

Minutes of the Mineral County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife Meeting-Draft Minutes
January 23, 2023 EOC Building, 205 South "A" St, Hawthorne, NV-Training Room

Present: Glenn Bunch, Chairman,

Members Present: Darren Hamrey
Wayne Larson,
Johnny Peterson
John Lockwood,

Also Present: Jason Salisbury – NDOW-by zoom
Marlene Bunch – Adm Assist.

Absent: None
Public Present: James Richards

Meeting Called to order by Chairman Glenn Bunch at 6:02 PM

Glenn opened the meeting with an Introduction of members, the new board member and visitors.

1* Commission Regulation 23-04, 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 Big Game Seasons

The Board will review and may make recommendations to the Commission as they will consider and may take action to approve the 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 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 Antelope-Horns longer than ears. Any legal Weapon

Hunt 2151

Unit 202, 204 – Oct 15 – Oct 30

Unit 205-208, Aug 22 – Sep 7

The Board Concurs with the Dept Recommendation

Nonresident Antelope – Horns longer than ears. Any Legal Weapon

Hunt 2251,

Unit 202, 204 Oct 15 – Oct 30

Unit 205-208 Aug 22 – Sep 7

The Board Concurs with the Dept Recommendation

Resident Antelope – Horns longer than ears Muzzleloader

Hunt 2171,

Unit 202, 204 Aug 15 – Aug 21- New Season – New Hunt

Unit 205-208, Sept 25 – Oct 4

Jason Salisbury NDOW - stated that he changed it to an earlier season to harvest. There is a few antelope showing up in the guzzlers. No Archery hunt.

The Board Concurs with the Dept Recommendation

Resident Antelope – Horns longer than ears. Archery Hunt

Hunt 2161, Unit 205-208, Aug 1 – Aug 21

The Board Concurs with the Dept Recommendation

Non - Resident Antelope – Horns longer than ears. – Archery Hunt

Hunt 2261, Unit 205-208, Aug 1 – Aug 21

The Board Concurs with the Dept Recommendation

No Recommendation through the Elk Category.

Glenn stated “They haven’t brought us any yet!”

Resident Nelson (Desert) Bighorn Sheep Any Ram Any Legal Weapon

Hunt 3151, Unit 202, Oct 15 – Nov 15 – New Date

Unit 206, Nov 20 – Jan 1 –

Unit 206, 208 Nov 20 – Jan 1

Unit 207, Oct 15 – Nov 15

Jason made statements relative the issues with Walker

Darren asked why Unit 207 was moved to Oct as well.

Jason stated that it was due to the movement across the highway in 205 at the Santa Fe Mine.

The Board stated that we would Concur with the Dept Recommendation at this time and that it may be changed back after we see how this season goes.

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

Hunt 3251, Unit 205, Nov 20 – Jan 1

The Board Concurs with the Dept Recommendation

Resident Nelson (Desert) Bighorn Sheep – Any Ram – Archery Hunt

Hunt 3161, Unit 202, Oct 1 – Oct 31

Darren asked “It’s running in October as well as the Rifle Hunt? The Rifle Hunt 2151 is open from Open Oct 15 to Oct 30 and the Archery Hunt is Oct 1 to Oct 31.

There is a spill over of 15 days.

Jason said that was a good catch. It was missed by the Dept. There should only be 1 archery hunter in the field and so should not cause a problem.

Darren noted that this season was not changed, it was the Rifle Hunt that was changed from last year. It was in November last year.

The Board Concurs with the Dept Recommendation, we will see how it works.

Resident Junior Mule Deer – Antlered Only – Archery, Muzzleloader, or Any Legal Weapon

Hunt 1107, Unit 202, 205-208, Any Legal Weapon Nov 5 – Nov 30

Muzzleloader Dec 1 – Dec 15

Archer – Dec 16 – Jan 1

Glenn noted that this year it is changed to Antlered only.

There was a lot of conversation going on last year. They (Commission) wanted to cut it in some of the season back. They wanted to close others areas. They wanted to restrict them from cutting the bigger deer. Unit #'s 061 062 064 066 068 071-079, 091, 101-109 is either sex. The rest of the hunt units are antlered.

