

Minutes of the Mineral County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife Meeting

Date & Time: Monday April 29, 2019 at 6:00 PM

Location : MEETING ROOM, HAWTHORNE LIBRARY, 1<sup>st</sup> & A<sup>st</sup>

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

Absent: Darren Hamrey

Public Present : Dennis Bunch

Glenn Bunch called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM and noted that the meeting was properly noticed on April 22, 2019.

- 1\* **Commission General Regulation 19-14, Big Game Quotas for the 2019-2020 Season.**  
The Board will make recommendation to the Commission as they will establish regulations for the numbers of tags to be issued for mule deer, pronghorn antelope, elk, bighorn sheep, black bear, and mountain goats for 2019-2020 seasons.

Resident Black Bear – Any Legal Weapon Hunt  
Unit 202, 206, Sept 15 – Dec 1, Dept Quota – 45  
***The Board Concurs with Dept Recommendation***

Nonresident Black Bear – Any Legal Weapon Hunt  
Unit 202, 206, Sept 15 – Dec 1, Quota 5  
***The Board Concurs with Dept Recommendation***

Black Bear Harvest Limit – Combined Resident and Nonresident Hunt  
Unit 202, 206, Sept 15 – Dec 1,  
2019 Harvest Limit 6,  
2019 Female Harvest Limit 2  
***The Board Concurs with Dept Recommendation***

Resident Antelope – Horns longer than ears, Any Legal Weapon Hunt  
Unit 202, 204, 2019 Oct 15 – Oct 30 – Dept Rec. 7  
***The Board Concurs with Dept Recommendation*** of 7  
Unit 205-208, 2019 Aug 22 – Sept 7 Dept Rec 20  
Johnny Peterson said he would like to see 25. Board agreed with the suggestion of 25  
***The Board Disagrees and request 25.***

Resident Antelope – Horns longer than ears – Muzzeloder Hunt  
***No Recommendation***

Resident Antelope – Horns longer than ears Archery Hunt  
Unit 205-208, Aug 1 – Aug 21 Dept Rec 10,  
Wayne Larson stated that while he was out there hunting that there was less in there last year when he was out there hunting.  
After discussion:

***The Board Agrees with Dept Recommendation of 10***

Resident Antelope – Horns shorter than ears Any Legal Weapon Hunt  
**No Recommendation**

Nonresident Antelope – Horns longer than ears – Any Legal Weapon  
Unit 202, 204 – Oct 15 – Oct 30, Dept Rec 1  
***The Board agrees with 1***

Nonresident Antelope – Horns longer than ears – Archery Hunt  
Unit 202, 204 – Oct 15 – Oct 30, Dept Rec 1  
***The Board agrees with 1***  
Unit 205-208 – Aug 1 – Aug 21, Dept Rec 2  
***The Board agrees with 2***

There was a little confusion to which hunt we were on. It was discussed that without having the hunt numbers, it was a more difficult to keep them all straight. Especially in the response form.

Resident Nelson (Desert) Bighorn Sheep – Any Ram – Any Legal Weapon Hunt  
Unit 202, Nov 20 – Jan 1 Quota Rec – 5  
***The Board Disagree – Request 6***

Unit 205, Oct 15 – Nov 15 Quota Rec – 13

***The Board Concurs with Dept Recommendation***

Unit 206, 208, Nov 20 – Jan 1, Quota Rec – 4

***The Board Concurs with Dept Recommendation***

Unit 207, Nov 15-Nov 15, Quota Rec – 5 –

***The Board Concurs with Dept Recommendation***

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

Unit 205 – Nov 20 – Jan 1, Quota Rec 1,

Unit 207 – Oct 15 – Nov 15, Quota Rec 1,

***The Board Concurs with Dept Recommendation***

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**The board discussed the request for transplanting elk into Mineral County. It is still an active request on the table from the Advisory Board and Mineral County Board of Commissioners. Further discussion of the area that would see the elk and if they did get into the State Parks over by Fletcher, it would be a great drawing card for people to travel to the parks.**

**Billie Williams stated that he had requested at the last Commission Meeting for an update to come before the Commission at their meeting in Hawthorne in June. Still have hopes for an elk transplant.**

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

Resident Elk – Antlered – Any Legal Weapon Hunt  
No Recommendation

Resident Elk – Antlered – Muzzleloader Hunt  
No Recommendation

Resident Elk – Antlered – Archery Hunt  
No Recommendation

Resident Elk – Spike – Any Legal Weapon Hunt  
No Recommendation

Resident Elk – Antlerless – Any Legal Weapon Hunt  
No Recommendation

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

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

Resident Elk – Antlerless – Muzzleloader Hunt  
No Recommendation

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

Resident Elk – Antlerless – Archery Hunt  
No Recommendation

Resident Elk – Antlerless Elk Management Archery

Option for Mule Deer Archery Hunt  
No Recommendation

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

Nonresident Elk – Antlered – Any Legal Weapon Hunt  
No Recommendation

Nonresident Elk – Antlered – Muzzleloader Hunt  
No Recommendation

Nonresident elk – Antlered – Archery Hunt 4261  
No Recommendation

Nonresident Elk – Antlerless – Any legal Weapon Hunt  
No Recommendation

Nonresident Elk – Antlerless Elk Management Any legal Weapon Hunt  
Option for Mule Deer Hunt  
No Recommendation

