

Minutes of the Mineral County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife Meeting-Draft Minutes

Date & Time: Monday – May 3 at 6:00 PM

Location : EOC Building, 205 South “A” St, Hawthorne, NV-Training Room

Present: Glenn Bunch, Chairman,
Members Present: Billie Williams Jr., Wayne Larson, Johnny Peterson
Darren Hamrey
Marlene Bunch – Adm Assist.

Also Present: Jason Salisbury, NDOW

Absent: None

Public Present: None

Meeting Called to order by Chairman Glenn Bunch

- 1* **Commission Regulation 21-14, Big Game Quotas for the 2021-2022 Season,** The Board will make recommendation to the Commission relative the numbers of tags to be issued for mule deer, pronghorn antelope, elk, bighorn sheep, black bear, and mountain goats for the 2021-2022 season.

Resident Antelope – Horns longer than ears, Any Legal Weapon Hunt 2151

Unit 202, 204, 2019 Oct 15 – Oct 30 – Dept Rec. 10

The Board Concurs with Dept Recommendation of 10

Unit 205-208, 2019 Aug 22 – Sept 7 Dept Rec 20

Johnny Peterson asked if we are going to increase the archery tags. If you increase this one, he hopes it will increase too.

The Board Concurs with Dept Recommendation of 20

Non- Resident Antelope – Horns longer than ears, Any Legal Weapon Hunt 2251

Unit 202, 204, 2019 Oct 15 – Oct 30 – Dept Rec. 1

The Board Concurs with Dept Recommendation of 1

Unit 205-208, 2019 Aug 22 – Sept 7 Dept Rec 2

The Board Concurs with Dept Recommendation of 2

Resident Antelope – Horns longer than ears Archery Hunt 2161

Unit 204, 208 No Hunt

Unit 205-208 Aug 1 – Aug 21, Dept Rec 5

The Board Disagrees with the Dept Recommendation 5

And is requesting Unit 205-208 Hunt 2161 to be increased to 10.

Nonresident Antelope – Horns longer than ears – Archery Hunt 2261

Unit 205-208 – Aug 1 – Aug 21, Dept Rec 1
The Board agrees with 1

Resident Antelope – Horns longer than ears Muzzleloader Hunt 2171

Unit 202, 204, 2019 Sept 25 -Oct 4 – Dept Rec. 1
The Board Concurs with Dept Recommendation of 1

Unit 205-208, 2019 Sept 25 – Oct 4 Dept Rec 2
The Board Concurs with Dept Recommendation of 2

Non-Resident Antelope – Horns longer than ears – Muzzleloader Hunt 2271

No Hunt – No Recommendations

Resident Antelope – Horns Shorter than ears – Any Legal Weapon Hunt 2181

No Hunt – No Recommendation

ELK SEASONS

For all the Elk seasons, since there are no Elk in Mineral County YET, we have no recommendation for the elk Season

It was noted that a picture circulated of a 5 point Elk seen on the North end of Walker Lake last year. Discussion of the pictures seen of the Elk. No other Elk has ventured this way yet and the Elk has not been located. . But Mineral County still wants to see Elk here.

