

MEETING ROOM, HAWTHORNE FIRE HOUSE

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

Also Present: Mike Scott, NDOW

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 (PIW) Drawing, Changes to Nonresident Restricted Deer Tag, and Changes to Big Game Return Card Questionnaire Deadline, LCB File No R140-16:** The Board will make recommendation to the Commission as they hold a second workshop to consider a regulation relating to amending Chapter 55502 of the Nevada Administrative Code (NAC). This regulation defines the term “main drawing;” revises the order in which the Silver State Tag drawing, PIW tag drawing and main tag drawings are conducted; authorizes an applicant for a nonresident restricted deer tag to apply for a nonresident deer tag in the PIW tag 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.

Glenn Bunch discussion of one thing they did was they draw the PIW Tag before the general hunt. Also the fact that the questionnaire closure is at 11:00 PM instead of 5:00 PM.
No questions, all understood.

2. **Commission Regulation 17-13, 2017 Big Game Quotas for the 2017-2018 Season.** The Board will review and make recommendations to the Commission for they establish regulations for the numbers of tags to be issued for mule deer, pronghorn antelope, elk, bighorn sheep, black bear, and mountain goats for the 2017-2018 seasons.

1. **Hunt 6151** and 6251
Resident and Nonresident Black Bear– Either Sex – Any Legal Weapon Sept 15 – Dec 1

Hunt 6151 2017 Quota of 41

Hunt 6151 & non-resident 6251 Area 201, 202, 204 & 206 Limit of 6

Hunt 6251 2017 Quota of 4

Board agrees with Recommendation

Mike Scott gave updates on the above units and they have a quota of 6 and when they get the 6 the area closes.

Glenn asked how would they know when the quota would be met.

Mike explained that they would hope that they are honest and there would be game wardens out there to assure there would not be any more taken.

2. **Hunt 2151** Resident Antelope – Horns longer than ears – Any Legal Weapon

Area 202, 204: Oct 15-Oct 30 Dept Recommended 8 which is increase of 1 from the 2016 year.

Board Agrees with Recommendation

Area 205-208: Aug 22 – Sept 7 Dept Recommended 20,

Glenn brought it to the attention of the Board that the quota set by the Commission for 2016 was 25 not 20 and that there is an error in the data sheet provided to the Boards for the 2017 decision. A review of the 2016 book and the minutes of the 2016 Commission was supplied as support material to the board where it was approved by the Commission for 25 tags in area 205-208.

Discussion of data and observation of the area. The Antelope are out there to support 25 tags.

Johnny Peterson Moved and Billie Williams Second we take it back to 25 same as last year without the reduction. Motion carried.

3. **Hunt 2171** Resident Antelope – Horns longer than ears – **Muzzeloder**

No Recommendation

4. **Hunt 2161** Resident Antelope – Horns longer than ears – **Archery**

Area 205-208: Aug 1 – Aug 20 Dept Recommends 6 a cut from 10 in the 2016 year

Board disagrees with the Department Recommendation.

Wayne said he saw more antelope in that area during archery season than they have ever seen and thinks it should be increased.

Johnny Peterson moved Wayne Larson Seconded that the quota should be increased to 14 in Area 205-208. Motion Carried.

5. **Hunt 2181** Resident Antelope – Horns shorter than ears – Any Legal Weapon

No Recommendation

6. **Hunt 2251** Nonresident Antelope – Horns longer than ears – **Any Legal Weapon**

Area 202, 204 Oct 15 – Oct 30 New this year, Dept Recommends 1

Board agrees with 1 tag for the new area.

