

Minutes of the Meeting of the Mineral County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife
Monday April 30, 2018 at 6:00 PM

MEETING ROOM, HAWTHORNE LIBRARY

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

Also Present: Dennis Bunch
Jason Salisbury-NDOW

Absent: None

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

1. **CGR 474, Trap Registration, LCB File No. R038-18** The Board will consider recommendations to the Commission as they will hold a [workshop](#) to consider amending Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) 503.150. This regulation revises provisions relating to the registration of traps as mandated by Senate Bill (SB) 364 of the 79th Legislative Session. SB 364 states that with certain exceptions, each trap, snare, or similar device used by a person in the taking of wild mammals must be registered with the Department before it is used. SB 364 also states that for each trap, snare, or similar device registered with the Department, the person registering the device shall pay a registration fee of \$5. This proposed regulation provides a mechanism for the Department to register traps and charge \$5 per trap registered. (Public Comment)

Chairman Bunch stated that he wanted to advise the group that it is a workshop. It will be reworked, tweaked, and then back out to the advisory boards for review again. Nothing is being final. The way that Chairman Bunch understands it is the cost of \$5. Per trap. A trapper with 300 traps he said his traps would not come out of the shed. There will be more clarification on the \$5.00 for registration at the meeting in Reno. It is felt that there are some anti-trappers that has put this bill through the Legislature. He knows the people are upset about it.

Member Williams stated that he understood it was a \$5.00 fee to register the trapper, then you get a number to put on the trap. But as far as the \$5.00 per trap is dead set against that. Originally it came out it was a \$5.00 fee to register, then once you were registered, you put your number on all your traps. As far as registering the trapper, that is alright, but registering each trap, he is dead set against it.

*Chairman Bunch reiterated again that it is a workshop and we will get it clarified after the meeting
Member Hamrey asked is there some literature as to what the incentives as to why the Senate bill was passed.
Chairman Bunch stated that it is SB 364 and it will go through the workshop and back out to us again.*

2. **Commission Regulation 18-11, 2018 Big Game Quotas for the 2018-2019 Season,** The Board will review and make recommendation to the Commission as 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 2018-2019 seasons. (Public Comment)

Hunt 6151 and 6251

Resident and Nonresident Black Bear– Either Sex – Any Legal Weapon Sept 15 – Dec 1

Hunt 6151 2018 Quota of 45

The Board Concurs

Hunt 6251 non-resident 6251 Limit of 5

Combined Hunt 6251 and Nonresident Hunt 6251

Area 201,202,204, and 206

Quota of 6 & Female Harvest 2

Board agrees with Recommendation

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

Area 202, 204: Oct 15-Oct 30 Was 8 in 2017,

Dept recommended a cut to 3 which is decrease of 5 from the 2017 year.

Billie asked Jason Why:

Jason said the population not doing well, it modeled down to less than 100 animals.

Billie stated that he thought that heard was doing well.

Jason was asked what the model success ratio was down.

Glenn asked what the success was:

Jason stated that it was 6 bucks.

Glenn stated it was 6 out of 8?

Jason stated that new fire will help out. It is in the works to rebuild the guzzlers in Baldwin canyon. That will help.

He has been doing predator control out there. He can get adults to live but not fawns to live.

There is a bunch of adults but no fawns sometimes when it rains out there.

Billie asked how about we split the difference to 4 tags and we carry it for a year and see.

Glenn stated it was a late season.

Board Dis-Agrees with Recommendation

Billie Williams moved Johnny Peterson seconded to increase the recommendation to 4. Motion carried

Area 205-208: Aug 22 – Sept 7 Was 25 in 2017.

Dept recommended a cut to 20 which is a decrease of 5 from 25 in the 2017 year. There was 23 successful out of the 25

Discussion of data and observation of the area. The Antelope are out there to support 25 tags. 12% 15" or better bucks. Jason stated you like to shoot em up. I like to be conservative. We've had a couple of years of good harvest in Mineral County.

Glenn stated he looked at the table 18 Area 205 there was 12 bucks taken out of there.

