

**MINUTES OF THE CHURCHILL COUNTY
ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE**

**155 N. Taylor St., Fallon, NV 89406
January 27, 2021**

Call to Order:

The regular meeting of the Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife was called to order at 7:00 PM on January 27, 2021.

PRESENT:

Member Peggy A. Hughes, Chair
Member Jim Curran
Member Timothy Gubler
Member Jason Sibley
Member Gary Cordes
Deputy Clerk of the Board Pamela D. Moore
Jason Salisbury

ABSENT:

N/A

Pledge of Allegiance:

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by the board and public.

Public Comment:

Chair Hughes asked if there was any public comment but there was none.

Verification of the Posting of the Agenda:

It was verified by Pamela D. Moore, Deputy Clerk of the Board, that the Agenda for this meeting was posted on the 21st day of January, 2021, between the hours of 12:00 and 4:00 PM at all of the locations listed on the Agenda, in accordance with NRS 241 and the Governor's Emergency Declaration for posting during the Pandemic.

Consideration and possible action re: Approval of Agenda as submitted:

Member Cordes made a motion to approve the Agenda as submitted. Member Sibley seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

Consideration and possible action re: Approval of Minutes of the meeting held on:

A- November 4, 2020.

The Minutes of the meeting held on November 4, 2020 are submitted for the board's consideration and approval.

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

Member Gary Cordes made a motion to approve the Minutes of the meeting held on November 4, 2020 as presented. Member Jason Sibley seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

Consideration and possible action re: Review of Correspondence:

Appointments:

A- Consideration and possible action re: Commission General Regulation 495, NAC 502 Simplification.

The Commission will review the Regulation Simplification Committee's recommendations regarding language updates and simplification of Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) 502 relating to licensing.

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

Member Jim Curran said this is actually the third time we have looked at NAC 502 of recommendations. I know they have had at least 3 public meetings on these and had a chance to review them and make recommendations to the Simplification Committee and the Commission. I would have to then think that we must be pretty much in agreement with all the different user groups. There may still be some disagreements but there is no way really for us to know, at the county level, what any of the problems still could be after like 3 different public hearings. With that, I am more apt to approve the department's recommendations because that is what these actually are now. I have only been contacted by one person and that had to do with a definition of cage trapping that is on page 55 under definition of a cage, which is required in any metropolitan area like Las Vegas and Reno which is not in here, but it was brought up by a chief law enforcement person. It is what they call the Bailey Trap or the Hancock Trap, which is a live cage. You can catch beaver and relocate them. I know a contractor that does beaver control. His communication with the Commission is to get that clarified so the warden can't come up with their own definition. That is the only contact that I have had with anyone with a concern.

Chair Hughes asked if there was any public comment but there was none.

Member Jim Curran made a motion to approve Commission General Regulation 495 as presented. Member Jason Sibley seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

B- Consideration and possible action re: Commission General Regulation 496, NAC 503 Simplification.

The Commission will review the Regulation Simplification Committee's recommendations regarding language updates and simplification of Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) 503 relating to wildlife.

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

Chair Hughes asked if there was any public comment but there was none.

Member Jim Curran made a motion to approve Commission General Regulation 496 as presented. Member Jason Sibley seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

C- Consideration and possible action re: Commission General Regulation 497, NAC 504 Simplification.

The Commission will review the Regulation Simplification Committee's recommendations regarding language updates and simplification of Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) 504 relating to wildlife management areas and other wildlife related topics.

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

Chair Hughes asked if there was any public comment but there was none.

Member Jim Curran made a motion to approve Commission General Regulation 497 as presented. Member Jason Sibley seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

D- Consideration and possible action re: Commission General Regulation 493, NAC 488 Simplification.

The Commission will review the Legislative Council Bureau's drafted language of the updates and simplifications to Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) 488 relating to watercrafts as proposed by the Commission and Regulation Simplification Committee.

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

Chair Hughes asked if there was any public comment but there was none.

