

Minutes of the Mineral County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife Meeting-Draft Minutes

March 21, 2022

EOC Building, 205 South "A" St, Hawthorne, NV-Training Room

Present: Glenn Bunch, Chairman,
Members Present: Wayne Larson, Johnny Peterson
Marlene Bunch – Adm Assist.

Absent: Billie Williams Jr, Darren Hamrey

Public Present: None

Meeting Called to order by Chairman Glenn Bunch at 6:00 PM

- 1* **Commission Policy 40, Statewide Boating Safety – First Reading** – The Board will review and may make recommendations to the Commission as they will have a first reading of Commission Policy 40, Statewide Boating Safety, and may make any necessary changes and may decide to move it to a second reading.

Chairman Bunch explained to the Board of the items that is coming up with boating safety and paddle craft to the regulations. Colliding with another vessel is an accident and contributing causes. Recommending safety education to as many people as possible. Wearing a life vest for safety.

It was agreed that this needs to be added to the education of those not wearing a life vest.

- 2* **Commission Policy 63, Protecting Wildlife from Toxic Ponds – Second Reading** – The Board will review and may make recommendations to the Commission as they will have a second reading of Commission Policy 63, Protecting Wildlife from Toxic Ponds, and may take action to repeal, revise or adopt the policy.

Chairman Bunch stated that this is in the local mines. He listed Isabella Pearle, and the one on Cedar Summit. Discussion continued of various mines in the areas. This is for board to be familiar with the regulation that is being considered by the Commission.

He further stated that the Mine at Borealis is one that is working to keep the birds off the ponds. Discussion continued of the size of their expansion.

Johnny Peterson agreed that they (Commission) needs to do something with it.

- 3: **Commission Policy 65, Designation of Wildlife Management Areas – Second Reading** – The Board will review and may make recommendations to the Commission as they will have a second reading of Commission Policy 65, Designation of Wildlife Management Areas, and may take action to repeal, revise or adopt the policy.

The Board discussed the various areas that the Wildlife Management areas that are being overseen by the Department.

4. **Commission Regulation 22-10, Migratory Game Bird Seasons, Bag Limits, and Special Regulations for Waterfowl and Webless Migratory Game Birds Public Hunting Limited on Wildlife Management Areas and Designated State Lands – 2022 – 2023 Season** – The Board will review and may make recommendations to the Commission will consider recommendations for seasons, bag limits and special regulations for migratory game birds for the 2022-2023 season and adopt regulations consistent with proposed regulations framework for the 2022-2023 hunting seasons on certain migratory

game birds established by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. The Commission will also consider rules regulating public hunting on Wildlife Management Areas and designated state lands.

Glenn reported to the Board that he had received word from Member Darren Hamrey that he had reviewed the proposed Seasons and he agrees with the Department Regulations.

Mourning & White-Winged Dove

Open Statewide

September 1, 2022 – October 30, 2022

Daily Bag limit 15 Possession 45

½ hour before sunrise to sunset

Special Regulations: Limits for mourning dove and white-winged dove are singly or in the aggregate.

Board Concurs with Recommendation

American Crow

Open Statewide

Fall Season September 1 – November 17, 2022

Spring Season March 1 – April 15, 2023

Daily bag limit 10

Shooting Sunrise to sunset

Special Regulations – May be hunted by archery, shotguns and falconry.

All crows must be retrieved and removed from the field.

Season Closed on Ravens

The Board concurs with Dept recommendation

DUCKS AND MERGANSERS

Northeast Zone.

September 24, 2022 – October 12, 2022

October 22, 2022– January 15, 2023

Northwest Zone

October 15, 2022 – January 8, 2023

January 11, 2023 – January 29, 2023

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

October 15, 2022 – October 23, 2022

October 26, 2022 – January 29, 2023

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

October 29, 2022 – January 29, 2023

Limits:

General Duck Limits: 7/21

Pintail: 1/3

Mallard (total/female): 2 hen mallards daily and 6 in possessions.

