

Minutes of the Mineral County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife Meeting-Draft Minutes  
March 4, 2024 EOC Building, 205 South "A" St, Hawthorne, NV-Training Room

Present: Glenn Bunch, Chairman,

Members Present: Wayne Larson,  
Johnny Peterson

Also Present: Marlene Bunch – Adm Assist.

Public Present: None

Absent: John Lockwood  
Darren Hamrey

Meeting Called to order by Chairman Glenn Bunch at 6:01 PM

- 1\*** **Commission General Regulation 520 – Tag Deferral Extenuating Circumstances Revision** – The Board may make recommendation to the Commission will hold a workshop to consider amending Chapter 502 of the Nevada Administrative Code to amend the circumstances surrounding tag deferrals.

Chairman Bunch explained to the Board the Proposed Regulation which would amend section 1 of LCB File No R022-19 which established a program to allow a customer the option to defer or transfer their big game tag if an extenuating circumstance happened to the customer before the hunting season of the tag opened that prevented the tag holder from hunting on the tag.

He further explained that this is a workshop and they will wordsmith it. Then it will go through the process and come back to the Commission.

***It was moved by Wayne Larson, Seconded by Johnny Peterson to approve the recommendations. 2 Absent. Motion carried.***

- 2\*** **Commission General Regulation 521 – Junior Tag Transfer** –The board may make recommendation to the Commission as they will hold a workshop to consider amending Chapter 502 of the Nevada Administrative Code to provide for the circumstances surrounding the transfer of a tag to a junior hunter.

Chairman Bunch advised the Board that this regulation was drafted in coordination with the Tag allocation and Application Hunt Committee after the passage of Senate Bill 311 of the 82<sup>nd</sup> Legislative Session.

The regulation outlines a program that would allow a mule deer tag holder to transfer their mule deer tag to a minor between the age of 12 and 17 who is otherwise eligible to be awarded and hunt the mule deer tag.

***It was moved by Wayne Larson, seconded by Johnny Peterson to approve the regulations as presented. 2 Absent. Motion Carried***

- 3\*** **Commission Regulation 24-10, Migratory Game Bird Seasons, Bag Limits, and Special Regulations for Waterfowl and Webless Migratory Game Birds Public Hunting Limited on Wildlife Management Areas and Designated State Lands for the 2024-2025 Seasons** –The Board will review and may make recommendation to the Commission as they will consider recommendations for seasons,

bag limits and special regulations for migratory game birds for the 2024-2025 season and adopt regulations consistent with the proposed regulations framework for the 2024-2025 hunting seasons on certain migratory game birds established by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. The Commission will also consider rules regulating public hunting on Wildlife Management Areas and designated state lands.

*Chairman Bunch advised the board that he had received verbal notice from Member Darren Hamrey that he concurred with the proposed recommendations.*

### **Mourning & White-Winged Dove**

Open Statewide

September 1, 2024 – October 30, 2024

Daily Bag limit 15 Possession 45

½ hour before sunrise to sunset

Special Regulations: Limits for mourning dove and white-winged dove are singly or in the aggregate.

***Board Concurs with Recommendation***

### **American Crow**

Open Statewide

Fall Season September 1 – November 17, 2024

Spring Season March 1 – April 15, 2025

Daily bag limit 10

Shooting Sunrise to sunset

Special Regulations – May be hunted by archery, shotguns and falconry.

All crows must be retrieved and removed from the field.

Season Closed on Ravens

***The Board concurs with Dept recommendation***

- Note – Mineral County is located in the Northwest Zone

## **DUCKS AND MERGANSERS**

### **Northwest Zone**

October 12, 2024 – January 6, 2025

January 9, 2025 – January 26, 2025

Limits:

General Duck Limits: 7/21

Pintail: 1/3

Hen Mallard Mexican duck: 2 hen mallards or Mexican ducks/ and 6 in possessions.

Redhead: 2/6

Canvasback: 2/6

Shooting hours: ½ hour before sunrise to sunset

Special Regulations: Open to Nonresident.

***The Board concurs with Dept recommendation***

## **SCAUP (Lesser and Greater)**

### **Northwest Zone**

October 31, 2024 – January 6, 2025

January 9, 2025 – January 26, 2025

Limits – 2/6 (Included within general duck limit, not in addition to)

Shooting hours: ½ hour before sunrise to sunset

Special Regulations: Open to Nonresidents.

*The Board concurs with Dept recommendation*

### **SPECIAL YOUTH WATERFOWL HUNT**

Northwest Zone

September 28, 2024 & February 8, 2025

Daily bag limit is the same as that for the general season for ducks, mergansers, geese, coots, and moorhens.