Member Jim Curran made a motion to approve Commission General Regulation 493 as presented. Member Jason Sibley seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

E- Consideration and possible action re: Commission Regulation 21-03 related to the 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 Big Game Seasons.

The Commission will consider adopting the 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 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.

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

Chair Hughes said the first one is antelope and non-resident antelope, horns longer than ears. There are no changes in those seasons from last year. Resident antelope, horns longer than ears, muzzleloader, it looks like three seasons were added to those three locations and there were a whole bunch of seasons that were added. Jason Salisbury said they just added pretty much a lot of the units to the muzzleloader hunt throughout the whole state. It is just opportunity with a different weapon type.

Member Gubler said do they pull numbers from rifle tags to make up the difference? Jason Salisbury said there are only a certain number of antelope to go around for harvest, so it will have to be run for a year or two regardless of what the success rate is. It is still coming out of that same pot of antelope. Member Gubler said they are not add-ons. It is just splitting up how you kill these. If there were 120 tags in the unit before, there are still 120 tags. There are probably going to be more rifle and less muzzleloader because there is not the demand on them. Member Curran said, Jason, do you still use the demand/success formula in allocating between archery and muzzleloader? Jason Salisbury said we use the demand/success formula as much as we can. When it comes to deer and a few outliers with deer archery and things like that, success is so low, it sometimes will throw it out of balance. You could have a unit where there are 200 rifle tags and the success could be 7% or something, so the demand/success would show that you need 200 archery tags, so some of that is manipulated a little bit so it does not look so out of whack. They are trying to figure out a better system in the future for some of those things because the archery success can be low and it drives up the number of tags. Member Curran said I wonder what it is in other states. I wonder if, all of a sudden, we are going to lose 30% of the rifle tags where we know the demand is. Jason Salisbury said this one is going to be close for us. It is going to be a little more challenging. There are a couple of seasons on here where you could actually, sit on water on these units with these August timeframes. Those are mostly the eastern region with a little bit of Pershing County.

Chair Hughes said the next one is non-resident antelope horns longer than ears. It looks like those were all added. Resident antelope horns longer than ears, most of those are the same as last season, with the addition of 2 or so units there; 141, 042, 043, and 046 were added. Jason Salisbury said the only thing that changed there is that earlier time frame for the muzzleloader season, so it changed it up a little bit with a shorter season for those.

Chair Hughes said the next one is resident antelope horns shorter than ears. It is pretty much the same as last year with the addition of units 043-046.

Chair Hughes asked if there was any public comment but there was none.

Member Jason Sibley made a motion to approve Commission Regulation 21-03 related to Antelope as presented. Member Timothy Gubler seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

Chair Hughes said the next one is resident elk with antlers, any weapon, depredation hunt. It looks like they added 5 new units and made changes to 3 others as far as ending dates. Resident elk antlered, any legal weapon, it looks like they closed 2 seasons and added several others. Jason Salisbury said Unit 115 is Southern Nevada Water Authority properties and there is no fencing around any of it, so it is just trying to push elk around that area.

Chair Hughes said the next one is non-resident elk with antlers, it is pretty much the same as last year. Resident elk with antlers is pretty much the same as last year, with the addition of 4 units.

Member Cordes said how does that structure work county wise? There is like a 2-week season depredation hunt and then other depredation hunts are November 1 through January 1. Is there just a lot more elk in those areas? Jason Salisbury said I think most of that strategy is just trying to pressure those elk with new people every 2 weeks so that you have more interest. It just keeps moving those elk. That is the strategy of a 2-week season. They kill really big bulls all around those fields and I guess you would want at least the first 3 seasons if you have a tag.

Member Sibley said you can only hunt within a mile of the Great Basin Ranch Properties? Jason Salisbury said that is what they are stating on there and so those properties are pretty well spread out. One mile would give you pretty good coverage. You still have a lot of the valley there and even up towards the mountain a little bit. Member Sibley said would you be allowed to hunt on their property? Jason Salisbury said that would have to be something you would have to work out with them. I don't know for sure about that. It would be encompassed if it is within one mile because you are going from one side to the other. I don't know what the current regulations are with the Southern Nevada Water Authority on access or hunting their properties. Member Gubler said that is awesome archery elk country. If you have an 11 elk tag, does it still encompass 115? Jason Salisbury said yes. There is going to be more hunters with rifles in that time frame and that is where there could be a little bit of opposition from some counties in relation to that hunt.

