

Minutes of the Meeting of the Mineral County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife
Monday March 12, 2018 at 6:00 PM

MEETING ROOM, HAWTHORNE LIBRARY

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

Also Present: Dennis Bunch

Absent: Member Darren Hamrey

Glenn Bunch called the meeting to order at 6:05 PM and noted that the meeting was properly noticed

1. **CGR 473, Safe Hunting Distance, LCB File NO. #111017** The board will review and make recommendation to the Commission for their consideration as they will hold a workshop to consider a regulation relating to amending Chapter 503 of the Nevada Administrative Code (NAC). This regulation would make it unlawful for a person to discharge a firearm, to draw or release an arrow from a bow or to draw or release a crossbow arrow or bolt from a crossbow within a certain distance of any occupied dwelling without the consent of the owner or occupant of the dwelling. (Public Comment)

Glenn Bunch referred to the letter from the Nevada Coalition. Dated March 8, 2018 and the e-mail from Rex Flowers. Glenn stated his opinion is the stand that the Nevada Coalition take addresses the issue of safe hunting distances and it comes up under public safety. NRS 244364 (2) the Board of County Commissioners may prescribe by ordinance the safe distance. And that it would be best for the county to designate the safe hunting distance for their county.

Discussion of the letter and e-mail. Each county is has it's own issues to deal with that may not be good for a different county.

Wayne Larson stated that is should be the County Commissioners and hope they don't get ridiculous with the distance.

In reference to the issue at Walker Lake. It appears the County is starting to take the initiative with putting up signage of no hunting area. Discussion of the regulations the Department was proposing. Glenn stated that at first, he sided with the Dept but after reading the view of the Coalition, he liked it better.

Billie Williams stated that he read all the letters and the Nevada Coalition is the one he would like to see implemented. Let the Dept back off and direct each county to make their own regulation.

Glenn didn't have a problem with the Dept, but after reading the Coalition's views on the matter, he liked what it said. Reference was made to the e-mail from Rex Flowers. Referring to the conspiracy theorist of the meeting change to handle the issue was tabled in Reno and moved to Laughlin and reference to the attendance by the CAB's attendance. He (Rex) missed the point that it was a workshop.

Johnny Peterson said the thing about the cross bow and black powder then a separate thing for the rifles. Is it going to be for rifles and the rest of it fall in line. That is the way it should be.

Glenn stated that aft reading the Coalition letter, it had a lot of merit when thinking about the entire state.

Johnny Peterson stated that what fits for one (county) doesn't fit for another. Look at the area around Laughlin and look at Eureka. They have different areas.

Billie Williams stated that there are houses that nobody is living there. I can go in there and hunt with my bow and leave my gun outside the fence.

Billie Williams moved Johnny Peterson seconded that we support the Nevada Coalition for Wildlife stand in the matter. Motion Carried 4 approve, 1 absent.

2. **Commission Regulation 18-10, 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- 2018-2019 Season.** The Board will make recommendation to the Commission as they will consider recommendations for seasons, bag limits and special regulations for migratory game birds for the 2018-2019 season and adopt regulations that comply with the proposed regulations framework for the 2018-2019 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. (Public Comment.

Glenn Bunch informed the board of the change in the ½ hour before Sunrise and ½ hour after Sunset change. However it was not apparent in the data provided the Bird Season. Will have to see if the Commission holds the ½ after sunset for the seasons below at the meeting in Laughlin.

Mourning & White-Winged Dove

Open Statewide
September 1 – October 30, 2018
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, 2018
Spring Season March 1 – April 15, 2019
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 8 & 9, 2018
Northwest Zone
September 22, 2018 & February 2, 2019
South Zone (to include the Moapa Valley portion of the Overton Wildlife Management area)
February 9 & 10, 2019
Moapa Valley portion of the Overton Wildlife Management Area
October 13, 2018

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 22, 2018 – October 21, 2018

October 24, 2018– January 7, 2019

Northwest Zone

October 6, 2018 – October 21, 2018

October 24, 2018 – January 27, 2019

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

October 13, 2018 – October 21, 2018

October 24, 2018 – January 27, 2019

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

October 27, 2018 – January 27, 2019

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.

