

**LYON COUNTY WILDLIFE ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES**

Wednesday, May 2, 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 6:06 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 agendized) -

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None present

5. Community Reports - none

a. Nevada Department of Wildlife Representative - Jason Salisbury

6. For Possible Action: Review and adoption of agenda

Mike Osterman moved that the CAB approve the agenda. Joe Crawford seconded. The motion passed unanimously 4-0

7. For Possible Action: Approve minutes of the meeting from April 5, 2023 Joe

Crawford moved to approve the minute from, April 5, 2023. Mike Osterman 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 May 5th and 6th 2023

Link to Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners Meeting information:

http://www.ndow.org/Public_Meetings/Com/Agenda/

A. NBWC ITEM #6E* Legislative Committee Report – For Possible Action

A report will be presented on the committee's recent meetings. The NBWC Commission may review bills of interest and any associated amendments, consider Legislative Committee recommendations and may take official positions on those bills. The Commission may also choose to develop platforms on bills by supporting or opposing general concepts. Bill and BDR language may be viewed online at:

<https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/NELIS/REL/82nd2023/Bills/List>.

B. NBWC ITEM #6G Wildlife Heritage Grants Manual – For Possible Action

The NBWC Commission will review recommendations made by the Heritage Committee to cap principal balance projects at 50% of the available balance per year.

CAB Discussion: none

- C. NWBC ITEM #6H Mule Deer Presentation – (Utah State University) - Informational
“Mapping mule deer and feral horse overlap across Nevada.”

CAB Discussion: Is there any places in Nevada where horses and deer don't overlap with mule deer? Jarbridge, Lake Mead?

- D. NWBC ITEM 36I.* Fiscal Year 2024 Predation Management Plan– For Possible Action
The Commission will review the final draft of the Fiscal Year 2024 Draft Predation Management Plan with the Department. The NWBC Commission may take action to modify or endorse the plan.

CAB Discussion: none

- E. NWBC ITEM #7.* Elk Damage Payment Exceeding \$10,000 – For Possible Action
Per NAC 504.421, the NBWC Commission is required to approve an elk damage payment above \$10,000. An elk damage assessment on the Granite Peak Ranch in White Pine County, totaling \$28,346, was completed by Department personnel and submitted for reimbursement by Bruce Hubbard, agent for the property.

CAB Discussion: Elk ate almost 1000 tons of hay. Walt discussed that stacks are not fenced to prevent. Were these ranches given landowner tags? You get landowner tags based on the number of tags in the area. With Elk, either money is paid out for damages or a fence. Rancher may be able to get landowner tags and go sell for a large amount of money? That would be double dipping. \$28,000 seems like a lot to ask for this. Who pays for this anyways? The sportsman? If someone puts up some kind of fence type of protection it will prevent more damage.

- F. NWBC ITEM #8. Administrative Procedures, -For Possible Action
The APRP Committee has concluded with committee meetings and will focus on the last policy through the NBWC Commission

CAB Discussion: none

- G. NWBC ITEM #8A.* Commission Policy 23 – Predation Management – For Possible Action
The NBWC Commission will review NBWC Commission Policy 23 and may make any necessary changes and may decide to repeal, revise, or adopt the policy.

CAB Discussion: none

- H. NWBC ITEM #14A Commission General Regulations – For Possible Action - Public Comment Allowed
NWBC Commission General Regulation 506, Possession of Golden Eagles Under Certain Circumstances – For Possible Action
The NBWC Commission will hold an adoption hearing to consider amending Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) 503 to allow for possession of a golden eagle under certain circumstances.

CAB Discussion: Has to do with rehabilitation from injury. Is there a relation for them to use for falconry or some sort?

- I. NWBC ITEM #16A Commission Regulation 23-05, Amendment #1, 2023 Black Bear Quotas and Harvest Limits – For Possible Action
The NBWC Commission will consider adopting the 2023 hunting season quotas and harvest limits for black bear.

CAB Discussion: The 2022 season lasted 2 weeks and 3 days. Female harvest has got to go? In previous meetings, the commission wanted to split the hunt groups. It did not pass so they are keeping it the way it is. Black Bear harvests are in dire need of restructuring. 201, 202, 204, and 206 closed down the first week because someone shot a sow. How hard is it to tell a boar from a sow? It is difficult. Female harvest put in to appease the anti-hunting. If it doesn't serve a purpose other than ... 60% that draw a tag won't be able to fill their tag.

If they are going to give out 50 tags, they should have 50 bears available. Joe stated he does not feel comfortable asking for a quota of more than 20 until we get a good idea of how this winter affected the bear population. Would like to see 30 bear tags with no female harvest. Female harvest creates unnecessary competition between bear hunters. 50 tags qualify for the dream tag - whatever goes into the dream tag?

If you got a bear to climb a tree and it was a boar it was harvested. If 3 sows are harvested, the season is over.

Joe Crawford made a motion that the CAB approves the 20 bear harvest with 50 tags and with no female harvest. Walt Mandeville seconded the motion. Passed unanimously 4-0.

- J. NWBC ITEM #16B.* Commission Regulation 23-14, Big Game Quotas for the 2023-2024 Season –For Possible Action The NBWC Commission will consider and may take action to approve regulations for the numbers of tags to be issued for mule deer, pronghorn antelope, elk, bighorn sheep, and mountain goats for the 2023 - 2024 season.

CAB Discussion: none

Mule deer 40% reduction across the board - which is fine. There are some depressed populations on the Eastern side of the state. Drought and biomass of wild horses are bigger than all species impacting competition.

**Desert Bighorn - reduced 51 to 37 tags
Rocky MTN - opening Rubies and cont
Mtn Goats - kid production is up.
Elk - winter conditions are not affected by winter
Mule deer- reduced harvest
Moose tag - possibly next year. Doing quite well.
CAB discussed different species**

9. Correspondence
None

10. Chair & Board Member Comments

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None

13. Adjourn

Joe Crawford adjourned the meeting at 7:02

Next CAB Meeting - June 13, 2023, 6 pm in Silver Springs NV

The next NBWC Commission is June 23-24