Nonresident Elk – Antlerless – Muzzleloader Hunt  
No Recommendation

Nonresident Elk – Antlerless – Archery Hunt  
No Recommendation

Resident Junior Mule Deer Antlered or Antlerless  
Archery, Muzzleloader, or Any legal Weapon Hunt

Unit 202, 205-208, Dept Rec 25

Jason Salsbury state his rationale for the recommendation and the buck/doe ratio.

***The Board Concurs with Dept Recommendation***

Resident Mule Deer – Antlerless Any Legal Weapon Hunt  
No Recommendation

Resident Mule Deer Antlered – Any Legal Weapon Hunt  
Unit 202, 205-208, Nov 5 – Nov 30, Dept Rec 50

Discussion ensued with the junior hunt being increased by the Department, then the deer must be we need to keep it same as last year.

Discussion of the status book not being available at the meeting to obtain the success ratio.

***The Board Disagrees with the Dept Rec and request the quota be increased to 55.***

Resident Mule Deer Antlered Muzzleloader Hunt

Unit 202, 205-208, Dec 1 – Dec 15, Dept Rec 10

***The Board Disagrees with the Dept Rec and request the quota be increased to 15***

Resident Mule Deer Antlered Archery Hunt

Unit 201, 202, 204-208 Early, Aug 10 – Sept 9, Dept Rec 10

***The Board Concurs with Dept Recommendation***

Unit 202, 205-208 Late, Dec 16 – Jan 1, Dept Rec 10

***The Board Concurs with Dept Recommendation***

Nonresident Mule Deer Antlered Any legal Weapon Hunt

Unit 202, 205-208, Nov 5 – Nov 30, Dept Rec 4

***The Board Concurs with Dept Recommendation***

Nonresident Mule Deer Antlered Muzzleloader Hunt

Unit 202, 205-208, Dec 1 – Dec 15, Dept Rec 4

***The Board Concurs with Dept Recommendation***

Nonresident Mule Deer Antlered Archery Hunt

Unit 201, 202, 204-208 Early, Aug 10 – Sept 9, Dept Rec 2

***The Board Concurs with Dept Recommendation***

Unit 202, 205-208 Late – Dec 16 – Jan 1, Dept Rec 2

***The Board Concurs with Dept Recommendation***

- 2\*** Discussion and updates relative to the request for elk to be transplanted in Mineral County. Discussion of Cow Elk and Bull Elk tags.

Glenn Bunch said he put this on the agenda so that it stays in the Commission's eye sight. Billie Williams stated that the Commission remarked that we had not talked with the other CABs.

Glenn Bunch stated that it's the Commission who is to pole the other counties to help make their decision.

Billie Williams advised the Board that he requested the Commission to give an update at the Commission meeting to be held in Hawthorne on June 21.

- 3\*** **Discussion of other items on the Commission Agenda for May 3-4, 2019.**

There was nothing really to be discussed.

- 4.\*** **This Board is to discuss final plans for the June 21-22 NDOW meeting in Hawthorne for review and appropriate action.**

We are hoping the road stays open up Cottonwood to Mt. Grant. Discussion that we may not be able to get all the way to the top of Mt. Grant, but we should be able to reach the turkey track and Lappin Meadows. Also was discussed about the Vetting process to clear everyone who wants to go up on the mountain and the process to do that.

Also that there will be people from the community that will be at the June 21 meeting to ask about what is the status of elk to be transplanted in Mineral County.

Also, the Sportsman's Club is sponsoring the dinner. They have contacted the El Cap to prepare the dinner and the Sportsman's Club would like to sponsor the meal and have a donation bucket available for people just to make a donation.

Johnny Peterson said he would have the paperwork ready for the Vetting so that everyone who wants to go up on the mountain will be cleared to go.

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

**We recommend the Commission to put the elk issue on their agenda for June**

Jason Salsbury brought to the boards attention the issue of the sheep crossing on the highway by the Buffalo Stop. It's night and day they are eating the ephedra plant. And they like to get in the shade of the picnic tables at the State Beach. The water in the town are being supplied by the residents. This draws them to the ephedra plants. We are up to 40 sum sheet in the last 6 years that have been killed on the highway.

Johnny Peterson said that on March 20 he had 3 of them all the way around to Cat Creek.

Glenn Bunch stated that they are moving north, all the way up to Reece Canyon.

Jason Salsbury is also in the process of getting a guzzler on the north side of the cliffs.

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 Public Comment.**

Meeting adjourned at 6:42 PM