

Minutes of the Mineral County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife Meeting

Date & Time: Monday, January 22, 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 : Dennis Bunch
Victor T. Trujillo, (Guide)

Glenn Bunch called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM and noted that the meeting was properly noticed on January 15, 2019

1* Benefits and Challenges Surrounding Quota Setting and Application Timing– Informational

The Board will review the information and make recommendation to the Department as it will provide the Commission with a briefing regarding hunt applications and quota timing. The briefing will include comparative data from other western states and planned process improvements being implemented within the Department.

Chairman Bunch stated that this is discussion at the meeting in Reno this weekend. He read the support information supplied by the Dept. It was stated that seasons were set at one meeting and the quota was set at another meeting. Historically we set our seasons now, then in the spring they(NDOW) does the fly over and do their modeling to get the numbers for the quotas. They would like to have the quotas out at the same time they set seasons.

Johnny Peterson mentioned that a couple years ago it came up that if they knew there was going to be cuts in the tags, they wouldn't have put in for it?

Further discussion and there is not a lot to discuss yet. More will come out later after this week's meeting.

2*Commission Regulations – For Possible Adoption – Public Comment Allowed

A.* Commission Regulation 19–05, 2019–2020 and 2020–2021 Big Game Seasons — For Possible Action

The Commission will consider adopting 2019–2020 and 2020–2021 hunting seasons and dates for mule deer, pronghorn antelope, elk, bighorn sheep, and mountain goat, including limits, hunting hours, special hunt eligibility, animal sex, physical characteristics, hunt boundary restrictions, and legal weapon requirements, and emergency depredation hunt structure and statewide quota.

Resident and Non Resident Black Bear - Either Sex – Any Legal Weapon

Hunt 6151 and 6251

Units 201, 202, 204 and 206 Sept 15 – Dec1 (or until harvest limits are met)

The Board agrees with Dept Recommendation

Resident and Nonresident Mountain Lion – Either Sex Any Legal Weapon

5132 and 5232

Unit 202, 204, 206, 205, 207, 208 – 245 Harvest Limits recommended for the entire area.

The Board agrees with the Dept Recommendation

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

Unit 202, 204 Oct 15 thru Oct 30

Unit 205-208 Aug 22 to Sep 7

The Board Agrees with Dept Recommendations

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

Unit 202, 204 Oct 15 thru Oct 30

Unit 205-208 Aug 22 to Sep 7

The Board agrees With Dept Recommendations

Resident Antelope – Horns longer than ears Muzzleloader Hunt 2151 (2171)

There is not a Muzzleloader season in our Units. Those in attendance felt it could be a good thing. Discussion included hunter opportunity for Muzzleloader enthusiasts.

After discussion by the group, it was moved by Johnny Peterson, seconded by Billie Williams to request an addition of a Muzzleloader Hunt to Units 202, 204, 205-208, Aug 15 – Aug 2, 2019-2020, 2020-2021 for resident Antelope. Motion Carried.

Resident Antelope – Horns Longer than ears Archery Hunt 2151 (2161)

Unit 205-208 Aug 1 – Aug 21

The Board disagrees with Dept Recommendation and requests the following:

Last year we had a hunt in 202 & 204 and it was left out of this year's Dept Recommendation and was omitted on the form. Not sure why 202 & 204 was left out.

After discussion of the board it was felt that we would like to have Units 202 & 204 back in the archery Hunt. There was no explanation from the Dept why it was removed.

Billie Williams Moved, Wayne Larson seconded for Units 202 & 204 Aug 1 – Aug 8 be included in the hunt same as last year for hunt years 2019-2020, 2020-2021. Motion carried.

Nonresident Antelope – Horns longer than ears Archery Hunt 2251 (2261)

Unit 205-208 Aug 1 – Aug 21

The Board Disagrees with Dept Recommendation. With no explanation from the Dept why 202 and 204 was removed from the list the Board could not agree with the recommendation.