Chair Hughes said the next one is non-resident elk with antlers muzzleloader. Those are all the same with the exception of 072, 073, 074 and with one date change. Elk antlered archery hunt, there are 3 changes there: 072, 073, 074 and 091. The rest are the same as last year. The next one is non-resident elk with antlers archery hunt and are all the same as last year with the exception of 072, 073, 074. Resident elk spike has a lot of changes to it. They are all new hunts. Jason Salisbury said they are all new hunts in the eastern region for when they want to reduce the bull ration of the spike hunts.

Chair Hughes said the next one is resident elk antlerless any legal weapon. There are 2 closed seasons. A lot of the seasons went to January 1st. Member Cordes said, in 051, by having a full season, does that mean there is not enough breeding stock? Jason Salisbury said the estimate for that went pretty high one year because they had an observation of a lot of elk in the unit, most likely from area 6, so the estimate went up but then, after a time period, that was more of a heavy

winter and they figured out there were not as many elk in that unit for year round residents, so they are still working towards that population objective in there so they are lowering any kind of kill on cows. The only other one, 065, they are just not seeing goats in there. They also have an issue in some of the units like in Tuscarora. There is an unidentified mortality event in the springtime on elk and they have not pinpointed exactly what is happening. They have done quite a bit of work where they have put transmitters in certain cows and in different things and once that transmitter or that elk dies, that temperature is sensitive. Those elk that have that transmitter, we can get on them quicker knowing that it died to try to figure out the cause of death. Member Gubler said so it does not seem to affect any of the other wildlife that run in there? Jason Salisbury said I do not know enough on that. It is just over the years we have had this mortality event that is more spring related. There are different plants out there and it does not take much for elk to keel over. We have not figured it out yet, but to me it seems like it is related to some plant at that time frame. Member Cordes said are we talking hundreds of elk? Jason Salisbury said I don't think it is hundreds, but there have been elk that we have put the transmitters on that died but I don't know if they have formulated those numbers to know that if you start throwing a couple transmitters out, you might have a bigger problem than you think.

Chair Hughes said the next one is resident elk antlerless wilderness only, any legal weapon hunt. They look the same as last year and with the exception of the ending date on 222, nothing changed. Non-resident elk antlerless, Southern Nevada Water Authority any legal weapon, there are quite a few changes there. Resident elk antlerless muzzleloader the same as last year and with the exception of 072, 073, 074 and 075, the dates have been changed. Non-resident elk with antlerless muzzleloader, the dates have been changed. Resident elk antlerless archery, the same as last year and with the exception of 072, 073, 074, 075 and 161-164, the dates have been changed. Non-resident elk antlerless archery hunt, most of the dates have been changed with the exception of two. Resident elk antlerless, any legal weapon depredation hunt, the same as last year with the exception of some of the dates. Member Sibley said, with the depredation hunt in 115, are they also going to run a cow depredation hunt at the same time? Jason Salisbury said that is correct. I am not sure what the tag distribution would be. Member Sibley said you are going to have a ton of people out at the same time shooting at stuff. There will be a lot of people with guns at the same time as people with archery. Chair Hughes said we will see what happens with the recommendations when they have to change them.

Member Gary Cordes made a motion to approve Commission Regulation 21-03 related to elk as presented. Member Tim Gubler seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote

Chair Hughes said the next one is Nelson Big Horn Sheep, resident, any ram, any legal weapon. The same dates as last year, with the exception of 7 units. Non-resident any ram any legal weapon, 3 areas have been closed: 045, 153, and 173 and the date was changed in 184. Member Gubler said, on the change of date in 184, did that used to be 2 separate hunts? Jason Salisbury said it used to be an early/late split and I kept with the early dates and then it got changed on me to October 15th through November 15th. It wasn't my recommendation. I did like the September to October season. The problem with 184 is that you could tell everybody to go to the Desatoyas

and hunt and pretty much everybody will shoot one in Eastgate Hills. I don't know why. There are still grounds up high, but they do kill smaller sheep sometimes in Eastgate Hills because it is easier to walk around at that time.

