

Minutes of the Mineral County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife Meeting

Date & Time: Monday March 11, 2019 at 6:00 PM

Location : MEETING ROOM, HAWTHORNE LIBRARY

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

Absent: None

Public Present : None

Glenn Bunch called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM and noted that the meeting was properly noticed on March 4, 2019

1 Commission General Regulation 482, Public and Sellable Lists, LCB File No. R192-18

The Board will consider recommendation to the Commission as they will consider adopting a regulation amending Chapters 488 and 502 of the Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) that clarifies the authority of the Department to make specific personal customer information confidential and remove such information from any list sold or distributed by the Department or the Department's licensing vendor. The regulation also simplifies how a person can request that their personal information remain confidential by removing the requirement that the request be in writing. The Commission held workshops on November 2, 2018 and January 25, 2019 and directed the Department to bring the regulation forward to an adoption hearing.

Glenn Bunch stated there is a lot of unrest among various groups. They are afraid that the Dept is going to be doing something illegal. With that Glenn read to the board a statement made by Jade Robb Deputy Director that was in Washoe County Board's minutes relative to the above item and are as follows:

"Jack Robb – NDOW, commented that the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners will address two separate issues; one whether or not an individual wishes to be on a publically posted list of successful tag draw that would be available to guides and other businesses. Additionally, the revised language will simplify and make it more understandable. Mr. Robb noted that NDOW had used an auditor that routinely works for the State of Nevada to assure that tag draw results are subject to strict criteria to maintain confidentiality without showing any favoritism to NDOW, Commission or CAB members."

Glenn Bunch then presented to the board an example of what will pop up in the window either one of the other. The Commission will be making it so when you apply for a tag. It came up in a meeting that what will happen if it appears. He stated that some felt it was unclear as to what will happen when you check the box one way or the other.

Billie Williams stated that it was similar to that last year.

Glenn Bunch stated that you could, in prior years, but it wasn't clear what you were doing and who could see who was on the list.

Wayne Larson stated that if you were the hunter it was pretty clear.

Glenn Bunch stated that half way through the season you could see who was on the list. I didn't care who saw that my name was on the list

Johnny Peterson stated the other big thing is the successful hunters don't want to overload an area by saying Yeah. So if Peterson gets a tag for an area and they know I'm a good hunter, that's where to put in for a tag.

Glenn stated that there was a hunter that was harassed the hunter when he got back to camp. They were threatening him and also went to where his family lived and was threatening them as well. So they didn't want that information out there.

Then you have the people from Hunters Alert and Nevada Hunters and they want to know who got the tags and the hunter doesn't want the information out there.

2. Commission Regulation 19-13, Migratory Game Bird Seasons, Bag Limits, and Special Regulations or Waterfowl and Webless Migratory Game Birds; Public Hunting Limited on Wildlife Management Areas and Designated State Lands – 2019–2020 Season –

The Board will consider recommendations to the Commission as they will consider recommendations for seasons, bag limits, and special regulations for migratory game birds for the 2019–2020 season and adopt regulations consistent with proposed regulations framework for the 2019–2020 hunting seasons on certain migratory game birds established by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. The Commission Regulation will become final pending adoption of federal frameworks. The Commission will also consider rules regulating public hunting on Wildlife Management Areas and designated state lands

Discussion with Darren Hamrey with regard to attempted discussion with NDOW staff. It was a case of telephone tag but the dept is aware of Darren's concern.

A discussion ensued of the various changes in the following seasons of changing from a split season to a continuous season. After discussion of moving the season later and closing up the season without the breaks.

Darren stated that some hunters may have some kick back of not ending on a Sunday, but it wouldn't bother him. He didn't see any problem with it. And he concurs with the changes.