Resident Elk – Antlered – Any Legal Weapon Depredation Hunt 4102

No Recommendation

Resident Elk – Antlered – Any Legal Weapon Hunt 4151

No Recommendation

Nonresident Elk – Antlered, Any Legal Weapon Hunt 4251

No Recommendation

Resident Elk – Antlered – Muzzleloader Hunt 4156

No Recommendation

Nonresident Elk – Antlered Muzzleloader Hunt 4256

No Recommendation

Resident Elk – Antlered – Archery Hunt 4161

No Recommendation

Nonresident Elk – Antlered – Archery Hunt 4261

No Recommendation

Resident Elk – Spike – Any Legal Weapon Hunt 4651

No Recommendation

Resident Elk – Antlerless – Any Legal Weapon Hunt 4181

No Recommendation

Resident Elk – Antlerless – Any Legal Weapon Hunt – Wilderness Only. Hunt 4181

No Recommendation

Nonresident Elk – Antlerless – Any Legal Weapon Hunt 4281

No Recommendation

Resident Elk – Antlerless – Muzzleloader Hunt 4176

No Recommendation

Nonresident Elk – Antlerless – Muzzleloader Hunt 4276

No Recommendation

Resident Elk – Antlerless – Archery Hunt 4111

No Recommendation

Nonresident Elk – Antlerless – Archery Hunt 4211

No Recommendation

Resident Elk – Antlerless Any Legal Weapon Depredation Hunt 4107

No Recommendation

Resident Nelson (Desert) Bighorn Sheep – Any Ram – Any Legal Weapon Hunt 3151

Unit 202, Nov 20 – Jan 1, Dept Rec 4

Unit 204 Oct 15 – Nov 15, Dept Rec 2

Unit 205, Nov 20 – Jan 1, Dept Rec 8

Unit 207, Oct 15 – Nov 15, Dept Rec 3

Unit 208 Nov 20 – Jan 1, Dept 4

Chairman noted that the 1 taken from the legal hunt was given to the archery hunt.

Jason Salisbury – NDOW stated that he anticipates will be easier in 202.

Glenn asked if that was why we saw the reduction in 202 from 5 to 4 was because of the archery hunt?

Jason Salisbury stated that he didn't see that but it was correct. He anticipated 202 to be that harvest site.

The Board Concurs with Dept Recommendation

Nonresident Nelson (Desert) Bighorn Sheep – Any Ram – Any Legal Weapon Hunt 3251

Unit 205 – Nov 20 – Jan 1, Quota Rec 1,
Unit 207 – Oct 15 – Nov 15, Quota Rec 1,
The Board Concurs with Dept Recommendation

Resident Nelson (Desert) Bighorn Sheep Any Ram – Archery Hunt 3161
Unit 202-204 Oct 20 – Nov 145 Dept Rec - 1
The Board Concurs with Dept Recommendation

Glenn Bunch reported to the Board that he had contacted Mineral County about the sign for the town of Walker Lake needed to be moved. It was currently in front of the Big Horn Crossing, formerly the Buffalo Stop. It has now been moved north around the corner prior to entering the townsite of Walker Lake. It is visibly clear that the mountain is in the town, There should be no hunting on that hill by the town of Walker Lake. It hopes that this clears up any issues of sheep hunters near the town.

Jason Salisbury stated that he would be contacting the hunters that get a tag for this area of the town of Walker Lake and he would clarify that the hunting in Walker Lake Town is not permitted..

Resident Nelson (Desert) Bighorn Sheep – Any Ewe – Any Legal Weapon Hunt 3181

No Recommendation We are against any Ewe Hunt

Nonresident Nelson (Desert) Bighorn Sheep –Any Ewe – Any Legal Weapon Hunt 3281

We still disagree with the Ewe hunt.

Resident California Bighorn Sheep – Any Ram – Any Legal Weapon Hunt 8151

No Recommendation

Nonresident California Bighorn Sheep – Any Ram – Any Legal Weapon Hunt 8251

No Recommendation

Resident Rocky Mountain Bighorn Sheep – Any Ram – Any Legal Weapon Hunt 9151

No Recommendation

Resident Mountain Goat – Any Goat – Any Legal Weapon Hunt 7151

No Recommendation

Resident Junior Mule Deer Antlered or Antlerless

Archery, Muzzleloader, or Any legal Weapon Hunt 1107

Unit 204, Dept Rec 6
Unit 202, 205-208, Dept Rec 15

Glenn Bunch pointed out that last year the number for 202 was 10 and it was increased to 15 this year. This was a good move by the department to give the youth more of a hunter opportunity to introduce the younger hunters into the field.

The Board Concurs with Dept Recommendation

Resident Mule Deer – Antlerless Any Legal Weapon Hunt 1181

The Board does not want to see an antlerless Hunt

Resident Mule Deer Antlered – Any Legal Weapon Hunt 1331

Unit 201, 204, Nov 5 – Nov 30, Dept Rec 20

Unit 202, 205-208, Nov 5 – Nov 30, Dept Rec 35

It was noted that this hunt was cut last year and the Board feels like Unit 202, 205-208 should be increased to 40.

It was the decision of the board to increase Unit 202, 205-208 from 35 to 40. All agreed.

