

THE WHITE PINE COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE MET IN REGULAR SESSION ON
May 10, 2016 AT 6:00 PM IN THE MT. WHEELER POWER CONFERENCE ROOM IN ELY NEVADA

Present:

Board Chairman Ray Sawyer
Board Vice-Chairman

Board members Justin Rozich
Mitchel McVicars
Brian Bennett
Brad

Board Secretary Christina Sawyer (Joy Bennett as Substitute)

Absent:

Visitors:

Mike Podborny, NDOW, Tom Donham, NDOW, Kody Menghini, NDOW, Scott Roberts, NDOW, Scott Giles, NDOW, Jake Brunson, Carl Jackson, Trevor Marques (sp?), Lauri Carson (sp?).

Called to order:

Meeting was called to order by Ray Sawyer at 6:00 pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comment Period:

Nothing offered. Period closed at 6:01.

Approval of Agenda:

*A motion to approve the May 10, 2016 agenda as written was made by board member **Justin** and seconded by board member Brad. Motion passed with no opposition.*

Approval of minutes:

January 26th: Ray says no copy of minutes left. Table approval until next meeting.

The March 22, 2016 Same.

Payment of Bills:

Request for payment was presented by Ray Sawyer on behalf of board secretary Christina Sawyer for secretarial services for the March 22, 2016 meeting agenda and minutes for \$150.00. Correction needed for date. Ray is writing the date in as 3/22/16 in order for the bill date to be properly presented. All board members signed it. Motion for approval Brian, Second from Justin. No opposition. Motion passed.

Correspondence:

None presented

Reports:

None presented

Agenda items:

Items listed on the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners Meeting for 5/13/16. Brad moves to accept policy 26 changes, second from Justin. All in favor. None Opposed. Passed.

Draft Humboldt County Sub-plan (Second Reading): Justin motion to accept the sub-plan as written. Mitchel seconds. All in favor. None opposed, Motion passed.

Agenda Item 9: Presentation of Fiscal Year 2017 Draft Predation Management Plan. Brad moves to accept Item 9 as written. Second: Brian. None opposed, motion passed.

Agenda item 10: Consideration of Revisions to Existing Commission Policy 23 on Predation Management (Second Reading) Justin moves to accept Policy 23 as written, second from Mitch. None opposed, motion passed.

11 B, First Reading, Policy 1, General Guidelines. Brian moves to pass 11b first reading of policy 1, second from Mitch. None opposed. Motion passes.

12. Brian moves, Justin seconds to approve Duck Stamp Sponsor. None opposed, Motion passed.

23 Regulation 460 Definition of a Spike Elk. Mitch moves to accept item #23. Brian seconds. None opposed, motion passed.

Item 24: General Regulation 456. Discussion from Brian. He brought up #14 which is a summary of issues. Some discussion from Eureka NDOW that the wording on the “final & binding” was the problem. Summary may have been written by Game Division director. Tom Donham from Eureka, confirming the wording of “final and binding” to change, “final and binding subject to judicial review.” Justin motion to accept. Brian second. None opposed. Motion passed.

Commission Regulation 16-12 Quotas 2016-17 Season:

#1. 6151 6251: Brad motion to accept. Mitchel second. None opposed. Motion carried.

#2, #3, #4 voted as a batch. Justin motion to accept as written. Brad second. None opposed, Motion carried.

#5 Hunt 2181: Brian moves to accept as written. Michel second. None opposed. Motion carried, Brief public comment about archery numbers in northern 13.

#6, #7 as batch. Brian motion to approve as written. Brad second. None opposed Motion, passed.

#8 3151: Public comment. Tag numbers were based on projections of animal travel. (Mike's friend stated). Trevor Marques: Sunnyside no tags? NDOW says no sheep. Sheep are being found on Moriah according to NDOW. Marques is saying there had only been 2 and now 6, NDOW defends and says harvest is low. NDOW trying to deter those not prepared. NDOW confirms they have not found the numbers in Sunnyside. NDOW requests the Marques share info with NDOW if he finds sheep. Brian motion to approve hunt. Mitchel second. None opposed. Motion passed.

#9, 3181: Confirmation from NDOW (Mike's friend) that 2011-13 zero lamb recruitment. Heavy disease. Not many adults were lost. The lambs which would be 6-7 years old are a big hole. Sheep can come from Muddies and go to Utah. Utah is willing to take 50. 212, 213, 253 are all pneumonia positive. None can be moved. They're sick but still producing lambs. Density is high and population control is necessary so can't risk to move. Density control is by shooting ewes. Mitchel move to accept as written. Brian seconds. None opposed. Motion passed.

#10 3251, #11 3281 as batch: Brian moves to approve both as written. Second from Brad. None opposed. Motion passed.

#12, 8151 & #13 8181 & #14 8251 as batch: Justin moves to approve both as written & 8251. Brad seconds. None opposed. Motion passed.

#15 9151: Discussion from NDOW (Menghini?) Hunter success was very low. Moriah older age class rams are seen and documented. Marques suggests date change. Discussion of an early and a late. NDOW agrees. Future split is a plan from NDOW. Brad motion to approve as written. Mitchel second. None opposed. Motion passed.

#16 7151: Question from Justin about disease to Eureka NDOW. Increased recruitment is being seen according to NDOW. Some progress being seen. Nothing to celebrate yet. Brian motion to approve as written. Brad second. None opposed. Motion passed.