Every day there is a herd that is working from 4 to 10 working from the hospital up to Lucky Boy. One day they are on the government side and the next day they are on the highway side.

Jason asked that's the 202 side, and Glenn clarified it's the 205 side.

Dennis stated that there is a big herd at Whiskey Flats.

Billie stated he sees a big herd out by Whiskey Flats all the time. And out by Pepper springs and Cedar Summit another big herd. Close to 100.

Discussion of keeping hunter opportunity.

Keep it at 25 same as last year based on count seen by the members.

The Board disagrees with dept recommendation:

Billie moved to keep the quota at 25 with no reduction, seconded by Johnny Peterson, motion carried.

Hunt 2171 Resident Antelope – Horns longer than ears – Muzzleloader

No Recommendation

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

Area 205-208: Aug 1 – Aug 21

Dept Recommends 10 a cut of 4 from 14 in the 2017 year

Board disagrees with the Department Recommendation.

Billie asked Johnny what he felt, being the archer. Johnny responded that he feels 12 is good.

Wayne asked Jason how many were taken last year?

Jason responded that only 4. 32% of success.

Glenn stated that the archer's didn't hurt the herd and it does give hunter opportunity.

Johnny moved to take it to 12. Billie seconded. Motion carried.

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

No Recommendation

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

Area 202, 204 Oct 15 – Oct 30

Dept Recommends 1 same as 2017

Board agrees with 1 tag for Are 202, 204

Area 205-208: Aug 22 – Sept 7,

Dept Recommends 2, it was 3 tags in 2017 a reduction of 1 for 2018

Board agrees with the Department Recommendation

3. Hunt 2261 Nonresident Antelope – Horns longer than ears – **Archery**

Area 205-208: Aug 1 – Aug 21, Dept Recommends 1, Same as 2017

Board Agrees

4. Hunt 3151 Resident Nelson (Desert) Bighorn Sheep – Any Ram – **Any Legal Weapon**

Area 202 Oct 15 – Nov 5, Dept Recommended 6 Same as 2017

Board Agrees as recommended

Area 204 Oct 15 – Nov 5, Dept Recommended 1 Split out of the 202-204 area in 2017

It essentially adds 1 more tag

Board Agrees as recommended

Area 205: Nov 20 – Jan 1,

Dept Recommended 14, A decrease of 1 from 15 in 2017

Board Agrees as recommended

Area 206, 208: Nov 20 – Jan 1,

Dept Recommended 4, Increase of 3 from 7 in 2017

Board Agrees as recommended

Area 207: Nov 20 – Jan 1, Dept Recommended 6 ,
A Decrease of 4 from 10 in 2017

Board Agrees as recommended

Jason stated the hunters found the sheep early but lost them for a while. He had a lot of pick up heads. We had a few more days hunted in 206 & 208. There wasn't any major complaints. They found some sheep in 208.

In 207, the sheep kinda moved to Pilot and a lot of the guzzler's dried up in 207. It's always been the good average age as 205. He is trying to bring the average age up in 207. There was 27 tags in 205 & 207. Vic complained a little about hitting the sheep pretty hard.

Billie asked if there was good recruitment.

Jason stated that yes there was good recruitment. The only issue this year is to have to run some water. We just rebuilt guzzler. He missed the little monsoons. It does help to fill the guzzlers. If we can get the county to grade the road so we can get the water truck up closer, it makes it easier. He stated he misses the monsoons. He knows it wrecks the roads for the races, but it helps the guzzlers a lot.

Darren asked how much does Tipton charge? The Sportsmans Club might be able to help with some costs.

Jason stated that we will contact Tipton as we might have to use him for a water truck too.

Jason state all the north country is doing good.