Redhead: 2/6

Canvasback: 2/6

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 24, 2022 – October 12, 2022

October 22, 2022 – December 27, 2022

Northwest Zone

November 3, 2022 – January 8, 2023

January 11, 2023 – January 29, 2023

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

November 5, 2022 – January 29, 2023

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

November 5, 2022– January 29, 2023

Limits – 2/6 (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

SPECIAL YOUTH WATERFOWL HUNT

Open Areas:

Northeast Zone

September 17 & 18, 2022

Northwest Zone

October 1, 2022 & February 11, 2023

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

February 11 & 12, 2023

Moapa Valley portion of the Overton Wildlife Management Area

October 22, 2022

Daily bag limit is the same as that for the general season for ducks, mergansers, geese, coots, and moorhens.

Youth hunters possessing a valid Nevada Swan Permit may hunt swans in open swan areas, provided the trumpeter swan quota has not been reached.

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 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

COOTS AND GALLINULES

Northeast Zone.

September 24, 2022 – October 12, 2022

October 22, 2022 – January 15, 2023

Northwest Zone

October 15, 2022 – January 8, 2023

January 11, 2023 – January 29, 2023

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

October 15, 2022 – October 23, 2022

October 26, 2022 – January 29, 2023

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

October 29, 2022 – January 29, 2023

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 24, 2022 – October 12, 2022

October 22, 2022 – January 15, 2023

Northwest Zone

October 15, 2022 – January 1, 2023

January 4, 2023 – January 29, 2023

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

October 15, 2022 – October 23, 2022

October 26, 2022 – January 29, 2023

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

October 29, 2022– January 29, 2023

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 24, 2022 – October 12, 2022

October 22, 2022 – January 15, 2023

Northwest Zone

October 15, 2022 – January 8, 2023

January 11, 2023-January 29, 2023

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

October 15, 2022 – October 23, 2022

October 26, 2022 – January 29, 2023

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

October 29, 2022 – January 29, 2023

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 24, 2022 – October 12, 2022
October 22, 2021 – January 15, 2023

Northwest Zone

October 15, 2022 – January 8, 2023
January 11, 2023 – January 29, 2023

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

October 15, 2022 – October 23, 2022
October 26, 2022 – January 29, 2023

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

October 29, 2022– January 29, 2023

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.

September 24, 2022 – October 12, 2022
October 22, 2022 – January 15, 2023

Northwest Zone

November 5, 2022– January 8, 2023
January 11, 2023 – January 29, 2023
February 18, 2023 – March 10, 2023

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

October 15, 2022– October 23, 2022
October 26, 2022 – January 29, 2023

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

October 29, 2022 – January 29, 2023

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 18, 2023 – March 10, 2023 season.

Special Regulations: Restrictions on three shotshell capacity and recorded or amplified bird calls do not apply during the light goose seasons from February 18, 2023 until March 10, 2023 season: Mason Valley and Scripps/Washoe State Park

The Board concurs with Dept recommendation

FALCONRY SEASON FOR MIGRATORY GAME BIRDS

Northeast Zone.

September 24, 2022– October 12, 2022

October 22, 2022 – January 15, 2023

Northwest Zone

October 15, 2022 – January 8, 2023

January 11, 2023 – January 29, 2023

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

October 15, 2022 – October 23, 2022

October 26, 2022 – January 29, 2023

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

October 29, 2022 – January 29, 2023

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

October 15, 2022 – January 8, 2023

January 11, 2023 – January 29, 2023

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.

Johnny Peterson said he has seen the swan here.

Chairman Glenn stated that we tried to get a swan season at one time but was not approved, it would be nice if it could be considered again.

The Board concurs with Dept recommendation

5. Review and Discussion of remaining agenda items on the NDOW Commission March 25 & 26, 2022 agenda.

No further items discussed on the March 25 & 26 Agenda.

6. Public Comment: Support material provided is posted to the NDOW website (ndow.org). and updates to support material will be posted at ndow.org. PER NRS 501-297, “the Board shall solicit and evaluate local opinion and advise the Wildlife Commission on matters relating to the management of wildlife within their respective counties.”

No Public Comment.

It was moved by Johnney Petersons, seconded by Wayne Larson to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 PM. Motion carried.