#17 4102: Brian move to approve as written. Second from Justin. None opposed. Motion passed.

#18 4107: Brad moves to approve as written. Second from Brian. None opposed. Motion passed.

#19 4151: Comment from Marques: Menghini? from NDOW says calf ratio of 45 this year is a big jump. Need an increase in cow and bull harvest. Data shows that the bulls are really solid.

Bull ratio was about 33 per 100 cows. Percent 6 points was between 75-80%. Age structure in the bulls is showing very solid. Average age in 11 was 6.5, and 12 also. Up from years past. Bulls are there. Trying to balance with cows is the goal. Ray commented that over 100 in the Schell Creeks is too many. Brian said regulation can't occur because of that. Brian states, on behalf of the board, that the board proposes 111 early rifle is proposed change from 130 to 115 in early hunt and from 223 early from 85-80 and moving them to muzzleloader. Carl proposed we go back to last year's numbers and throw the difference in archery/muzzleloader. Ray pointed out the numbers are inconsistent on harvest in archery so it really depends on who is hunting and their skill level. Proposal to take 5 from the late and put it in the archery. Discussion to take 5 out of each late hunt and put them in archery. This includes 22 as well.

Proposal: 111-115 Early recommended 115 (was 130), 111-115 Late from 110 to now 105; 221-223 early from 85 to 80; and 221-223 late from 80 to now 75. Brian moved. Mitchel second. None opposed. Motion passed.

#20 4481 Option for hunt 4151: Brad move to accept as written. Mitchel second . None opposed. Motion passed.

#21 4156: Brian 111-115 from 15-30, 221-223 change from 15-20. Brian reported that this is the Board's proposal. Brian moves to accept as written with exception of changes noted above. Brad seconds. None opposed. Motion passed.

Action: Amend muzzleloader hunt #21 4156: amend 104, 108 121 from 3 to 8. (add 5). Brian motion to make amendment. Unit 104, 108 121 from the 3 that the department wanted to 8. Second from Brad. None opposed. Motion passed.

#22 4161: Justin moves to approve #22 sith the following amendments: Units 104, 108 121 from 15 to now 10, 111-115 from 30 to 35 tags and 221-223 from 25 tags to 30 tags. Second from Brian. None opposed. Motion passed.

#23 4651 Brian moves to approve as written, second Brad, None opposed, motion passed.

#24 4181 & #25 4181 (Wilderness Only) as batch: Brian moves to approve as written for both. Mitch second. None opposed. Motion passed.

#26 4481 Option for Mule Deer Hunt 1331: Brian moves to approve. Second from Brad. None opposed. Motion passed.

#27 4176 & #28 4476 Option for Mule Deer Hunt 1371 as batch: NDOW member said there was a typo (Scott?). Change should be 150. Brad moves to accept 4176 as written with exception of the change. 101-103 change in quota from 225 to 150. Second by Mitch. Opposed by none. Motion passed.

#29 4111 & #30 4411 Option for Mule Deer 1341 as batch: NDOW recommends change quota as 15, not 20 – says this was a typo. Justin moves 4111 as written and 4411 as written with changes: 101-103 late from 20-15. Brian second. None opposed. Motion passed.

#31 4251, #32, #33: Motion to approve as written with adjustments according to previous votes (Reference item numbers: #19, #21, #22) changes made on resident hunts. Second Mitch. Opposed none. Motion passed.

#34 4281: Mitch motion to approve as written. Second Justin. None opposed. Motion passed.

#35 1107: Justin requests that the numbers go back to last year's numbers for the junior hunt. Justin motion to accept as written with change: 111-113 from 200 to new 170. Second Mitch. Opposed none. Motion passed.

#36 1101: Brian moves to approve as written. Justin second. None opposed. Motion passed.

#37 1181: Mitch moves to accept as written. Second Brad. None opposed. Motion passed.

#38 1331: Brian moves to accept 1331 with changes: 111-113 late from 50 to now 40, area 221-223 mid from 180-140. Second Brad. None opposed. Motion passed.

#39 1371: Brian moves 1371 to be accepted with this change 111-113 from 15 to 20. Second from Mitch. None opposed. Motion passed.

#40 1341: Proposal to add 5 from 111-113 archery making it 35. Brian moves to accept as written with change of 111-113 to a total of 35 tags from 30. Second from Mitch. Opposed none. Motion passed.

#41,#42, #43 as batch: Brian moves to accept as written with changes to make adjustment as needed to accommodate previous proposals by commission. Justin second. None opposed. Motion passed.

Other recommendations:

Incentive & Damage Panel: Serve for next two years. Action item for commission not us. Mike Podborny suggested that the commission needs to hear why this whole thing is going on. Ray said he would go and be spokesperson of why this didn't work. Brian said he would type something for Ray to present at this weekend's meeting. Ray is going to the meeting on Saturday. Mitch says he will also go to the meeting. Brad moves that Ray and Justin will travel to the May meeting 5/13-14 to Reno. Second from Brian. Opposed none. Motion passed.

Next meeting date(s)

Next meeting date set for June 21 6:00 p.m. at Mt. Wheeler Power.

Public Comment Period: Question from Marques about upcoming discussion or language for drones etc. Mike Podborny said it will come up in June. Cartridges, Drones and ?

Adjournment: 8:25 p.m.