September 22, 2018 – October 21, 2018

October 24, 2018 – December 18, 2018

Northwest Zone

October 27, 2018 – January 20, 2019

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

November 3, 2018 – January 27, 2019

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

November 3, 2018– January 27, 2019

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 22, 2018 – October 21, 2018

October 24, 2018 – January 6, 2019

Northwest Zone

October 6, 2018 – October 21, 2018

October 24, 2018 – January 27, 2019

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

October 13, 2018 – October 21, 2018

October 24, 2018 – January 27, 2019

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

October 27, 2018 – January 27, 2019

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 22, 2018 – October 21, 2018

October 24, 2018 – January 6, 2019

Northwest Zone

October 6, 2018 – October 21, 2018

October 24, 2018 – January 20, 2019

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

October 13, 2018 – October 21, 2018

October 24, 2018 – January 27, 2019

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

October 27, 2018 – January 27, 2019

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 22, 2018 – October 21, 2018

October 24, 2018 – January 6, 2019

Northwest Zone

October 6, 2018 – October 21, 2018

October 24, 2018 – January 20, 2019

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

October 13, 2018 – October 21, 2018

October 24, 2018 – January 27, 2019

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

October 27, 2018 – January 27, 2019

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 22, 2018 – October 21, 2018

October 24, 2018 – January 6, 2019

Northwest Zone

October 6, 2018 – October 21, 2018

October 24, 2018 – January 20, 2019

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

October 13, 2018 – October 21, 2018

October 24, 2018 – January 27, 2019

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

October 27, 2018 – January 27, 2019

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 24, 2018 – January 6, 2019

February 23, 2019 – March 10, 2019

Northwest Zone

October 24, 2018 – January 20, 2019

February 23, 2019 – March 10, 2019

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

October 13, 2018 – October 21, 2018

October 24, 2018 – January 27, 2019

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

October 27, 2018 – January 27, 2019

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 22, 2018– October 21, 2018

October 24, 2018 – January 6, 2019

Northwest Zone

October 6, 2018 – October 21, 2018

October 24, 2018 – January 20, 2019

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

October 13, 2018 – October 21, 2018

October 24, 2018 – January 27, 2019

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

October 27, 2018 – January 27, 2019

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 6, 2018- January 6, 2019

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.

PUBLIC HUNTING LIMITED ON WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREAS AND DESIGNATED STATE LANDS.

The board reviewed the special restrictions as designated by the Dept. After discussion, concurred with recommendations.

- 3. Landowner Deer and Antelope Compensation Tag Program.** The Board will discuss and make recommendation to the Commission as they will consider stakeholder input on the proposal to promulgate regulation to equitably distribute deer and antelope compensation tags if the statutory limit is reached in the future. The Commission directed the Department to inform stakeholders of the intent to develop a regulation that would ensure each cooperators would receive at least one compensation tag and then use a mathematical formula that consider counts of deer and antelope present and the length of time that cooperators had been participating in the program. (Public Comment)

Glenn Bunch explained the Landowner Issue - # 3 It stated that last year under the previous regulation it was based on the allowable harvest. If the land owner was above the status, they tweaked the cap that this is a change this year. They sent a letter to all the landowner. Out of all the letters, only 2 came back that they didn't like it. They sent another mailing and quite a bit of discussion on the street complaining about the landowner getting 50 tags and then they can sell that tag and keep the money. It was explained that was a way of compensating the animals stomping down their hay and this offset the damage created by the wildlife.

Johnny Peterson stated that they should have to open the land to allow the hunter to cross their land. Does the landowner have to let you across to go to a hunting area across the other side of the field. Land owner will do it if it is a depredation hunt and not a regular hunt. Glenn stated that if you get there early enough you can contact a Dept Warden and it may affect the landowner's tags the next year. Depredation is a lot of another thing.

Glenn stated that he put this on for discussion to fill the Board in on what came out of the last Commission meeting

4. Discussion of other items on the Commission Agenda for March 16-17, 2018.

(Public Comment)

No further items

5. **Public Comment** No action can be taken by MCABMW at this time; any item requiring MCABMW action may be scheduled on a future MCABMW agenda.

No Further business, motion was made by Johnny Peterson and seconded by Wayne Larson to adjourn the meeting a: 7:39 pm.