Chair Hughes said the next one is resident archery hunt any ram; all those dates have changed. Member Sibley said how are they, for instance here in the Stillwaters, when they hold any legal weapon tag, if there is 20 of them, are they going to give some of those tags to the archery hunters? Jason Salisbury said yes, they will be pulled from what the quota is going to be.

Chair Hughes said the next one is Nelson Big Horn Sheep, resident and non-resident, any ewe, any legal weapon. There are a few date changes. The next one is California Big Horn Sheep, resident, any ram, any legal weapon. There are 3 changes in the season or hunting areas. The season is closed in 041. Jason Salisbury said in the Hayes Canyon Range, they are just proposing that to reopen in 032B with 033, the Sheldons, with 032A being just a pine forest.

Chair Hughes said the next one is California Big Horn Sheep, non-resident, any ram any legal weapon, it looks like there is an exclusion for the 032 and on 051, the season is closed. California Big Horn Sheep, resident, any ewe, any legal weapon, the season has been closed. Member Cordes said 051 is in recovery mode. Jason Salisbury said they might have shifted to 032 and just got rid of 051 for that. I mean 051 is experiencing production, so it is doing okay. They have disease there. I have disease here. One of the biggest problems in 051 is the disease. They are showing improvements too. It could support a ton of sheep though. There is so much country. They are in recovery.

Chair Hughes said the next one is Rocky Mountain Big Horn Sheep, resident, any ram, any legal weapon. Unit 091 has been closed and there have been changes in two others. Member Gubler said the numbers must have come back enough to open that back up. Jason Salisbury said it has been open. They used to have the early/late and now this just looks like they are combining everything to be able to hunt backpack or wait for the snow to hit and push them down. I know they have had problems on the late hunt with the sheep not getting in the winter range and most people not being able to find them. Then in 091, Utah has it one year and we have it one year. There is a little bit of Utah land that we can hunt and then Leppe Hills on the south end of the Pilots is where the sheep are, small groups of them.

Member Curran said I think it is unnecessary for any ram archery separate season because muzzleloader, archery and rifle now have such a limited number of tags. The next thing that will be coming forward is a muzzleloader season that will be more tags off of the general raffle where the demand is the strongest. I think, even though I am not an archer, and I am not opposed to it, but I just don't believe, with all these units in the state that have 1-4 tags, that they can say it is a safety issue or a congestion issue to have to have their own archery season, which will take away from quota. I will be opposed to a general motion.

Member Jason Sibley made a motion to approve Commission Regulation 21-03 related to Bighorn Sheep as presented. Member Timothy Gubler seconded the motion, which carried

by majority vote, with Member Jim Curran opposed.

Chair Hughes said the next one is Junior Mule Deer, resident, antlered or antlerless, any legal weapon. It looks like there is only one change in those seasons. Then there is Mule Deer, resident, antlerless, any legal weapon. There is only one change there in 114 and 115 with a date change. Resident and non-resident antlered, any legal weapon, 131 and 132, it looks like there are 4 changes in dates. Mule Deer resident and non-resident antlered, any legal weapon, no change from last year.

Member Jason Sibley made a motion to approve Commission Regulation 21-03 related to Deer as presented. Member Timothy Gubler seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

Chair Hughes said we missed one about resident mountain goat, any legal weapon, those have all stayed the same.

Member Jason Sibley made a motion to approve Commission Regulation 21-03 related to Goats as presented. Member. Member Jim Curran seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

Chair Hughes said the next one is emergency big game hunts for antlerless or antlered mule deer, hunt numbers 1104-1106. Hunt number 2104 for pronghorn antelope with horns shorter than ears, 2105 for pronghorn antelope with horns longer than ears, and hunt 2106 for either class and hunts for antlerless and antlered elk, spike elk and hunts for bighorn ewe, ram or either class. Emergency hunt tags will be awarded by draw order sequence of unsuccessful applicants who applied in the current year's main big game draw with applications that meet similar criteria to season date, location, and weapon class of the emergency hunt.

