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MINUTES
NEVADA BOARD OF WILDLIFE COMMISSIONERS
TAG ALLOCATION AND APPLICATION HUNT COMMITTEE
SATURDAY, JUNE 24, 2023 @ 8:00 AM

Bristlecone Convention Center
150 W 6th Street
Ely, NV 89301

Committee Members in attendance: Chairman Tommy Caviglia, Commissioner Eddie Booth, Commissioner Tiffany East, Commissioner Shane Rogers, CABMW Representative Joe Crim, Public Representative Meghan Brown

Nevada Department of Wildlife personnel in attendance: Data and Technology Services (DATS) Division Administrator Kim Munoz, Management Analyst Megan Manfredi, Management Analyst Kailey Musso, Game Division Administrator Shawn Espinosa, Deputy Director Mike Scott, Deputy Director Jordan Goshert, Wildlife Staff Specialist Lee Davis, Wildlife Staff Specialist Joe Bennet, Director Alan Jenne

County advisory Boards to Manage Wildlife (CABMW) Members and public in attendance: Paul Dixon, Gene Green, Jim Cooney

1. Call to Order, Pledge and Roll Call – Committee Chairman Tommy Caviglia

Chairman Caviglia called the meeting to order at 8:00 AM. Members and public present said the pledge. Chairman Tommy Caviglia, Commissioner Eddie Booth, Commissioner Tiffany East, Commissioner Shane Rogers, CABMW Representative Joe Crim, Public Representative Meghan Brown were present. CABMW Representative Matt Melarkey was absent.

2. Approval of Agenda – Committee Chairman Tommy Caviglia – For Possible Action

The Committee will review the agenda and may take action to approve the agenda. The Committee may remove items from the agenda, continue items for consideration or take items out of order.

No public comment.

COMMISSIONER ROGERS MOVED TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER EAST. MOTION PASSED 6-0 WITH CABMW REPRESENTATIVE MELARKEY ABSENT.

3.* Approval of Minutes – Committee Chairman Tommy Caviglia – For Possible Action

The Committee may take action to approve Committee minutes from the November 3, 2022, meeting.

No public comment.

COMMISSIONER EAST MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AS PRESENTED, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ROGERS. MOTION PASSED 6-0 WITH CABMW REPRESENTATIVE MELARKEY ABSENT.

4.* The Draw Order – Management Analyst Megan Manfredi - For Possible Action

The Committee will discuss reordering items in the Big Game Main Draw order found in the Application Deadlines and Draw Results Dates Commission Regulation for proposal to the Commission for hearing at the January 2024 Commission meeting.

Management Analyst Megan Manfredi stated that the Department requested this item be brought to the Committee for discussion based on some requests received from members of the public. The Department proposed an alternative to the current draw order in the support materials. Management Analyst Manfredi explained that the Agency Management Solutions (AMS) system is limited to ten buckets and explained by using the support materials that each number is considered a bucket. Game biologists had a request to flip the Department's proposed bucket seven and bucket eight as the use of bonus points are used for spike elk and not for depredation antlerless elk. This request was brought forward after the support materials were posted.

Commissioner East stated that what the Department has proposed makes sense and wondered why this newly proposed draw order was not used when the draw order was initially created.

No public comment.

COMMISSIONER EAST MOVED TO APPROVE THE DEPARTMENT'S PROPOSED DRAW ORDER AS PRESENTED WITH THE EXCEPTION TO MOVE SPIKE ELK IN FRONT OF ANTLERLESS DEPREDAATION ELK, SECONDED BY CABMW REPRESENTATIVE CRIM. MOTION PASSED 6-0 WITH CABMW REPRESENTATIVE MELARKEY ABSENT.

5.* Waiting Periods for Bighorn Sheep, Mountain Goat, and Moose – Management Analyst Megan Manfredi – For Possible Action

The Committee will discuss determining a waiting period for future Moose tags and amending NAC 502.345 and 502.364 for the adjustment of waiting period lengths related to Nelson (Desert) bighorn sheep, Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep, California bighorn sheep, and Mountain Goat.