Hunt 3251 Nonresident Nelson (Desert) Bighorn Sheep–Any Ram–Any Legal Weapon

Area 205: Nov 20-Jan 1,
Dept Recommended 2, Same as 2017 – 2

Board Agrees

Area 207: Nov 20 – Jan 1,
Dept Recommended 1, A reduction from 2 in 2017

Discussion why it was cut to one

Board Agrees

Hunt 3181 Resident Nelson (Desert) Bighorn Sheep – Any Ewe- Any Legal Weapon
No Recommendation

Hunt 3281 Nonresident Nelson (Desert) Bighorn Sheep–Any Ewe–Any Legal Weapon
No Recommendation

Hunt 8151 Resident California Bighorn Sheep – Any Ram – Any Legal Weapon
No Recommendation

Hunt 8181 Resident California Bighorn Sheep – Any Ewe – Any Legal Weapon
No Recommendation

Hunt 8251 Nonresident California Bighorn Sheep – Any Ram – Any Legal Weapon
No Recommendation

Hunt 9151 Resident Rocky Mountain Bighorn Sheep – Any Ram – Any Legal Weapon
No Recommendation

Hunt 7151 Resident Mountain Goat – Any Goat – Any Legal Weapon
No Recommendation

Hunt 4102 Resident Elk – Antlered – Any Legal Weapon Depredation
No Recommendation

Hunt **4107** Resident Elk Antlerless – Any Legal Weapon Depredation
No Recommendation

Hunt **4151** Resident Elk – Antlered – Any Legal Weapon
No Recommendation

Hunt **4156** Resident Elk – Antlered – Muzzleloader
No Recommendation

Hunt **4161** Resident Elk – Antlered – Archery
No Recommendation

Hunt **4651** Resident Elk – Spike – Any Legal Weapon
No Recommendation

Hunt **4181** Resident Elk – Antlerless – Any Legal Weapon
No Recommendation

Hunt **4181** Resident Elk – Antlerless – Any Legal Weapon– Wilderness Only
No Recommendation

Hunt **4481** Resident Elk – Antlerless Elk Management Any Legal Weapon Option for Mule Deer Hunt **1331**
No Recommendation

Hunt **4176** Resident Elk – Antlerless – Muzzleloader
No Recommendation

Hunt **4476** Resident Elk – Antlerless Elk Management Muzzleloader Option for Mule Deer Hunt 1371
No Recommendation

Hunt **4111** Resident Elk – Antlerless – Archery
No Recommendation

Hunt **4411** Resident Elk – Antlerless Elk Management Archery Option for Mule Deer Hunt 1341
No Recommendation

Hunt **4407** Resident Junior Elk – Antlerless Elk Management Archery Option for Mule Deer Hunt 4407
No Recommendation

Hunt **4251** Nonresident Elk – Antlered – Any Legal Weapon
No Recommendation

Hunt **4256** Nonresident Elk – Antlered – Muzzleloader
No Recommendation

Hunt **4261** Nonresident Elk – Antlered – Archery
No Recommendation

Hunt **4281** Nonresident Elk – Antlerless – Any Legal Weapon

No Recommendation
Hunt 4481 Nonresident Elk – Antlerless – Any Legal Weapon
Option for Mule Deer Hunt 1331
No Recommendation

Hunt 4276 Nonresident Elk – Antlerless – Muzzleloader Hunt
No Recommendation

Hunt 4211 Nonresident Elk – Antlerless – Archery
No Recommendation

Elk in Mineral County - NOT YET! Billie told Jason to get on it, we need our Elk.
We have a new state park over there and it needs elk.

Hunt 1107 Resident Junior Mule Deer – Antlered or Antlerless –
Archery, Muzzleloader or Any Legal Weapon

Area 202, 205-208: Dept Recommended 15, In 2017 The Board recommended 20
And motion by the Commission was 20, however the hunt book was printed with 10.
– Why is that?

Glenn showed Jason and the board the Commission minutes from 2017, the motion was made and approved 20 junior tags last year but in the season book there was only 10 tags made available. In the success book just printed, there were 19 junior tag applications. 9 kids did not get to hunt because somebody did not pick up the approved amount by the Commission of 20.

Somehow in the transition, it was reduced to 10 tags despite the Commission motion.

Wayne stated he would like to see a junior hunt only allowed once time, then they had to put in for a regular hunt. Discussion of 20 tags as the BOARD asked for last year. But only 10 tags was made available.