Member Sibley said I am curious about that. I know that there was an emergency hunt in 13 this year. There was an elk hunt over by Ely, I think. Member Gubler said I do not recall anything on that. I know, in the past, there was one in Area 6, although I do not know if it was either/or either sex, Area 6 hunt where some people I knew drew the tag, but they had put in for 6 and they were somehow on the list of the unsuccessful hunters, but I cannot remember if it took their points away or how it worked on that. Member Sibley said Harmony had said that there were some tags this year that fell under an emergency hunt. I was trying to figure out how they allocate those. I am curious why they don't, if it is an emergency hunt, open it up as a draw. Member Gubler said what is the criteria to meet an emergency hunt? Jason Salisbury said, for instance, they have issues around landowner or issues with a huge fire or certain circumstances where a lot of animals need to be culled or whatever for a particular reason. That can be weather, drought, conditions, or landowners. We had an Area 6 hunt that one time for doe deer in response of having a lot of the winter range burned up, so they issued like 600 tags and that is where you got on the computer to go through the process of being picked for the 600 doe tags. That was a whole different process than saying you have a depredation hunt for Area 13 or something. Maybe it is not as clear, and I am not aware if you had to have that Area 13 bull hunt or cow hunt on your list as your first choice to even be considered on the list of how close you were to actually being issued a tag or whatever and then that is their draw list. Member Sibley said, from

what I understand, this year it did go to it had to be your first choice and it went to the unsuccessful hunters and it was automatically issued. Then the hunters that did not want it had to turn the tag back in. I do not know if they got a refund or not. I am just curious why the department doesn't open that up for an actual application period. One thing that will do is drive up revenue for the department, obviously, but it will also give other hunters an opportunity. I had to take in a tag this year because we did not kill an elk. I would have taken a tag from pretty much anywhere. Mr. Salisbury said I am not sure about the specifics on why that is. Perhaps it is the ease with being able to issue the tag quickly, but I do not even know if it uses your bonus points or not, especially if it is a designated area. Member Curran said it looks to me like they are trying to clarify it by saying it would be basically the same as an alternate tag. Member Sibley said that is what my question is. If you have this and open it as an actual application, number 1 it will provide more opportunity to people who didn't have that as a selection for number one, but it will also generate application revenue for the department. Member Curran said if you apply for Area 76 for cow elk and then all of a sudden there is an emergency there, don't you feel you should be in line if you are one of those top numbers? Member Sibley said but the problem is, if I apply for five units and Area 13 is my second choice, and then there is an emergency hunt there, I do not get considered because that is not my first choice. Member Curran said no but the people who had that as their first choice would get them. Member Sibley said I am just curious what the thought process is behind that. Mr. Salisbury said I am unclear on that. Member Sibley said now they are adding Big Horn to this, as well. Is that a change? Member Gubler said Big Horn is a change. I think they wanted that as a management tool to be able to say we are not going to fill a guzzler and possibly shoot sheep quickly. Member Sibley said that could be something to combat a disease outbreak or something like that? Mr. Salisbury said I do not know if it could combat a disease outbreak, but you could take individual animals out before they die and they are usable. I think it is more a management tool where we have this many sheep and we have too many sheep and we need to drastically reduce the herd right now by taking out 100 animals right now versus having a ewe hunt where maybe there are 25 tags issued and it is not the right time or whatever to address it because of issues of moving sheep anymore to other states or even our own area. I think they want it in their toolbox to be able to kill some sheep when we have to kill sheep in a particular area.

Chair Hughes said we missed resident mountain goat, any goat, legal weapon hunt. Those have all stayed the same.

