

Minutes of the Mineral County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife Meeting-Draft Minutes  
January 22, 2024 EOC Building, 205 South "A" St, Hawthorne, NV-Training Room

Present: Glenn Bunch, Chairman,

Members Present: Wayne Larson,  
Johnny Peterson  
John Lockwood  
Darren Hamrey

Also Present: Marlene Bunch – Adm Assist.  
Jason Salisbury-NDOW Biologist

Public Present: James Richards

Absent: None

Meeting Called to order by Chairman Glenn Bunch at 6:03 PM

- 1\*** **Commission Policy 24 – Hunting Opportunities Among FOR POSSIBLE ACTION** Various Weapon and Hunter Groups, Third Reading. The Board may review and make recommendation to the Commission relative to Department made changes requested by the Commission. The Commission may make any necessary changes and may decide to repeal, revise or adopt the policy.

Chairman Bunch explained to the Board the changes that was presented at the last Commission meeting. It was noted that this is the one spoke about in the last meeting and had proposed 10%. After going to the Commission Meeting it was explained to him the formula that is proposed by NDOW at their November 3-4, 2023 Meeting. He presented to those present a picture that he took of the power point presentation at the last meeting explaining the proposed formula for tag allotment. Glenn explained that the information of the proposal NDOW is going to is as follows: Any legal weapon is going down by .32, Archery up 151, Muzzleloader up 416 over all state will go up 138.

Member Peterson stated that they would put them all in the 3 larger areas.

After further discussion:

***It was moved by Wayne Larson, seconded by Johnny Peterson to approve the recommendation as presented by the Department. Motion Carried.***

- 2\*** **Commission Regulation 514 – Moose** –The Board may review and make recommendations to the Commission as they will hold a workshop to consider amending Chapters 502 and 503 of the Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) to provide for definitions, fees, and regulations concerning moose. This proposed regulation change is necessary to establish definitions for antlered and antlerless moose, eligibility requirements for a moose tag and fees for both resident and non-resident antlered and antlerless moose hunts and to establish requirements for maintaining physical characteristics of the harvested moose

Chairman Bunch explained the proposed Moose season.

Member Peterson asked how many moose are they talking about?

Chairman Bunch stated there are a few being seen up there. This is the start of it so when they are plentiful enough to have a season, it will be in place.

***It was moved by Member Hamrey, seconded by Member Lockwood to approve the proposed Moose seasons as presented by the Department. Motion Carried.***

- 3\*** **Commission General Regulation 512, Fishing Regulations** – The Board may review and make recommendation to the Commission as they will hold an adoption hearing to consider amending Chapter 488 and 503 of the Nevada Administrative Code (NAC). This regulation would change vessel motor restrictions, amend tackle restrictions, and reclassify protected species classifications

Chairman Bunch explained to the Board that he had received a telephone call today from NDOW Fisheries Kris Uruguart. Kris explained that what was presented for Mineral County is the same. It was just of what he presented to the Board in the last Board meeting. There were not any changes and this was needed to put the proposal into effect.

***It was moved by Johnny Peterson, seconded by Wayne Larson to approve the department's recommendation regard fishing regulations. Motion Carried.***

- 4\*** **Commission Regulation 23-04, (Amendment 2) - 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 Big Game Seasons** – The Board may review and make recommendations to the Commission as they will consider and may take action to approve an amendment to the 2023- 2024 and 2024-2025 hunting seasons and dates for mule deer, pronghorn antelope, elk, bighorn sheep, mountain goat and moose, including limits, hunting hours, special hunt eligibility, animal sex, physical characteristics and hunt boundary restrictions.

Chairman Bunch explained there are a lot of changes in here. One major change is in the youth. In some areas, the youth will have to put in for whatever season he wants to hunt. Before a youth could hunt in whatever season he wanted whether it was Any Weapon, Archery, or Muzzleloader. They first was talking about making it state wide. It was a big discussion at the Commission meeting. They explained it was increasing the youth hunt, however some areas are closed, they added some areas. But any legal weapon dates were small adjustment changed. Some antlerless areas were closed. However, in our area it was not changed for the youth hunt.