It was moved by Billie Williams, seconded by Wayne Larson to requests units 202 & 204 be included Aug 1 – Aug 21, 2019-2020, 2020-2021. Same as last year. Motion Carried.

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

The Board agrees with the Dept Recommendation

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

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

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

Resident Elk – Antlered – Muzzleloader Hunt 4151
No Recommendation

Nonresident Elk – Antlered – Any Muzzleloader Hunt 4251
No Recommendation

Resident Elk – Antlered – Archery Hunt 4151
No Recommendation

Nonresident Elk – Antlered – Archery Hunt 4251
No Recommendation

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

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

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

Nonresident Elk – Antlerless – Any Legal Weapon Hunt 4281
No Recommendation

Resident Elk – Antlerless – Muzzleloader Hunt 4181
No Recommendation

Nonresident Elk – Antlerless Muzzleloader Hunt 4281
No Recommendation

Resident Elk – Antlerless – Archery Hunt 4181
No Recommendation

Nonresident Elk – Antlerless- Archery Hunt 4281
No Recommendation

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

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

Nonresident Elk – Antlerless Elk Management Any Legal Weapon Hunt 4482

Option for Mule Deer Hunt 1332
No Recommendation

Resident Elk – Antlerless Elk Management Muzzleloader Hunt 4481
Option for Mule Deer Hunt 1331
No Recommendation

Resident Elk – Antlerless Elk Management Archery 4481
Option for Mule Deer Hunt 1331
No Recommendation

Resident Junior Elk – Antlerless Elk Management Hunt 4407
Option for Resident Junior Mule Deer Hunt 1107
No Recommendation

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

Glenn referred to the data sheet for the change. Glenn thinks it's a good idea to get the sheep out of the town of Walker Lake.

Victor by moving the sheep could help the sheep. He stated that they have to come to water. He went on to say that they are talking about building a fence from the Buffalo Stop to the north end of the lake.

It was discussed that there was discussion that a guzzler be put at the north end of the cliffs but it hasn't been done yet. It's a good idea to put a guzzler in, NBU said they would pay for it, and everyone is on board to put the guzzler up above the road at the north end of the cliffs. But it's not been done yet.

Victor brought up about hunters going up to Mt. Grant, don't they close that?

Johnny Peterson stated that it closes on the first snow fall. But that they could have access up the canyon to Camp Dixie.

Glenn read a text he had received today from Jason Salisbury, NDOW, relative to the hunt.

Victor stated he could see the advantage to the move. It was tough in there and only saw a few rams and they were 1 to 3 years old, nothing 4 years or older.

Unit 202 Nov 20 – Jan 1 2019-2021
Changed from Oct 15 – Nov 5 2018-2019

Unit 205 Nov 20 – Jan 1, 2019 – 2021 No Change
Unit 206, 208- Nov 20 – Jan 1, 2019 - 2021 No Change

Unit 207 Oct 15 – Nov 5, 2019 – 2021
Changed from Nov 20 – Jan 1 2018-2019
(The Oct 15 to Nov 5 was requested by last year)

We would like to hear the Dept's side of why they want the changes.

After discussion that would have been nice to have someone from the Dept here to explain the changes.

It was moved by Wayne Larson that we agree with the Dept changes. Seconded by Johnny Peterson Motion Carried

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

Unit 205 Nov 20 – Jan 1 no Change
Unit 207 Oct 15 – Nov 5 2019 – 2021
Changed from Nov 21 – Jan 1 for 2018-2019

There is no non-resident in 202.

The Board agreed with the Dept Recommendation

Resident Nelson (Desert) Bighorn Sheep, Any Ewe – Any Legal Weapon Hunt 3181

No Recommendation

Even though this is not Mineral County,

Victor stated that he does have a problem with that though. He asked on 212 & 253. Why don't they take some of these sheep and put them in the Buffington ranch area.

Discussion on the guzzlers in that area.