Member Jason Sibley made a motion to accept the mountain goat seasons. Member Jim Curran seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

F- Consideration and possible action re: Commission Regulation 21-04 related to the 2021 Black Bear Seasons.

The Commission will consider adopting the 2021 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.

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

Chair Hughes asked if there was any public comment but there was none.

Member Jim Curran made a motion to approve Commission Regulation 21-04 as presented. Member Jason Sibley seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

G- Consideration and possible action re: Commission Regulation 21-05 related to the 2021-2022 Mountain Lion Season and Harvest Limits.

The Commission will consider adopting the 2021-2022 mountain lion hunting seasons open units, harvest limits by unit group, hunting hours, and special regulations.

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

Chair Hughes asked if there was any public comment but there was none.

Member Jim Curran made a motion to approve Commission Regulation 21-05 as presented. Member Jason Sibley seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

H- Consideration and possible action re: Commission Regulation 21-06 related to the 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 Restricted Nonresident Guided Mule Deer Seasons and Quotas.

The Commission will consider adopting the 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 hunting seasons and quotas for restricted nonresident guided mule deer, including hunt boundary restrictions.

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

Member Gubler said did that quota change? By looking here, it already has a 21.02 quota, and that quota would change if you had to figure out the Nevada quota. Mr. Salisbury said I do not know if it ever changes. I do not know the history well enough, but I was always curious why non-resident always had 2 draws. Why was it never resident/non-resident and you still get guided? Member Curran said it is promoted by the guide's association. Member Gubler said I was just curious because you could be a resident and still be guided in the State of Nevada. Mr. Salisbury said, if I remember right, you put in for this before you ever put in and you could find out if you drew your nonresident. Member Cordes said, as I recall, in the Interstate Commerce Act of 1944, the State of Nevada got sued because it was limiting non-resident tags unfairly and it was a serious lawsuit, so that is why they said you can give 10% of the tags to reciprocate the other states. Member Gubler said but you have to hire a guide. Member Sibley said that is only that specific draw. Member Gubler said I do not even know if this is even included in the whole 10%. I do not know if this one is an add-on because we always figured 10% with our regular hunt anyway. Maybe it is included.

Chair Hughes said there are some date changes. Member Curran said those all correspond with the regular season. They are not special seasons for the guided. If you look back at the rifle resident, it has the same season dates for those units. Member Gubler said that one looked different in 115, December 3rd to December 15th rifle hunt. Mr. Salisbury said that was a newer season within the last 5 years, so they probably added it to it. Member Gubler said they have a late muzzleloader. Mr. Salisbury said those listed in red with the unit group are all brand new and the other ones are just season changes.

Chair Hughes asked if there was any public comment but there was none.

Member Jason Sibley made a motion to approve Commission Regulation 21-06 as presented. Member Timothy Gubler seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

I- Consideration and possible action re: Commission Regulation 21-07 related to the 2022 Heritage Tag Seasons and Quota.

The Commission will consider adopting a regulation to set the 2022 Heritage Tag species, seasons, and quota.

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

Member Cordes said are these the tags that they sell at various events? Member Jason Sibley said yes, they get donated by the department to the different organizations.

Chair Hughes asked if there was any public comment but there was none.

Member Gary Cordes made a motion to approve Commission Regulation 21-07 as presented. Member Jason Sibley seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

J- Consideration and possible action re: Commission Regulation 21-08 related to the 2021 Silver State Tags.

The Commission will consider adopting a regulation to set the 2021 Silver State tag species, seasons, and quota.

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

Chair Hughes said there are no changes.

Chair Hughes asked if there was any public comment but there was none.

Member Gary Cordes made a motion to approve Commission Regulation 21-08 as presented. Member Jason Sibley seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

K- Consideration and possible action re: Commission Regulation 21-09 related to the 2021 Partnership in Wildlife Tags.

The Commission will consider adopting a regulation to set the 2021 Partnership in Wildlife tag hunt species, seasons, and quota.

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

Chair Hughes asked if there was any public comment but there was none.

