

Minutes of the Mineral County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife Meeting-Draft Minutes
March 6, 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: Marlene Bunch – Adm Assist.

Absent: None

Meeting Called to order by Chairman Glenn Bunch at 7:01 PM

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

- 1* 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** – The Board will consider recommendation for Possible Action by The Commission as they 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.

MOURNING & WHITE-WINGED DOVE

Open Areas: Statewide

Seasons September 1 – October 30, 2023

Daily bag limit 15 Possession 45

Hours ½ hour before sunrise to sunset

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

The Board concurs with the Department Regulations

AMERICAN CROW

Open Areas : Statewide

Fall Season: September 1 – November 17, 2023

March 1 – April 15, 2024

Daily bag limit 10

Shooting Hours Sunrise to Sunset

Special Regulations – Archery, Shotguns and falconry.

All crows must be retrieved and removed from the field.

Season closed on ravens.

The Board concurs with Dept recommendation

WATERFOWL ZONE DESIGNATIONS:

NORTHWEST ZONE: Carson City, Churchill, Douglas, Humboldt, Lyon, Mineral Pershing, Storey & Washoe Counties.

DUCKS AND MERGANSERS

Northwest Zone

October 14, 2023– January 7, 2024

January 10, 2024 – January 28, 2024

Limits:

General Duck Limits: 7/21

Pintail: 1/3

Mallard /Mexican duck(total/female): 2 hen mallards daily

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)

Northwest Zone.

November 2, 2023 – January 7, 2024

January 10, 2024 – January 28, 2024

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

Northwest Zone

September 30, 2023 & February 10, 2024

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

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)

Northwest Zone

October 14, 2023 – January 7, 2024

January 10, 2024 – January 28, 2024

Limits – 25 / 75

Shooting hours: ½ hour before sunrise to sunset

Special Regulations: Open to Nonresidents.

The Board concurs with Dept recommendation

SNIFE

Northwest Zone

October 14, 2023 – January 7, 2024

January 10, 2024 – January 28, 2024

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

Northwest Zone

October 14, 2023 – January 7, 2024

January 10, 2024 – January 28, 2024

Limits – 5/15

Shooting hours: ½ hour before sunrise to sunset

Special Regulations: Open to Nonresidents.

The Board concurs with Dept recommendation

WHITE-FRONTED GEESE

Northwest Zone

October 14, 2023 – January 7, 2024

January 10, 2024 – January 28, 2024

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

Northwest Zone

November 4, 2023 – January 7, 2024

January 10, 2024 -January 28, 2024

February 19, 2024 – March 10, 2024

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 and Scripps WMA/ Washoe State Park during February 19, 2024 – March 10, 20124 season.

The Board concurs with Dept recommendation

FALCONRY SEASON FOR MIGRATORY GAME BIRDS

Northwest Zone

October 14, 2023 – January 7, 2024

January 10, 2024 – January 28, 2024

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

No Swan Season in Mineral County only Churchill, Lyon and Pershing Counties
Season

October 14, 2023 – January 7, 2024

January 10, 2024 – January 28, 2024

Darren Hamrey made recommendation regarding the following: Successful swan hunters are required to validate their permit pursuant to NAC 502.380, and then present at least the head and neck of their swan to an NDOW agent at selected sites for special verification within three (3) days of harvest. Attempting to appear at the mandatory inspection sites as provided by the Department with the swan hunt permits is difficult. In this modern age of electronics, why can't there be a way for the hunter to take a picture with their cell phone of their harvested swan with their hunt permit and submit it to a reviewing agent for verification. This is a problem non-residents of the hunt areas has to contend with. There should be a better way of doing the verification.

Glenn commented that he thought that was a good suggestion and he will bring it up at the State Wildlife meeting this Friday or Saturday during their CAB Board recognition.

BOARD COMMENTS:

Darren Hamrey again requested the Department to look into the checking of the Swan. And it applies to elk too. When a hunter from outside the hunt areas gets his swan on a Sunday and goes to work on Monday, it's difficult for the successful swan hunter to validate their permit. Also to present the head and neck of their swan to an NDOW agent at selected sites for species verification within the three days of Harvest. This Mandatory inspection is very It should make it easier for the hunter.

- 2* **Commission Regulation 23-04 Amendment 1, 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 Big Game Seasons** –The Board will review and may make recommendation – For Possible Action by The Commission as they will consider and may take action to approve the 2023-2024 and 2024- 2025 emergency depredation hunt structure and statewide quota.

Glenn explained that when there is a depredation emergency hunt, it gives the Department the availability to process an emergency hunt when and where as needed.

Wayne asked why they need an emergency hunt. Every year they cut the tag limits down. So why do they need an emergency hunt?

Glenn explained that a lot of the times what constitutes an emergency hunt when they have a fire in the summer range and they will throw an emergency hunt and they get there and not have anything to eat.

- 3 **Review the remainder of the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioner's Meeting Agenda for March 10 & 11, 2023.** The Board may discuss the remainder of the Commission's Agenda.

No further reviews.

4 Public Comment:

A request was made by Keith Neville via Darren Hamrey In talking in the state meetings of the option of donating bonus points to some organizations. An older gentlemen like himself may have 20 or 25 bonus points on mountain goats. At his age he's not going mountain goat hunting. He's looking at the option of donating those points. They could be raffled out

Glenn stated that the state meeting, at the fist part of the meeting they reach out to the advisory boards for any subjects they would like to present to the Department and Commission. At that time, he will ask for the Department to look into the feasibility of bonus points being donated.

Discussion continued with the process that bonus points are used.

Darren further suggested thinking about beavers up Corey Canyon to turn that area into a viable fishery. He explained how it was done in other areas and asked if it could be something to be looked at.

It was a good idea and Fisheries Biologist Kris Urquhart should be brought into this discussion for consideration.

The meeting adjourned at 7:48 PM.