Youth hunters possessing a valid Nevada Swan Permit may hunt swans in open swan areas (see regulation), provided the trumpeter swan quota has not been reached.

Limits singly or in the aggregate for Canada geese and Brant.

Limits singly or in the aggregate for Snow and Ross' geese.

Snow and Ross' geese are closed in Ruby Valley within Elko and White Pine Counties.

**Shooting Hours-** ½ hour before sunrise to sunset

**Special Regulations:** Open to hunters 17 years of age or younger.

Youth hunters 16 years of age and older must possess a Federal duck stamp.

Youth must be accompanied by an adult who is at least 18 years old.

Adults are not allowed to hunt during this season.

Open to Nonresidents.

*The Board concurs with Dept recommendation*

### **COOTS AND COMMON MOORHENS (Common Gallinules)**

Northwest Zone

October 12, 2024 – January 6, 2025

January 9, 2025 – January 26, 2025

Limits – 25 / 75

Shooting hours: ½ hour before sunrise to sunset

Special Regulations: Open to Nonresidents.

*The Board concurs with Dept recommendation*

### **SNIPE**

Northwest Zone

October 12, 2024 – January 6, 2025

January 9, 2025 – January 26, 2025

Limits – 8 / 24

Shooting hours: ½ hour before sunrise to sunset

Special Regulations: Open to Nonresidents.

*The Board concurs with Dept recommendation*

**CANADA GEESE AND CACKLING GEESE AND BRANT**

**Northwest Zone**

October 12, 2024 – January 6, 2025

January 9, 2025-January 26, 2025

Limits – 5/15

Shooting hours: ½ hour before sunrise to sunset

Special Regulations: Open to Nonresidents.

*The Board concurs with Dept recommendation*

**WHITE-FRONTED GEESE**

**Northwest Zone**

October 12, 2024 – January 6, 2025

January 9, 2025 – January 26, 2025

Limits – 10/30

Shooting hours: ½ hour before sunrise to sunset

Special Regulations: Open to Nonresidents.

*The Board concurs with Dept recommendation*

**SNOW AND ROSS' GEESE**

**Northwest Zone**

November 2, 2024– January 6, 2025

January 9, 2025 – January 26, 2025

February 20, 2025 – March 9, 2025

Limits – 20/60

Shooting hours: ½ hour before sunrise to sunset

Special Regulations: Open to Nonresidents.

*The Board concurs with Dept recommendation*

**FALCONRY SEASON FOR MIGRATORY GAME BIRDS**

**Northwest Zone**

October 12, 2024 – January 6, 2025

January 9, 2025 – January 26, 2025

Limits – 3/9

Shooting hours: ½ hour before sunrise to sunset

Special Regulations: Open to Nonresidents.

Migratory birds allowed for take include: geese, ducks, mergansers, coots, common moorhens and common snipe. Limits for all permitted migratory birds are singly or in the aggregate.

*The Board concurs with Dept recommendation*

**SWAN** (No open areas in Mineral County)

OPEN AREAS: Churchill, Lyon and Pershing counties

October 9, 2021 – January 2, 2022

January 12, 2022 – January 30, 2022

Limits: One swan per swan hunt permit,

Maximum two swan hunt permits per season

One swan per day.

SHOOTING HOURS: ½ hour before sunrise to sunset

SPECIAL REGULATIONS APPLY AS NOTED BY THE DEPT.

*The Board concurs with Dept recommendation*

- 4\*** **Commission Regulation 23-04 – Amendment 3, 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 Big Game Seasons** – The Board may make recommendation to the Commission as they will consider and may take action to approve an amendment to the 2024 2025 hunting seasons and dates.

Chairman Bunch advised the Board of the Department’s proposed Amendment #3 to CR 23-04 is intended to correct an erroneous season date for the late antlerless elk season in Unit Group 104, 108(b), 121. The existing season completely overlaps the late antlered elk hunt in the same area.

*The Board concurs with Dept recommendation*

- 5\*** **Review the remainder of the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioner’s Meeting Agenda for March 8-9, 2024:** The Board may discuss the remainder of the Commission’s Agenda.

Chairman Bunch advised the Board that he would be attending the Heritage Meeting which will be held on Friday, March 8 at 7:30 AM. .

A question came up relative to the elk hunts in the last meeting.  
Chairman Bunch gave an explanation of the different changes in the last meeting.  
A further discussion of the Moose herds.

- 6** **Public Comment: None**

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:36 PM.