Johnny moved Billie seconded to increase to 20 tags for junior hunter opportunity. Motion carried.

Hunt 1181 Resident Mule Deer – Antlerless – Any Legal Weapon
No Recommendation

Hunt 1331 Resident Mule Deer – Antlered – Any Legal Weapon

Area 202, 205-208: Nov 5 – Nov 30,
Dept Recommended 30, a reduction of 25 from 2017 total of 55.
Board Disagrees

There was 42 deer harvested. 28 in 202, 1 in 205, 7 in 206, 3 in 207, and 2 in 208.

Billie asked what the California tags issued? 700?

Jason said they went down from the 700 they did harvest.

Billie stated they get 600 and we suck at 30 the Californian's are killing them before they get here.

Jason stated the new fire in the Wassuks had an impact. There's a 100 does and 3 bucks and that's your California segment coming in. And some of the better bucks that you guy got are resident off the Wassuks.

Glenn stated he thinks that with the 30/70 split and California feels that only 30% of the deer migrate over into Nevada per the document signed in 1990. That's why they give us the 30% travel and the rest are local.

Glenn would like to see it stay at 55 for one more year. If the deer are not there, we aren't going to harvest them.

Dennis stated that we've seen some big deer this year.

Johnny Moved Billie seconded to keep at 55. NO decrease.

Hunt 1371 Resident Mule Deer – Antlered – Muzzleloader

Area 202, 205-208: Dec 1 – Dec 15, Dept Recommended 2, a reduction of 8 from 2017 total of 10

Board Disagrees

Johnny asked what the Success rate was
Jason reported 6 out of 10 – 60%.
Johnny stated he would like to see 5
Glenn stated he would like to see it at 10
Dennis said he would like to see it at 10

Billie moved, Johnny seconded to keep at 10 – No Reduction.

Hunt 1341 Resident Mule Deer – Antlered – Archery

Area 201, 202, 204-208 Early, Aug 10 – Sept 9,
Dept Recommended 8, same as 2017

Board Agrees

Area 202, 205-208: Late Dec 16 – Jan 1,
Dept Recommended 2, a reduction of 6 from 2017-8

Board Disagreed

Johnny stated that is rut. The success was 0.
Jason stated that he is to keep the buck- doe ratio at 20 bucks per 100 doe.
Since their success was 0, it won't hurt to keep it at 6.

Johnny moved, Billie seconded to keep at 6. Motion Carried

Hunts 1331 Nonresident – Mule Deer – Antlered – Any Legal Weapon

Area 202, 205-208: Nov 5 to Nov 30,
Dept Recommended 2, Same as 2017- number of 2

Board agreed

Hunt 1371 Nonresident Mule Deer – Antlered – Muzzleloader

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

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

Area 201, 202, 204-208 Early: Aug 10 – Sept 9,
Dept Recommends 2, Same as 2017-2

Board Agrees

Area 202, 205-208 Late: Dec 16 – Jan 1,
Dept Recommends 2, A Reduction of 1 -2017-3

Board disagrees

Billie moved, Johnny seconded to take it back to 3. Motion carried.

Wayne asked about tags that they are giving out - 350 deer tags. WOW

Jason stated there are a lot of hard feelings about the depredation hunts up there.

Wayne stated that the guy was recommending a waiting period that if you get a tag this year, you should have to wait 5 or 6 years.

Darren stated that he has to wait that anyway-----

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6. Discussion of other items on the Commission Agenda for May 4-5, 2018.

(Public Comment)

No further items

7. 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.

Glenn stated that at the meeting in Laughlin that the safe distance is coming back. When they read the regulation to pointed out that one of the Commissioners couldn't hunt his own property without asking his neighbors if it was to hunt and if one said no, then he could not hunt. And he would have to ask them every day.

What it looks like is that what the counties have on their books, that is what will be enforced. But we will have to see what comes out in the future meetings. Instead of having the state being the big brother on this issue, it should be a county issue.

No Further business, motion was made by Johnny Peterson and seconded by Wayne Larson to adjourn the meeting a: 7:58 pm.