Resident Mule Deer Antlered Muzzleloader Hunt 1331(? Hunt #)

Unit 204, Dec 1 – Dec 15 ,Dept Rec 5

Unit 202, 205-208, Dec 1 – Dec 15, Dept Rec 5

It was discussed of the hunters in California. The board discussed the amount of Mule Deer in Mineral County during the season. After discussion, it was recommended to increase from 5 to 10 in Unit 202, 205-208.

It was the decision of the board to increase Unit 202, 205-208 from 5 to 10. All agreed.

Resident Mule Deer Antlered Archery Hunt 1331

Unit 201, 202, 204-208 Early, Aug 10 – Sept 9, Dept Rec 5

Unit 202, 205-208 Late, Dec 16 – Jan 1, Dept Rec 5

The Board Concurs with Dept Recommendation

Nonresident Mule Deer Antlered Any legal Weapon Hunt 1332

Unit 201, 204, Nov 5 – Nov 30, Dept Rec 2

Unit 202, 205-208, Nov 5 – Nov 30, Dept Rec 2

The Board Concurs with Dept Recommendation.

Nonresident Mule Deer Antlered Muzzleloader Hunt 1332

Unit 201, 204, Dec 1 – Dec 15, Dept Rec 2

Unit 202, 205-208, Dec 1 – Dec 15, Dept Rec2

The Board Concurs with Dept Recommendation

Nonresident Mule Deer Antlered Archery Hunt 1332

**Unit 201, 202, 204-208 Early, Aug 10 – Sept 9, Dept Rec 2
The Board Concurs with Dept Recommendation**

**Unit 202, 205-208 Late – Dec 16 – Jan 1, Dept Rec 2
The Board Concurs with Dept Recommendation**

**Resident and Nonresident Mule Deer and Antelope Landowner Compensation Tag
No Recommendations**

- 2* **Commission Regulation 21-04, Amendment #1, 2021 Black Bear Season** – The Board will make recommendation to the Commission relative to adopting the 2021 hunting season dates, open management units, hunting hours, special regulations, animal sex, legal requirements, hunt boundary restrictions and dates and times for indoctrination courses for black bear

Resident – Non Resident Black Bear – Any Legal Weapon Hunt 6151 and 6251

Unit 202, 206, Sept 15 – Dec 1, Dept Quota – Unit Harvest Limit 6, Female 2
The Board Concurs with Dept Recommendation

- 3* **The Board May Review remaining items of the May 7-8, 2021 Commission Agenda.**
The Board may review and discuss the remaining items of the May 7-8, 2021 Commission Agenda and make recommendations to the Commission accordingly. (Public Comment)

Glenn Bunch asked Jason Salisbury had anything to add to the recommendations?
Jason Salisbury, NDOW stated that it wasn't too painful this year.

Glenn Bunch noted that it will be reported to the Commission how many hours they fly and do surveys around the state to come up with their recommendations and this is true everywhere BUT Mineral County. There is no physical count in Mineral County. We have a migrating herd and when the surveys are done in the summer time, the deer are in California. The Board members are the ones in the field during the season to actually get a true feel for how many deer are actually here.

Glenn Bunch asked Jason if he had any input from California on their tagged deer. This year they were bright orange. Last year they were pink. This year with them being flame orange, he thought someone was out hunting in the trees until he realized it was a wide orange.

Jason stated that he hadn't been able to get in touch with his counterpart in California. He would try to contact them. He figured it to be normal as they change colors.

Glenn Bunch also noted a lot of the pinyon juniper removal on the back side of the Wassuks.

Jason Salisbury noted that it was part of the sage grouse project. He thinks that they are going to be just the 2 units.

Darren Hamrey asked if it was just going to be just those 2 units.

Jason Salisbury stated that it was just the 2 units right now.

Darren Hamrey stated that the Sportsman Club has some money to put towards the projects for another unit if he wanted to.

Jason stated that there are a lot of projects happening right now.

A discussion continued of water issues in Mineral County and how the guzzlers were doing. There's been more moisture in the southern part of the county around Mina.

A general discussion of projects projected around the area.

Public Comment:

Support material provided and 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."

No further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:39 PM