Area 205-208: Aug 22 – Sept 7, Dep Recommends 2, it was 3 tags in 2016 a reduction of 1 for 2017

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, Billie Williams Seconded. Motion Carried

7. **Hunt 2261** Nonresident Antelope – Horns longer than ears – **Archery**
Area 205-208: Aug 1 – Aug 21, Dept Recommends 1, Same as 2016
Board Agrees
8. **Hunt 3151** Resident Nelson (Desert) Bighorn Sheep – Any Ram – **Any Legal Weapon**
Area 202-204: Oct 15 – Nov 5, Dept Recommended 6 Same as 2016
Board Agrees
Area 205: Nov 20 – Dec 20, Dept Recommended 15, Increase of 2 from 13 in 2016
Board Agrees
Area 206, 208: Nov 20 – Dec 20, Dept Recommended 7, Increase of 1 from 6 in 2016
Board Agrees
Area 207: Nov 20 – Dec 20, Dept Recommended 10 , Increase of 2 from 8 in 2016
Board Agrees
9. **Hunt 3181** Resident Nelson (Desert) Bighorn Sheep – Any Ewe – Any Legal Weapon
No Recommendation
10. **Hunt 3251** Nonresident Nelson (Desert) Bighorn Sheep–Any Ram–**Any Legal Weapon**
Area 205: Nov 20-Dec 20, Dept Recommended 2, Same as 2016 – 2
Board Agrees
Area 207: Nov 20 – Dec 20, Dept Recommended 1, 2016 – 2
Discussion why it was cut to one. After discussion the board said the area could support the allocation of 2. with

Motion was moved by Johnny Peterson, seconded by Billie Williams to recommend 2 in area 207 for 2017. Motion carried.
11. **Hunt 3281** Nonresident Nelson (Desert) Bighorn Sheep–Any Ewe–Any Legal Weapon
No Recommendation
12. **Hunt 8151** Resident California Bighorn Sheep – Any Ram – Any Legal Weapon
No Recommendation
13. **Hunt 8181** Resident California Bighorn Sheep – Any Ewe – Any Legal Weapon
No Recommendation
14. **Hunt 8251** Nonresident California Bighorn Sheep – Any Ram – Any Legal Weapon
No Recommendation
15. **Hunt 9151** Resident Rocky Mountain Bighorn Sheep – Any Ram – Any Legal Weapon
No Recommendation
16. **Hunt 7151** Resident Mountain Goat – Any Goat – Any Legal Weapon
No Recommendation

- Hunt 7251 Nonresident Mountain Goat – Any Goat- Any Legal Weapon
No Recommendation
17. Hunt **4102** Resident Elk – Antlered – Any Legal Weapon Depredation
No Recommendation
18. Hunt **4107** Resident Elk Antlerless – Any Legal Weapon Depredation
No Recommendation
19. Hunt **4151** Resident Elk – Antlered – Any Legal Weapon
No Recommendation
20. **Hunt 4481** Resident Elk – Antlerless Elk Management Any Legal Weapon Option for
Antlered Elk **Hunt 4151** (Antlerless Management Tag)
No Recommendation
21. **Hunt 4156** Resident Elk – Antlered – Muzzleloader
No Recommendation
22. **Hunt 4161** Resident Elk – Antlered – Archery
No Recommendation
23. **Hunt 4651** Resident Elk – Spike – Any Legal Weapon
No Recommendation
24. **Hunt 4181** Resident Elk – Antlerless – Any Legal Weapon
No Recommendation
25. **Hunt 4181** Resident Elk – Antlerless – Any Legal Weapon– Wilderness Only
No Recommendation
26. **Hunt 4481** Resident Elk – Antlerless Elk Management Any Legal Weapon Option for
Mule Deer **Hunt 1331**
No Recommendation
27. **Hunt 4176** Resident Elk – Antlerless – Muzzleloader
No Recommendation
28. **Hunt 4476** Resident Elk – Antlerless Elk Management Muzzleloader Option for Mule
Deer Hunt 1371
No Recommendation
29. **Hunt 4111** Resident Elk – Antlerless – Archery
No Recommendation
30. **Hunt 4411** Resident Elk – Antlerless Elk Management Archery Option for Mule Deer
Hunt 1341
No Recommendation
31. **Hunt 4251** Nonresident Elk – Antlered – Any Legal Weapon
No Recommendation

32. **Hunt 4256** Nonresident Elk – Antlered – Muzzleloader
No Recommendation
33. **Hunt 4261** Nonresident Elk – Antlered – Archery
No Recommendation
34. **Hunt 4281** Nonresident Elk – Antlerless – Any Legal Weapon
No Recommendation
35. **Hunt 1107** Resident Junior Mule Deer – Antlered or Antlerless – Archery, Muzzleloader
or Any Legal Weapon

Area 202, 205-208: Dept Recommended 10, In 2016 it was 20
Johnny Peterson – Why is that?