Glenn stated that sheep was moved from Lone Mt. and Gabbs Valley to the guzzlers at Kincaid and Mabel guzzlers.

Darren asked didn't they take the ones from these areas about the pregnant ewes?

Victor stated that all the sheep in Nevada except the ones from the Muddy's have the pneumonia virus. And they are born with it.

Glenn told about the mothers not taking the lambs after they were taken by the biologist. They wanted to find out if the sheep were born with it or were they getting it after they were born.

After they were returned to the mothers, they were rejected was the report that he received back from. This is not a good practice.

Discussion of the areas that the sheep headed after they were released.

No decision.

Nonresident Nelson (Desert) Bighorn Sheep – Any Ewe – Any legal Weapon Hunt 3281

No Recommendation

Resident California Bighorn Sheep, Any Ram – Any Legal Weapon Hunt 8151

No Recommendation

Nonresident California Bighorn Sheep, Any Ram – Any Legal Weapon Hunt 8251

No Recommendation

Resident California Bighorn Sheep , Any Ewe – Any Legal Weapon Hunt 8181

No Recommendation

Victor – We just had a die off. Why have a ewe hunt instead why don't they transplant instead of the die off. Even though this is not our area, we have these thoughts.

Resident Rocky Mountain Bighorn Sheep, Any Ram, Any legal Weapon Hunt 9151

No Recommendation

Resident Mountain Goat – Any Goat, Any Legal Weapon Hunt 7151

No Recommendation

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

Unit 202. 205-208

Any Legal Weapon - Nov 5 – Nov 30, 2019 - 2021

Muzzleloader – Dec 1 – Dec 15, 2019 - 2021

Archery – Dec 16 – Jan 1, 2019 – 2021

The Board agrees with Dept Recommendation

Resident Mule Deer – Antlerless – Any Legal Weapon Hunt 1181

No Recommendation

Resident and Nonresident Mule Deer – Antlered, Any Legal Weapon Hunt Resident 1331 and Nonresident 1332

Unit 202, 205-208 Nov 5 – Nov 30, 2019 – 2021

The Board Agrees with Dept Recommendation

Resident and Non Resident Mule Deer – Antlered, Muzzleloader
Hunt Resident 1331 and Non Resident Hunt 1332 (1371)

Unit 202, 205-208 Dec 1 – Dec 15, 2019-2021

Resident and Nonresident Mule Deer Antlered – Archery Hunt
Resident 1331 and Nonresident 1332 (1341)

Unit 201, 202, 204-208 Early Aug 10 – Sep 9, 2019 – 2021

Unit 202, 205-208 Late Dec 16 – Jan 1, 2019 – 2021

The Board agrees with Dept Recommendation

B.* Commission Regulation 19 - 06, 2020 Heritage Tag Seasons and Quota – For Possible Action

The Board will consider recommendation to the Commission as they will consider adopting a regulation to set the 2020 Heritage Tag Species, seasons, and quota.

A review of the amount to be awarded in the 2019 process for Heritage Tag Seasons and Quota, also reviewed were the projects that has been submitted. A discussion of the projects ensued.

Glenn reported that of the interest that is available for projects to be considered and the projects that is up for consideration and projects that has been approved in the past.

No recommendations made at this time.

C.* Commission Regulation 19 - 07, 2019 Partnership in Wildlife Tags — For Possible Action

The Board will make recommendation as the Commission will consider adopting a regulation to set the 2019 Partnership in Wildlife tags hunt species, seasons and quota

Glenn read the justification for the Partnership in Wildlife Tags and the tags that are recommended.

No recommendations at this time.

D* Commission Regulation 19 - 08, 2019 Silver State Tags — For Possible Action

The Board will make recommendation as the Commission will consider adopting a regulation to set the 2019 Silver State tag species, seasons and quota.

Glenn read the dept recommendation as provided by the Dept. Total of 4 tags

No Recommendations at this time.

