

Minutes of the Mineral County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife Meeting-Draft Minutes
September 18, 2023 EOC Building, 205 South "A" St, Hawthorne, NV-Training Room

Present: Glenn Bunch, Chairman,

Members Present: Wayne Larson,
Darren Hamrey

Also Present: Marlene Bunch – Adm Assist.
Kris Uruquhart – NDOW Fisheries Biologist

Absent: John Lockwood
Johnny Peterson

Meeting Called to order by Chairman Glenn Bunch at 6:00 PM

- 1* ***Commission General Regulation 510, FCFS Exchange to Obtain a Tag. LCB File No. R038.23-*** *The Board will review and make recommendations to the Commission as they will consider and may take action to approve amending Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) 502 that would include any money, goods, or services exchanged for procurement of a tag through the First Come, First Serve (FCFS) program as grounds for suspension from the program. Commission General Regulation 510 is currently a temporary regulation that is set to expire on November 1, 2023.*

Chairman Glenn read to the board the Department Recommendations as was presented in the support material. He was not aware of all the thought behind this agenda item. He stated that it looks like there are a lot of people that are looking at giving their tag to someone else. He to another family member. But the dept needs to be notified of the change. But if there is a change of money

Kris Uruquhart stated that he could add some to this. If people are having someone else log into their account to try to get them a tag on the "First Come First Serve" basis.

Chairman Glenn stated that people are always looking at angles to take advantage of the system.

Member Darren stated that just last week he got on line for the very first time since it came out. Just to see it. He stated he wanted to check it out. He stated that you literally have to sit there all day long. The only people that knows that can do that is people that don't have anything to do all day.

Chairman Glenn stated that he was advised that Supervisors have their staff to log into his account. And they program their computer to not go to sleep. They sit there and as soon as something pops up, they hold it and ask if the . But it was brought up by the Kalkomy recommended that if you hold it for 5 minutes, it releases it.

Member Wayne stated that he had a nephew that saw a bull tag popped up and as soon as he saw it, it was gone. The nephew stated he hit it immediately and it was too late.

Chairman Glenn stated that they are still trying to groom it as it is a good deal.

The Board recommends that we concur with the Department recommendation. All concurred.

2 ***Commission Regulation 23-15, Fishing Seasons and Regulations for January 1, 2024, through December 31, 2025 – The Board will review and may make recommendations to the Commission as they will consider and may take action to approve the Fishing Seasons and Regulations for 2024 and 2025.***

Kris Uruguhart, NDOW Biologist stated that he had come a couple months and had gave the board a highlight of what is being recommended by the Dept. It does affect all the counties as well. It came up pretty much as was anticipated. Doubles the daily limits on all the waters as spelled out. If there are some difference from the regional general daily limits.

There are some other changes of seasonal closures the pine forest range, Onion, Blue Lakes and Knott Creek won't have the winter closure anymore. The same with Cat Nip.

There are some changes the border lakes that is consistent with neighboring lakes.

Member Darren stated that is basically doubles the daily limit per the water.

Kris Uruguhart NDOW stated that there are some instances that it applies to species.

Member Darren stated that it does not apply to Reservation Waters. So if you are traveling on the way home and fish and game checks you, and you've been fishing at Webber. If Fish and Game checks you, how do you prove you've been at Webber?

Kris Uruguhart NDOW, stated that you tell them you were at Webber and it's up to them to prove that you weren't

Member Darren stated, so if you were seen at Lahontan and were checked on the way home and you state that you in Weber, they have to prove you were at somewhere else.

Kris Uruguhart NDOW stated read to the Board the Definition from the Department recommendation explaining the possession.

A discussion of possible scenarios of fish in possession.

Kris Uruguhart NDOW stated under the present regulation, if you caught your limit one day and put them in your freezer, you couldn't go catch another daily limit because of the "In Possession" would change. The proposed recommendation would allow the accumulative amount to be in possession for the duration and not just the daily amount.

Member Darren stated that he had read the regulations and he really didn't have any problem with it.

Kris Uruguhart NDOW stated that in Mineral County, you can see how Rose Creek Reservoir, the limit was 3 game fish and now with 2 days, you could have the limit of 6 fish in possession in 2 days.

The Board concurs with the Department Fishing Recommendations.

Kris Uruguhart NDOW gave a further update to the Board relative to the LCT fish that up on Mt. Grant. They look great. With all water this year, the fish are doing good. He gave an update on the LCT plans.

Member Darren asked if there was some creek work that can be done up there to help the fish.

Kris Uruguhart NDOW stated that there is. Some of the fish passage that when there are not a lot of water, the water flows down the rocks instead of over the rocks. And fish can't get over it. And there is one culvert at the Dixie Camp, the water pool is low and the fish can't jump high enough to get over it. It's now a problem now as with the high water year, it's 5 ft deep and they only have to go a foot to get over it.

Member Darren stated that the Sportsman's Club could work on some of the projects up there if Kris could give them so target to work on.

Kris Uruguhart NDOW stated yes there are some places. One is the concrete take outs up there. If the fish get down in the basins, we have screens on the pipes so the fish can't get in them. But sometimes they get caught in those concrete basins and they can't swim out of them. So that's one of the things the he does every year. He stated some instances that he has had to work on there. He further stated that he was at a conference in Idaho and has brought back some ideas to help put in baffles. Further ideas are discussed in various locations up Cottonwood. There is some things up there if the Sportsman's Club is interested

Member Darren stated that yes they would be interest.

Further discussion of management of the Cottonwood Creek.

Chairman Glenn asked if the Sportsman Club heard anything about the old reservoir.

Member Darren stated that he talked about it being a fishery, but the were unable to provide any information whether the water was treated or not.

Chairman Glenn stated that it had came up in a recent Mineral County Commission Meeting.

Further discussion of the possibility and issues to be resolved.

3. **Review the remainder of the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioner's Meeting Agenda for September 22-23, 2023:**. The Board may discuss the remainder of the Commission's Agenda.

No further items were discussed.

4 **Public Comment:**

No Public Comment.

No further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:34 PM.