Glenn Bunch explained that this is driven off the rifle hunt. Whatever the any legal
weapon has, the Junior count is a percentage of it.

Glenn Bunch suggested we recommend that there be 20 tags for 2017. It was to get an
interest in the youth to get them to hunt. Discussion ensued – Hunter opportunity.

Johnny Peterson Moved, Billie Williams second to keep the count at 20 as it gives
hunter opportunity for the youth. Motion carried.

Mike Scott stated that 2014 it was 46% then 2016 28%. Jason is looking at the number
of 4 points to harvest. So he would like to see the count go up.

36. **Hunt 1181** Resident Mule Deer – Antlerless – Any Legal Weapon

No Recommendation

37. **Hunt 1331** Resident Mule Deer – Antlered – Any Legal Weapon

Area 202, 205-208: Nov 5 – Nov 30, Dept Recommended 35, a reduction of 20 from
2016 total of 55.

Board Disagrees

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. There are 5 ranges to hunt in Mineral
County and he thinks that cutting the numbers to 35 is too low for the hunt areas.

Glenn Bunch stated he would like to stay at 55 same as last year.

***Johnny Peterson made a motion to keep it at 55. Wayne Larson Second, Motion
carried.***

38. **Hunt 1371** Resident Mule Deer – Antlered – Muzzleloader

Area 202, 205-208: Dec 1 – Dec 15, Dept Recommended 2, a reduction of 4 from 2016
total of 6

Board Disagrees

Glenn Bunch stated that he would like it to stay at 10

Success ratio was discussed and it was good and the count of the animals in that area at that time of year justifies an increase not a reduction.

Glenn Bunch moved, seconded by Billie Williams to recommend an increase to 10 tags. Motion carried.

Discussion of recommending an early season next year depending on area events.

39. **Hunt 1341** Resident Mule Deer – Antlered – Archery

Area 201, 202, 204-208 Early, Aug 10 – Sept 9, Dept Recommended 8, same as 2016-8
Board Agrees

Area 202, 205-208: Late Dec 16 – Jan 1, Dept Recommended 2, a reduction of 4 from 2016-6

Board Disagreed

Discussion of areas and hunter success

Wayne Larson said we don't want a reduction in Archery tags. We (the archery people) would like to keep the numbers up for hunter opportunity.

Johnny Peterson said one thing that we see is a lot more bow hunters.

Johnny Peterson moved that we recommend 6 with no reduction. Wayne Larson seconded, motion carried.

40. **Hunts 1331** Nonresident – Mule Deer – Antlered – Any Legal Weapon

Area 202, 205-208: Nov 5 to Nov 30, Dept Recommended 2, a reduction of 4 from 2016- number of 6

Board Disagreed

Discussion of areas and hunter success.

Wayne Larson moved, Billie Williams seconded to increase the number to 6

41. **Hunt 1371** Nonresident Mule Deer – Antlered – Muzzleloader

Area 202, 205-208: Dec 1 – Dec 15, Dept Recommends 2, Same as 2016 – 2
Board agrees.

42. **Hunt 1341** Nonresident Mule Deer – Antlered – Archery

Area 201, 202, 204-208 Early: Aug 10 – Sept 9, Dept Recommends 2, Same as 2016-2
Board Agrees

Area 202, 205-208 Late: Dec 16 – Jan 1, Dept Recommends 2, Same as 2016-2

Board Agrees

Discussion of deer herds in Mineral County. 2015 the deer had already moved thru to Truman meadows. 2016 they are in Aurora area.

3. Discussion on any other item on Commission Meeting Agenda for May 12-13, 2017.

4. Public Comment