Glenn further stated that when the junior hunt was put together some 30 years ago or so, it was to encourage the youth to hunt and give them a better opportunity to fill their tag no matter what they got in to. There was a lot of does taken. He stated he doesn’t have a problem in going with an antlered tag.

Wayne stated that it’s a lot more challenging.

Glenn stated that there are some kids that go out and they only have just this weekend to hunt. By allowing them to hunt either sex, they were more prone to fill a tag that way.

Glenn further stated that it’s not a bad idea to try it anyway and see how it goes.

The Board Concurs with the Dept Recommendation

Resident and Nonresident Mule Deer – Antlered Any Legal Weapon
Hunt 1331, Unit 202, 205-208, Nov 5 – Nov 30
The Board Concurs with the Dept Recommendation

Resident and Nonresident Mule Deer Antlered - Muzzleloader
Hunt 1371 & 1372, Unit 202, 205-208, Dec 1 – Dec 15
The Board Concurs with the Dept Recommendation

Resident and Nonresident Mule Deer – Antlered – Archery
Hunt 1341, Unit 201-202, 204-208 Early, Aug 10 – Sept,
Unit 202, 205-208 Late, Dec 16 – Jan 1
The Board Concurs with the Dept Recommendation

2.* Commission Regulation 23-05, 2023 Black Bear Seasons.

The Board may make recommendations to the Commission as they will consider and may take action to approve the 2023 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.

Hunt Units 201, 202, 204, 206; Dept 15- Dec 1 (or until harvest limits are met)

Glenn stated that 205 is not listed so not too many bears there.

Glenn asked Jason if there is anything new. What he had heard is that people that put in for a tag will go into a particular unit and that is where there one 1 tag and could only hunt in that one area. Before they could hunt anywhere. Last year before the season was over before it got started, it was over as it killed too many sows.

Jason advised the board of the cause of the shut down.

The Board Concurs with the Dept Recommendation

3.* Commission Regulations 23-06 2023-2024 Mountain Lion Season and Harvest Limits.

The Board may make recommendations to the Commission as they will consider and may take action to approve the 2023-2024 mountain lion hunting season open units, harvest limits by unit group, hunting hours, and special regulations.

Hunt 202, 206, 205, 207, 208 – Harvest Limits 247

The Board Concurs with the Dept Recommendation

4.* Commission Regulation 23-01, 2023 Application Deadlines & Draw Result Dates –

The Board may make recommendations to the Commission as they will consider and may take action to approve the 2023 big game, upland, and waterfowl application deadlines and related information.

Glenn went through the draw dates gave an explanation of the draw process and the results

The Board Concurs with the Dept Recommendation

5.* Commission Regulation 23-08, 2023 Big Game Tag Application Eligibility and Tag Limits

The Board may make recommendations to the Commission as they will consider and may take action to approve the 2023 big game tag application eligibility and tag limits and related information.

Glenn asked if anyone had any questions about the tag eligibility and tag limits. A discussion of first come first serve and returned tags. Resident and non-resident tags and eligibility to jump on available tags that pop up.

6.* Commission Regulation 23-09, 2023 Dream Tag

The Board may make recommendation to the Commission as they will consider and may take action to approve the 2023 Dream Tag species, seasons and quota.

Glenn explained the Dream Tags.

7.* Commission Regulation 23-10, 2024 Heritage Tag Seasons and Quota

The Board may make recommendation to the Commission as they will consider and may take action to approve the 2024 Heritage Tag species, seasons and quota.

Glenn explained the Heritage Tags and how they are obtained.

8.* Commission Regulation 23-11, 2023 Partnership in Wildlife Tags

The Board may make recommendations to the Commission as they will consider and may take action to approve the 2023 Partnership in Wildlife tags hunt species, seasons and quota.

Glenn explained the Partnership in Wildlife tags.

9.* Commission Regulation 23-12, 2023 Silver State Tags

The Board may make recommendations to the Commission as they will consider and may take action to approve the 2023 Silver State tag species, seasons and quota.

Glenn explained the Silver State Tags

10 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."

There was no public comment.

The meeting adjourned at 6:35 PM.