

MEETING ROOM, HAWTHORNE FIRE HOUSE

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

Also Present: Dennis Bunch

Absent: Darren Hamrey

Glenn Bunch called the meeting to order and noted that the meeting was properly noticed

1. **Commission General Regulation 466, Partnership in Wildlife (PIR) Drawing Changes to nonresident Restricted Deer Tag, and Changes to Big Game Return Card Questionnaire Deadline, LBC File No R140-16** The Board will make recommendation to the Commission for consideration as they will hold a workshop to consider a regulation relating to amending Chapter 502 of the Nevada Administrative Code (NAC). This regulation defines the term “main drawing;” revises the order in which the Silver State Tag drawing, PIW drawing and main drawings for tags rea conducted; authorizes an applicant for a nonresident restricted deer tag to apply for a nonresident deer tag in the Partnership in Wildlife Drawing and the Silver State tag drawing in the same year; and revises the big game return card questionnaire deadline from 5 p.m. to 11 p.m.

The Board reviewed the proposed changes to be considered at the Commission meeting. Glenn gave the backup for the agenda item as presented to board.

After review of the information supplied the Board concurs with the recommendation.

2. **Commission Regulation 17-12, 2017-2018 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- 2017-2018 Season.** The Board will make recommendations to the Commission as they will consider recommendations for seasons, bag limits, and special regulations for migratory game birds for 2017-2018 seasons and adopt regulations that comply with the proposed regulations framework for the 2017-2018 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 lands.

Mourning & White-Winged Dove

Open Statewide
September 1 – October 30, 2017
Daily Bag limit 15 Possession 45
½ hour before sunrise to sunset

Board Concurs with Recommendation

American Crow

Open Statewide

Fall Season September 1 – November 17, 2017

Spring Season March 1 – April 15, 2018

Daily bag limit 10

Shooting 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 9 & 10, 2017

Northwest Zone

September 23, 2017 & February 3, 2018

South Zone (to include the Moapa Valley portion of the Overton Wildlife Management area) February 10 & 11, 2018

Moapa Valley portion of the Overton Wildlife Management Area

October 14, 2017

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 Hunters 12 years of age and older must possess a state 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.

September 23, 2017 – October 22, 2017 (Starting a week earlier this year)

October 25, 2017 – January 7, 2018

Northwest Zone

October 7, 2017 – October 22, 2017

October 25, 2017 – January 28, 2018

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

October 14, 2017 – October 22, 2017

October 25, 2017 – January 28, 2018

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

October 28, 2017 – January 28, 2018

Limits:

General Duck Limits: 7/21

Pintail: 1/3

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.

September 23, 2017 – October 22, 2017

October 25, 2017 – December 19, 2017

Northwest Zone

October 28, 2017 – January 21, 2018

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

November 4, 2017 – January 28, 2018

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

November 4, 2017– January 28, 2018

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.

September 23, 2017 – October 22, 2017

October 25, 2017 – January 7, 2018

Northwest Zone

October 7, 2017 – October 22, 2017

October 25, 2017 – January 21, 2018

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

October 14, 2017 – October 22, 2017

October 25, 2017 – January 28, 2018

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

October 28, 2017 – January 28, 2018

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.

September 23, 2017 – October 22, 2017

October 25, 2017 – January 7, 2018

Northwest Zone

October 7, 2017 – October 22, 2017
October 25, 2017 – January 21, 2018

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

October 14, 2017 – October 22, 2017
October 25, 2017 – January 28, 2018

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

October 28, 2017 – January 28, 2018

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.

September 23, 2017 – October 22, 2017
October 25, 2017 – January 7, 2018

Northwest Zone

October 7, 2017 – October 22, 2017
October 25, 2017 – January 21, 2018

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

October 14, 2017 – October 22, 2017
October 25, 2017 – January 28, 2018

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

October 28, 2017 – January 28, 2018

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.

September 23, 2017 – October 22, 2017
October 25, 2017 – January 7, 2018

Northwest Zone

October 7, 2017 – October 22, 2017
October 25, 2017 – January 21, 2018

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

October 14, 2017 – October 22, 2017
October 25, 2017 – January 28, 2018

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

October 28, 2017 – January 28, 2018

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 25, 2017 – January 7, 2018
February 24, 2018 – March 10, 2018

Northwest Zone

October 25, 2017 – January 21, 2018
February 24, 2018 – March 10, 2018

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

October 14, 2017 – October 22, 2017
October 25, 2017 – January 28, 2018

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

October 28, 2017 – January 28, 2018

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 24, 2018 – March 10, 2018 season.

Special Regulations: Restrictions on three shotshell capacity and recorded or amplified bird calls do not apply during the light goose seasons from February 24, 2018 until March 10, 2018

The Board concurs with Dept recommendation

FALCONRY SEASON FOR MIGRATORY GAME BIRDS

Northeast Zone.

September 23, 2017– October 22, 2017
October 25, 2017 – January 7, 2018

Northwest Zone

October 7, 2017 – October 22, 2017
October 25, 2017 – January 21, 2018

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

October 14, 2017 – October 22, 2017
October 25, 2017 – January 28, 2018

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

October 28, 2017 – January 28, 2018

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 7, 2017- January 7, 2018

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.

The Board concurs with Dept recommendation

3. Discussion on any other item on Commission Meeting Agenda for March 24 & 25, 2017.
No further discussion
4. Public Comment -Glenn gave an update to the Board relative to the Doe hunt that was proposed at the last meeting.
Glenn gave an update to the Board relative to the Board's request in 2016 of obtaining a Swann hunt in Mineral County. The decision returned to him was NO. We tried.

Meeting Adjourned 6:37 PM