

LYON COUNTY WILDLIFE ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES

Wednesday, March 8, 2023 at 6:00 PM
Silver Springs Senior Center
2945 Fort Churchill, Silver Springs, NV 89429

1. Call to Order

Joe Crawford called the meeting to order at 6:07 pm

2. Roll Call: Determination of a Quorum

Present: Joe Crawford, Mike Osterman, Bob Arigoni, Walt Mandeville

Absent: Alan LaVoie (excused)

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Public Participation (no action will be taken on any item until it is properly agendaized) - It is anticipated that public participation will be held at this time, though it may be returned to at any time during the agenda. Citizens wishing to speak during public participation are asked to state their name for the record and will be limited to 3 minutes. The Board will conduct public comment after discussion of each agenda action item, but before the Board takes any action.

Chairman Joe Crawford shared email correspondence for public participation from Judi Caron regarding the MTO Maison T Ortiz Youth Skills Camp for July 14-16 2023. The camp is held at Winnemucca Ranch and gives boys and girls (ages 11-14) outdoor skills training and a fun overnight camp experience. Chairman Crawford shared the flier that was emailed to the CAB. Nevada Bighorns Unlimited, Northern Nevada Chapter Safari Club and The Rotary Club of Sparks are founding sponsors for the camp. The camp website is <https://nevadaoutdoorskills.org/>.

Chairman Joe Crawford also shared correspondence concerning Utah proposing to declassify mountain lions as big game and consider them vermin. The reasoning behind this is because the mule deer population is declining due to mountain lions. There is concern that this will initiate the mountain lion population. It was mentioned that they want to initiate an out of state hounding permit with limited draw. They are discussing filing a petition. Mule deer have declined due to drought and wild horses as contributing factors. The people in law mankind capacity in Utah have voted for this.

Pam Martinez shared that Rob Jacobson and Jessie Weller are holding a hunters safety class for kids at Fernley Intermediate School. Pam also shared that her class is participating in the Trout in the Classroom. The 6th graders have really enjoyed it and have worked on STEM projects and research around the trout. They have a field trip planned to the Mason Valley Wildlife Area in the next couple weeks to release their trout. The students have even explored careers in wildlife management and some have proposed solutions to help the trout thrive in Nevada. Thank you NDOW for this awesome opportunity for our students.

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5. Community Reports - none
 - a. Nevada Department of Wildlife Representative - none present

6. For Possible Action: Review and adoption of agenda
Joe Crawford moved that the CAB approve the agenda. Mike Ostermane seconded. The motion passed unanimously 4-0

7. For Possible Action: Approve minutes of meeting from **January 27, 2023**
Mike Osterman moved to approve the minute from ,January 27, 2023. Bob Arigoni seconded. The motion passed unanimously 4-0

8. For Possible Action to Forward a Recommendation: Nevada Wildlife Commission Reports Review for Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners (NBWC) Meeting on **March 10th and 11th 2023**
Link to Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners Meeting information:
http://www.ndow.org/Public_Meetings/Com/Agenda/
 - a. **NBWC Item 6E E.*** Draft Fiscal Year 2024 Predation Management Plan – For Possible Action The draft Fiscal Year 2024 Predation Management Plan will be presented to the Commission for review. A report from the Predatory Animal and Rodent Committee (PARC) Meeting, held on February 2nd will be shared with the Commission. All comments from the Commission, PARC, County Advisory Boards to Manage Wildlife, and any other interested publics will be compiled and shared with the Wildlife Damage Management Committee (WDMC) for their consideration at the March 2023 meeting. One new proposed Mule Deer Enhancement Program Project 47 will be considered for inclusion in the Draft Fiscal Year 2024 Predation Management Plan.
No Action Taken

 - b. **NBWC Item 7A*** Commission Policy 23 – Predation Management – Third Reading – For Possible Action The NBWC Commission will review Commission Policy 23 and may make any necessary changes and may decide to repeal, revise, or adopt the policy.
No Action Taken

 - c. **NBWC Item 8A** Commission General Regulation 506, Possession of Golden Eagles Under Certain Circumstances – For Possible Action The NBWC Commission will hold a second workshop to consider amending Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) 503 to allow for possession of a golden eagle under certain circumstances.
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- d. **NBWC Item 16 A.*** Commission Regulation 23-13, 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 – 2023 – 2024 Season – For Possible Action The Commission will consider recommendations for seasons, bag limits and special regulations for migratory game birds for the 2023-2024 season and adopt regulations consistent with proposed regulations framework for the 2023-2024 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.
CAB Discussion - Duck production should be good with plenty of water.
No Action Taken
- e. **NBWC Item 16 B.*** Commission Regulation 23-04 Amendment 1, 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 Big Game Seasons – For Possible Action The Commission will consider and may take action to approve the 2023-2024 and 2024- 2025 emergency depredation hunt structure and statewide quota.
No Action Taken

10. Correspondence None

11. Chair & Board Member Comments

Mike Osterman shared that B90 is being proposed which would make the wild/feral horse the state horse for Nevada and AB102 will ban coyote contests.

Bob Arigoni inquired about the procedure when a tagholder passes away - their tag can be donated and what this entails? If a tag holder passes away the tag can be donated to a nonprofit and auctioned. He questioned if this organization can be any nonprofit club?

The next NBWC Commission meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 11th.

The Next Lyon Wildlife CAB meeting scheduled for April 5th at 6pm in Silver Springs.

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13. Adjourn

Joe Crawford adjourned meeting at 6:43pm

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