Member Jim Curran made a motion to approve Commission Regulation 21-09 as presented. Member Jason Sibley seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

L- Consideration and possible action re: Commission Regulation 21-10 related to the 2021 Dream Tag.

The Commission will consider adopting a regulation to set the 2021 Dream Tag species, seasons, and quota.

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

Chair Hughes asked if there was any public comment but there was none.

Member Jim Curran made a motion to approve Commission Regulation 21-10 as presented. Member Jason Sibley seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

M- Consideration and possible action re: Commission Regulation 21-11 related to the 2021 Big Game Application Deadlines.

The Commission will consider adopting a regulation to set the 2021 big game tag application deadlines and related information.

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

Chair Hughes asked if there was any public comment but there was none.

Member Jason Sibley made a motion to approve Commission Regulation 21-11 as presented. Member Jim Curran seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

N- Consideration and possible action re: Commission Regulation 21-12 related to the 2021 Big Game Tag Application Eligibility and Tag Limits.

The Commission will consider adopting a regulation to set the 2021 big game tag application eligibility and tag limits and related information.

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

Member Sibley said, this time, they provided the draw order, which I have requested for a number of years. It is provided in this document as to what order they draw each species. Member Curran said I missed that, but that is good.

Chair Hughes said this still requires that applications be submitted online or over the phone. I still think they are wrong in not allowing for written applications. There are still people out there who do not have internet access and it makes it hard for them to be able to apply, other than if they go down to the office. Member Sibley said, with COVID, the office is now technically closed and nobody is allowed inside. I agree 100%. Member Cordes suggested that this be made a part of the motion. Member Sibley said that is the part that is confusing, because it says it is recommended on the header but then down in the actual text, it says it is not acceptable. Chair Hughes said I think we just need to keep hitting back on that process.

Member Sibley said isn't there an Application Committee or something like that that the department has to help with this whole process? I think I have seen emails from them. Member Gubler said I think so. Member Sibley said I wonder how you could get on that committee because I think it would benefit having a relative that actually works for the Department that actually has to deal with this every year to understand what they are going through. If you get a bunch of people who have no idea what it is like who are making the decisions, it doesn't make sense. Chair Hughes said I will find out for you and see if there is such a committee.

Chair Hughes asked if there was any public comment but there was none.

Member Jason Sibley made a motion to approve Commission Regulation 21-12, with the stipulation that applications be allowed through the mail. Member Gary Cordes seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

O- Consideration and possible action re: Draft Fiscal Year 2022 Predation Management Plan.

The Draft Fiscal Year 2022 Predation Management Plan will be presented to the Commission for initial review. Following the review, the draft plan will be updated and shared with the State Predatory Animal and Rodent Committee (PARC). All comments from the PARC, County Advisory Boards to Manage Wildlife, and any other interested entity will be compiled and shared with the Wildlife Damage Management Committee (WDMC) for their consideration at their March 2021 meeting. The Commission will receive an update at the March 2021 meeting from the WDMC and may provide additional direction at that time.

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A
EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A
FUNDING SOURCE: N/A
ACTION REQUESTED:

Chair Hughes asked if there was any public comment but there was none.

Member Jason Sibley made a motion to approve the Draft Fiscal Year 2022 Predation Management Plan as presented. Member Timothy Gubler seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

Informational Items:

A- Consideration and possible action re: Items listed on the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners' Agenda for January 29 and 30, 2021, which is attached as Exhibit "A".

The Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners' Agenda for January 29 and 30, 2021 is provided for the board's consideration.

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A
EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A
FUNDING SOURCE: N/A
ACTION REQUESTED: None; Informational Only
Accept

There was no further discussion.

Consider Future Agenda Items:

There were no future Agenda items suggested.

Public Comment:

Chair Hughes asked if there was any public comment but there was none.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM.

CHAIRWOMAN PEGGY HUGHES

MEMBER JIM CURRAN

MEMBER JASON SIBLEY

MEMBER TIMOTHY GUBLER

MEMBER GARY CORDES

ATTEST:
Linda Rothery, Clerk/Treasurer

Renae Paholke, Deputy Clerk