E* Commission Regulation 19 - 09, 2019 Dream Tag –For Possible Action

The Board will make recommendation as the Commission will consider adopting a regulation to set the 2019 Dream Tag species, seasons and quota.

Glenn read the information as supplied by the Dept.

The Board agrees with the Dept recommendations.

The Dream tag is more like a raffle. Not like the other tags where you get one chance, but you have to hunt in the season that is open.

F* Commission Regulation 19 - 10, 2019 Big Game Application Deadlines –For Possible Action

The Board will make recommendation to the Commission as they will consider adopting regulation to set the 2019 big game tag application deadlines and related information.

Glenn read the recommendation of the Dept.

Mule Deer guide hunt by mail will not be accepted.
Main draw application through the internet at the license location
Big game draw results will be on line on or before the 2nd Friday in June.

G* Commission Regulation 19 - 11, 2019 Big Game Tag Application Eligibility and Tag Limits — For Possible Action

The Board will make recommendation to the Commission as they will consider adopting regulation to set the 2019 big game tag application eligibility and tag limits and related information.

The Board reviewed the information page provided by the Dept as was adopted per NRS 503.140

H* Commission Regulation 19-12, 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 Restricted Nonresident Guided Mule Deer Seasons and Quotas- - For Possible Action

The Board will make recommendation to the Commission as they will consider adopting 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 hunting seasons and quotas for restricted nonresident guided mule deer including hunt boundary restrictions.

Glenn read the supplemental information supplied by the Dept.
Discussion ensued, no recommendation at this time.

I* Commission Regulation 19–03, 2019 Black Bear Seasons — For Possible Action

The Board will make recommendation to the Commission as they will consider adopting 2019 hunting season dates, open management units, hunting hours, special regulations, animal sex, legal weapon requirements, hunt boundary restrictions, and dates and times for indoctrination courses for black bear.

Glenn read the supplemental information supplied by the Dept.
Discussion ensued, no recommendation at this time.

J* Commission Regulation 19–04, 2019–2020 Mountain Lion Season and Harvest Limits–For Possible Action

The Board will make to the Commission as they will consider adopting 2019–2020 mountain lion hunting season open units, harvest limits by unit group, hunting hours, and special regulations.

Glenn read the supplemental information supplied by the Dept.
Discussion ensued, no recommendation at this time.

3. Discussion of other items on the Commission Agenda for January 25-26, 2019.

No further items were discussed.

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

Darren Hamrey stated that he has a suggestion he would like to present to the Dept for waterfowl. His suggestions are to start waterfowl season on the second Saturday of October, unless the first Saturday lands on the 1st.....in that case I would start it on the third Saturday.

Some reasoning for this: Tags and other seasons.....for example, say I am awarded a cow elk tag, I am forced to choose to hunt elk or ducks for opener. Another reason, the heat. A third reason, it has always normally been the second Saturday up until the last few years. It worked fine that way, leave it alone and go back to it. There is also some conflict with some sagehen seasons running into waterfowl season. I am not concerned with chucker season running into it because chucker season is just as long as duck season, however, sagehen is a short specialty season so avoiding overlapping is best for all.

I'm sure I can come up with other reason with more scientific data but we can save that for when I have more time and they actually bite on our request. I hope this is what you're looking for.
He stated that normally that he is hunting on MLK holiday, but this year the season ended on Sunday so he wasn't hunting on Monday.

Plans for June 21 NDOW meeting in Hawthorne.

Glenn stated that he would like to have elk and need to get the Commission familiar with the area.

Darren stated that his group is still finalizing plans for a dinner to be provided to the group while they are in Hawthorne.

Glenn stated that the room upstairs at the El Cap is reserved for the meeting. But still needing an estimate on the rooms.

Johnny asked if there is anything more about Sage Grouse. Obama blessed us with the BiState agreement. But the present president changed that. Have not heard anything more.

Discussion of new changes in the State staffing with the New Governor.

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.

A motion was made by Darren Hamrey, seconded by Billie Williams to adjourn the meeting at 6:52 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