Mourning & White-Winged Dove

Open Statewide

September 1 – October 30, 2019

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, 2019

Spring Season March 1 – April 15, 2020

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 7 & 8, 2019

Northwest Zone

October 5, 2019 & February 8, 2020

South Zone (to include the Moapa Valley portion of the Overton Wildlife Management area)

February 8 & 9, 2020

Moapa Valley portion of the Overton Wildlife Management Area

October 19, 2019

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 21, 2019 – October 20, 2019
October 23, 2019– January 5, 2020

Northwest Zone

October 19, 2019 – January 31, 2020

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

October 19, 2019 – January 31, 2020

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

October 27, 2018 – January 27, 2019

November 2, 2019 – January 31, 2020

Limits:

General Duck Limits: 7/21

Pintail: 2/6 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 21, 2019 – October 20, 2019
October 23, 2019 – December 17, 2019

Northwest Zone

November 7, 2019 – January 31, 2020

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

November 7, 2019 – January 31, 2020

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

November 7, 2019– January 31, 2020

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 21, 2019 – October 20, 2019

October 23, 2019 – January 5, 2020

Northwest Zone

October 19, 2019 – January 31, 2020

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

October 19, 2019 – January 31, 2020

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

November 2, 2019 – January 31, 2020

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 21, 2019 – October 20, 2019

October 23, 2019 – January 5, 2020

Northwest Zone

October 19, 2019 – January 31, 2020

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

October 19, 2019 – January 31, 2020

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

November 2, 2019 – January 31, 2020

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 21, 2019 – October 20, 2019

October 23, 2019 – January 5, 2020

Northwest Zone

October 19, 2019 – January 31, 2020

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

October 19, 2019 – January 31, 2020

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

November 2, 2019 – January 31, 2020

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 21, 2019 – October 20, 2019

October 23, 2019 – January 5, 2020

Northwest Zone

October 19, 2019 – January 31, 2020

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

October 19, 2019 – January 31, 2020

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

November 2, 2019 – January 31, 2020

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 23, 2019 – January 5, 2020

February 22, 2020 – March 8, 2020

Northwest Zone

November 4, 2019 – January 31, 2020

February 22, 2020 – March 8, 2020

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

October 19, 2019 – January 31, 2020

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

November 2, 2019 – January 31, 2020

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, Fernley, Alkali Lake Humboldt, Steptoe and Scripps WMA/ Washoe State Park during February 23, 2019 – March 10, 2019 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, 2019 until March 10, 2019

The Board concurs with Dept recommendation

FALCONRY SEASON FOR MIGRATORY GAME BIRDS

Northeast Zone.

September 21, 2019– October 20, 2019

October 23, 2019 – January 5, 2020

Northwest Zone

October 19, 2019 – January 31, 2020

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

October 19, 2019 – January 31, 2020

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

November 2, 2019 – January 31, 2020

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 19, 2019 – January 31, 2020

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.

Glenn Bunch stated it will be interesting to hear from the other advisory boards to see how they feel about the new dates.

Darren Hamrey stated he thinks there may be some want to push back a little bit because of the 31st ending on a Friday and they may want to see the split put back in so it will close on a Saturday. I think it looks good. Even I've hunted the early hunt and there's little ducklings running around and thought it was a little early.

3.* Discussion of other items on the Commission Agenda for March 15,16, 2019.

No other item of interest was mentioned.

4.* Plans for June 21 NDOW meeting in Hawthorne for review and appropriate action.

Discussion about a trip up on Mt. Grant. With the snow on it, there may be limited accessibility. We will have to see what it looks like when June gets here. We may be only able to go up to the meadows. Further discussion of the snow received this year. Final decision will be made at our next meeting.

Johnny Peterson stated that right now the Colonel does not have any problems with going up on the mountain.

Glenn Bunch stated that in the Walker Basin the water content is 32' of water. Because it rained on the snow and it soaked it up. We are hoping for good results for Walker Lake.

5. Board Recommendations. The Board may make recommendations to be referred to the Commission for possible consideration

Glenn stated that we need to put in here that we are wanting an update on the elk for Mineral County.

Billie Williams made the recommendation that we request an update on the elk transplant to Mineral County. He thinks it about time. The numbers are showing lots of elk.

Glenn stated that we need to know what the status is.

Billie said he will go to the commission in public comment and ask what the plans are.

6. **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.

A motion was made by Billie Williams , seconded by Johnny Peterson to adjourn the meeting at 6:32 PM

A recording of the above meeting may be requested by contacting Marlene. It will be provided within 24-48 hours.

Marlene Bunch
Recording Secretary