Chairman Caviglia opened the agenda item by stating this was brought forward based on comments from the public and the perception that a single person has drawn multiple ram tags in their lifetimes while other sportsmen and women have not been able to draw a single tag. He compared Nevada to other western states stating that Nevada is the only state who has a waiting period that will expire. Most other western states have a lifetime waiting period for bighorn sheep regardless of hunt success.

Management Analyst Manfredi added that the Department's moose biologist suggested a lifetime waiting period for moose as the projected tag quotas would be very low starting out. She included that in preparation for this discussion, the Department pulled 18 years' worth of draw data. From 2005 through 2023 zero people have drawn a rocky bighorn sheep ram tag twice, one person has drawn a California bighorn sheep tag ram twice, and 16 people have drawn a Nelson bighorn sheep ram tag twice. She included data on customers who have drawn multiple bighorn sheep ram tags regardless of subspecies and that data included four people drawing three ram tags in their lifetime, 246 people drawing two ram tags in their lifetime, and 3,510 drawing one ram tag in their lifetime.

CABMW Representative Crim stated that a ten-year waiting period could be perceived as working similar to a lifetime waiting period as it takes an applicant an average of ten or more years of unsuccessful

applications before being drawn a tag. They then begin that process over after the ten-year waiting period has ended.

Discussion ensued regarding lifetime waiting periods, how that would affect customers with bonus points, how that would alter a customer's application strategy in the future, and the other management ram hunts that have the applied lifetime waiting period.

Public Comment:

Paul Dixon representing Clark CABMW stated that the current ten-year waiting periods were effective in creating a once in a lifetime hunt for the species they are assigned to. He did not feel a need to change them to once in a lifetime waiting periods in the future.

CHAIRMAN CAVIGLIA MOVED TO DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT TO FORWARD TO THE COMMISSION REGULATIONS SHOWING LIFETIME WAITING PERIODS FOR ALL BIGHORN SHEEP RAM SPECIES, MOUNTAIN GOAT, AND MOOSE, SECONDED BY PUBLIC REPRESENTATIVE MEGHAN BROWN. MOTION PASSED 6-0 WITH CABMW REPRESENTATIVE MELARKEY ABSENT.

- 6.* Commission Policy 24 – Game Division Administrator Shawn Espinosa – For Possible Action
The Committee will discuss possible changes to the demand-tag success formula defined in Commission Policy 24.

Game Division Administrator Shawn Espinosa opened the agenda item by explaining the need to revisit the demand success formula used in Commission Policy 24 and how it currently factors in the first choice of unsuccessful applicants while using all five choices for the successful tag applicants. Most unsuccessful applicants select an any legal weapon option for their first choice and the primitive weapon classes more so in their later choices. He shared a handful of alternative options for the Committee to consider using as a new demand success formula.

Commissioner East asked which of the suggestions would be a preference of the Department.

Game Division Administrator Espinosa answered that the first option would be the Department's preference. That option included looking at all five choices of an applicant over a three-year average.

Discussion continued around the demand success formula and the options provided by the Department.

No public comment.

CHAIRMAN CAVIGLIA MOVED TO DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT TO BRING BACK TO THE COMMITTEE A REVISED VERSION OF COMMISSION POLICY 24 WHICH UPDATES THE DEMAND SUCCESS FORMULA TO LOOK AT ALL FIVE CHOICES OF AN APPLICANT OVER A THREE-YEAR PERIOD, SECONDED BY CABMW REPRESENTATIVE CRIM. MOTION PASSED 6-0 WITH CABMW REPRESENTATIVE MELARKEY ABSENT.

7. Future Committee Meeting – Committee Chairman Tommy Caviglia – For Possible Action
The committee will discuss possible future agenda topics and set a date and time for the next committee meeting.

Chairman Caviglia stated that the next meeting should revolve around August's Commission, and he would work with the Department on scheduling that meeting either for in person or virtual.

8. Public Comment Period

This period is for general comment on anything not on the agenda. No committee action will be taken but may be scheduled on a future committee agenda. The 3- and 6-minute time limits still apply.

No public comment.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:43 AM.