Bunch further stated that we will see how it will work. They did change some of the dates for sheep.

Jason Salisbury, NDOW, stated that when they found there were so many archery hunters, it made it to where they would be separated.

Chairman Bunch stated that one thing the Commission brought up was in Reno they are teaching archery in High School. Therefor there is a lot of interest in archery tags. The proposed way would separate them. The new proposed way will be a benefit. This had to be put into place by the last meeting so it could be put into print so it could be handled in the upcoming Commission

Meeting. He stated that he could see problems with it. In this area, he didn't see much interest in the youth archery hunt.

Chairman Bunch also noted that there was a little change in the sheep seasons.

NDOW Salisbury stated that there was a little overlap in the archery and muzzleloader seasons. He stated that he cleaned it up so that it wasn't in conflict of the rifle hunt in the 202 area..

***It was moved by Darren Hamrey, seconded by John Lockwood to approve the Department recommendations. Motion Carried.***

- 5\* Commission Regulation 24-02, 2024 Big Game Tag Application Eligibility and Tag Limits** –The Board may review and make recommendation to the Commission as they will consider adopting a regulation to set the 2024 big game tag application eligibility and tag limits and related information.

Chairman Bunch explained the concerns of the Commission at the last meeting relative to the Tag Eligibility process.

NDOW Salisbury asked if there was anything about if you wanted to gift your tag to your kid, or did they just talk about it?

Chairman Bunch explained it was pushing it forward and they it shifted back. He mentioned that on scenario was if you gifted it to your son, and then what if you want to give it to your second son instead of your first son. Then it was 'what if you want to give it to your nephew or your uncle. After that, the tag application committee wanted to take it back and work at it. He further stated that it was pretty much if you want to give it to your son – with more regulations.

Member Peterson stated that what if a mother put in for the tag then gifted it to a son, so you could possible gift 2 of them in one family. Then you get your sister involved etc.

Chairman Bunch stated that when you get down into the season, and something happens to the tag holder, and is not able to hunt, then can the hunter give it to the son. Then more ideas put it out of proportion.

- 6\* Commission Regulation 24-07, 2024 Black Bear Seasons** –The Board may review and make recommendation to the Commission as they will consider and may take action to approve the 2024 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.

Chairman Bunch presented the information relative to the Black Bear hunts.

Member Larson asked if they ever hit the maximum on the bear hunts.

NDOW Salisbury stated that it's pretty much 20 or 25. And sometimes, they get that in the first couple of weeks by tag holders.

Discussion of various bear hunt issues.

***It was moved by Wayne Larson, seconded by Johnny Peterson to approve the Dept recommendations. Motion Carried.***

- 7\*** **Commission Regulation 24-08, 2024 Mountain Lion Season and Harvest Limits** –The Board may review and make recommendation to the Commission as they will consider and may take action to approve the 2024-2025 hunting season open units, harvest limits by unit group, hunting hours and special regulations.

A discussion of various hunt areas and no changes.

***It was moved by John Lockwood, seconded by Darren Hamrey to support the Department recommendations. Motion Carried.***

- 8\*** **Review the remainder of the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioner’s Meeting Agenda for January 26-27, 2024:** The Board may discuss the remainder of the Commission’s Agenda.

No further items were brought of for discussion from the Commission Agenda.

- 9** **Public Comment:** Support material provided is 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.”

Chairman Bunch brought up the subject of sage grouse to Jason Salisbury-NDOW. During his hunting season, he saw a lot of sage grouse in unsuspecting areas. He stated they were seeing a lot of birds on Mt. Hicks, the race track, and the Aurora area.

Jason Salisbury-NDOW- stated that they had see a large number along the California line.

Member Peterson stated that they had recently seen them in the Garfield flats area as well.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:31 PM.