207: Nov 20 – Dec 20, Dept Recommended 2, Same as 2015 – 2
Board Agrees
11. Nonresident Nelson (Desert) Bighorn Sheep – Any Ewe – Any Legal Weapon Hunt 3281
No Recommendation
12. Resident California Bighorn Sheep – Any Ram – Any Legal Weapon Hunt 8151
No Recommendation
13. Resident California Bighorn Sheep – Any Ewe – Any Legal Weapon Hunt 8181
No Recommendation
14. Nonresident California Bighorn Sheep – Any Ram – Any Legal Weapon Hunt 8251
No Recommendation
15. Resident Rocky Mountain Bighorn Sheep – Any Ram – Any Legal Weapon Hunt 9151
No Recommendation
16. Resident Mountain Goat – Any Goat – Any Legal Weapon Hunt 7151
No Recommendation
17. Resident Elk – Antlered – Any Legal Weapon Depredation Hunt 4102
No Recommendation

18. Resident Elk Antlerless – Any Legal Weapon Depredation Hunt 4107
No Recommendation
19. Resident Elk – Antlered – Any Legal Weapon Hunt 4151
No Recommendation
20. Resident Elk – Antlerless Elk Management Any Legal Weapon Hunt 4481 Option for
Antlered Elk Hunt 4151 (Antlerless Management Tag)
No Recommendation
21. Resident Elk – Antlered – Muzzleloader Hunt 4156
No Recommendation
22. Resident Elk – Antlered – Archery Hunt 4161
No Recommendation
23. Resident Elk – Spike – Any Legal Weapon Hunt 4651
No Recommendation
24. Resident Elk – Antlerless – Any Legal Weapon Hunt 4181
No Recommendation
25. Resident Elk – Antlerless – Any Legal Weapon Hunt 4181 – Wilderness Only
No Recommendation
26. Resident Elk – Antlerless Elk Management Any Legal Weapon Hunt 4481 Option for
Mule Deer Hunt 1331
No Recommendation
27. Resident Elk – Antlerless – Muzzleloader Hunt 4176
No Recommendation
28. Resident Elk – Antlerless Elk Management Muzzleloader Hunt 4476 Option for Mule
Deer Hunt 1371
No Recommendation
29. Resident Elk – Antlerless – Archery Hunt 4111
No Recommendation
30. Resident Elk – Antlerless Elk Management Archery 4411 Option for Mule Deer Hunt
1341
No Recommendation
31. Nonresident Elk – Antlered – Any Legal Weapon Hunt 4251
No Recommendation
32. Nonresident Elk – Antlered – Muzzleloader Hunt 4256
No Recommendation
33. Nonresident Elk – Antlered – Archery Hunt 4261

No Recommendation

34. Nonresident Elk – Antlerless – Any Legal Weapon 4281
No Recommendation
35. Resident Junior Mule Deer – Antlered or Antlerless – Archery, Muzzleloader or Any Legal Weapon Hunt 1107
Area 202, 205-208: Dept Recommended 20, Same as 2015 – 20
Board Agrees
36. Resident Mule Deer – Antlerless – Any Legal Weapon Depredation Hunt 1101
No Recommendation
37. Resident Mule Deer – Antlerless – Any Legal Weapon Hunt 1181
No Recommendation
38. Resident Mule Deer – Antlered – Any Legal Weapon Hunt 1331
Area 202, 205-208: Nov 5 – Nov 30, Dept Recommended 35, a reduction of 20 from 2015 total of 55.
Board Disagrees
Jason Salisbury stated we are not getting an influx of California Deer. Low Buck ratio on CA side. Hitting the same hot spot on resident deer. 4 point deer is 29% success ratio this year.
Glenn Bunch stated that they were out there both seasons everywhere. The real success was in Truman Meadows. Early season was good. He stated of areas they traveled and he would like to keep the hunter opportunity up.
Jason Salisbury stated that the fire in the Bodie area may have them held up there. The does are pushing over.
Wayne Larson stated that they had been over by Hendels 3 weeks ago and does were standing there all ready.
Dennis Bunch stated a week ago there was 27 deer right up here on the curve above town.
Glenn Bunch stated he would like to stay at 55 same as last year.
Billie Williams made a motion to keep it at 55. Johnny Second, Motion carried.
39. Resident Mule Deer – Antlered – Muzzleloader Hunt 1371
Area 202, 205-208: Dec 1 – Dec 15, Dept Recommended 2, a reduction of 4 from 2015 total of 6
Board Disagrees
Glenn Bunch stated that he would like it to stay at 6.
Success ratio was discussed and it was good.
Billie Williams moved and Johnny Peterson seconded to take it back to 6. Motion carried
40. Resident Mule Deer – Antlered – Archery Hunt 1341
Area 201, 202, 204-208 Early, Aug 10 – Sept 9, Dept Recommended 8, same as 2015-8
Board Agrees
41. Nonresident – Mule Deer – Antlered – Any Legal Weapon Hunts 1331

Area 202, 205-208: Nov 5 – Nov 30, Dept Recommended 2, a reduction of 2 from 2015-4

Board Disagreed

Discussion of areas and hunter success.

Billie Williams moved and Johnny Peterson second to take to 4 Motion carried

42. Nonresident Mule Deer – Antlered – Muzzleloader Hunt 1371

Area 202, 205-208: Dec 1 – Dec 15, Dept Recommends 2, Same as 2015 – 2

Board agrees.

43. Nonresident Mule Deer – Antlered – Archery Hunt 1341

Area 201, 202, 204-208 Early: Aug 10 – Sept 8, Dept Recommends 2, Same as 2015-2

Board Agrees

Area 202, 205-208 Late: Dec 16 – Jan 1, Dept Recommends 2, Same as 2015-2

Board Agrees

3. Any further discussion on the May 13-14, 2016 Wildlife Commission Agenda

Public Comment:

Glenn stated the Brian Winkley stated on the bottom of his recommendations that this is what they recommend he recommend they approve them. It is a little more detailed than that. He will learn.

Meeting Adjourned 7:30