

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

Date & Time: Monday January 25, 2021 at 6:04 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
Present by Zoom – Jason Salisbury-NDOW

Marlene Bunch – Adm Assist.

Absent: Darren Hamrey

Public Present: None

The meeting was brought to order by Glenn Bunch, Chairman at 6:00 PM

1* 1* Commission Regulation 21-03 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 Big Game Seasons. The Board will consider recommendations to the Commission as they consider adopting the 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 hunting seasons and dates for mule deer, pronghorn antelope, elk, bighorn sheep, and mountain goat, including limits, hunting hours, special hunt eligibility, animal sex, physical characteristics, hunt boundary restrictions, and legal weapon requirements, and emergency depredation hunt structure and statewide quota. (Public Comment)

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

202-204 Oct 15-Oct 30

205-208 Aug 22-Sep 7

The Board Agrees with the Dept Recommendation-Both Years

Nonresident Antelope – Horns longer than ears Any Legal Weapon Hunt 2251

202-204 Oct 15-Oct 30

205-208 Aug 22-Sep 7

The Board Agrees with the Dept Recommendation-Both Years

Resident Antelope – Horns longer than ears Muzzleloader Hunt 2171

This year the dept added the Board's request for:

205-208 Sept 25 – Oct 4 Both years

Chairman Bunch stated that he would like to add:

202-204 Sept 25 – Oct 4 Both Years

Chairman Bunch asked Jason Salisbury if he had a problem with it.

Jason Salisbury responded he didn't have a problem. There is some antelope available with the interstate heart. It may be hard to find the resident herd. If we get the 2 old guzzlers filled, we should have more resident antelope. There are some resident antelope there.

Chairman Bunch stated that it is hunter opportunity even if we had 2 tags. With the minimal amount of tags. There is not a recommendation for non-resident tags in that area.

The Board concurred that with the Dept Recommendation for 205-208 and the Board is requesting the addition of areas 202-204, Sept 25 – Oct 4 to be included.

Nonresident Antelope – Horns longer than ears Muzzleloader Hunt 2271

The Board Agrees.

Resident Antelope – Horns longer than ears Archery Hunt 2161

Area 205-208 Aug 1 – Aug 21 Both years

The Board Concurs

Nonresident Antelope – Horns longer than ears Archery Hunt 2261

The Board Concurs

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

No Recommendation

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-Wilderness Only – Any Legal Weapon 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

Area 202, Nov 20 – Jan 1 Both Years

Area 204, Oct 15 – Nov 15 Both Years

Area 205, Nov 20 – Jan 1 Both Years

Area 206, 208 Nov 20 – Jan 1 Both Years

Area 207, Oct 15 – Nov 15 Both Years

The Board Concurs with the Dept Recommendations

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

Area 205, Nov 20 – Jan 1 Both years

Area 207, Oct 15 – Nov 16 Both Years

The Board Concurs with the Dept Recommendations

Resident Nelson (Desert) Bighorn Sheep Any Ram – Archery Hunt 3161

The Board discussed the possibility of adding an Archery Hunt in areas 202 & 204

Chairman Bunch stated that there is a nice herd roaming in the Elbow area and the Ravenel

Chairman Bunch asked Jason Salisbury what his opinion was.

Jason Salisbury responded that 202 & 204 are separated. So he asked if the board wanted to combine them.

Further discussion of relation to the town of Walker Lake.

Jason Salisbury asked Johnny Peterson if he thought there would be any objection from the Army base.

Johnny Person responded that he didn't think it would be.

Further discussion of scenarios and issues ensued between Jason Salisbury and the CAB members.

After all discussion, it was approved by the Board that we request areas 202 & 204 be added to hunt 3161

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

No Recommendation

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

No Recommendation

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 California Bighorn Sheep Any Ewe – Any Legal Weapon Hunt 8181

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

Area 202, 205-208 Any Legal Weapon Nov 5 – Nov 30 Both Years

Muzzleloader, Dec 1 – Dec 15- Both Years

Archery, Dec 16 – Jan 1 – Both Years

Board Concurs with Dept Recommendation

Resident Mule Deer – Antlerless Any Legal Weapon Hunt 1181

No Recommendation

Resident and Nonresident Mule Deer – Antlered Any Legal Weapon Hunt

Resident 1331 and Nonresident 1332

Area 202, 205-208, Nov 5 – Nov 30 Both Years

The Board concurs with the Dept Recommendation

Resident and Nonresident Mule Deer – Antlered Muzzleloader Hunt

Resident 1331 and Nonresident 1332

Area 202, 205-208, Dec 1 – Dec 15 both years

The Board concurs with the Dept Recommendation

Resident and Nonresident Mule Deer Antlered – Archery Hunt

Resident 1331 and Nonresident 1332

Area 201, 202, 204-208 Early, Aug 10 – Sep 9 Both Years

Area 202, 205-208 Late, Dec 16 – Jan 1 Both Years

The Board Concurs with the Dept Recommendations

2021 and 2022 Antlerless Elk Landowner Hunts

No Recommendation

2021 and 2022 Emergency Big Game Hunts

No Recommendations

- 2* **Commission Regulation 21-04, 2021 Black Bear Seasons.** The Board will consider recommendations to the Commission as they consider adopting the 2021 hunting season dates, open managements units, hunting hours, special regulations, animal sex, legal weapon requirements, hunt boundary restrictions, and dates and times for indoctrination courses for black bear. (Public Comment)

CR 21-04 – 2021 Black Bear Season

Hunts 201, 202, 204, 206 Open Sept 15 – Dec 1 or until harvest limits are met

Discussion of hunting with the dogs including in various scenarios.

Jason Salisbury stated that some of the issues is the defining the difference between a boar and a sow

The Board agrees with one comment that the Board supports the use of dogs

- 3* **Commission Regulations 21-05 2021-2022 Mountain Lion Season and Harvest Limits.** The Board will consider recommendations to the Commission as they consider adopting the 2021-2022 mountain lion hunting season open units, harvest limits by unit group, hunting hours, and special regulations. (Public Comment)

CR 21-05 Open Management Units and Harvest Limits 2021 Mountain Lion Season

Area 202, 204, 207, Agree with Dept Recommendation

After discussion it was also stipulated that we support the use of dogs in the hunt.

4. **Use of Hounds on Bear Hunts-** The Board will consider recommendations to the Commission relative to the data compiled by the Dept relating to the use of hounds on bear hunts, as directed by the Commission in November 2020's meeting as a follow up to a petition. Discussion may include recommendations on how to proceed with the petition process. (Public Comment)

Chairman Bunch stated that he put this on the agenda to begin the discussion to keep the board apprised that it could be talked about it.

Billie Williams reported of how it was discussed at the meeting in Las Vegas and how it didn't fly at this time.

- 5: **Wildlife Heritage Account Report** – The board will review the funds available through the Heritage Funding and discuss the process for submitting a project for consideration for review and appropriate Action (Public Comment)

Chairman Bunch stated that he put this on the agenda so that if members of the Board wanted to submit a project that they should be started on it right away. He informed the Board that the available. Member Hamrey had advised Chairman Bunch in the past that he was thinking of putting in some guzzlers with a project.

Jason Salisbury stated that it would be better if it was privately owned. He further explained to the Board of various things to consider in the process of building a guzzler.

Jason further informed the Board discuss various projects and areas that he could worked on with the funds.

A barnstorming session ensued of various areas and possible projects within Mineral County.

No decision of projects were made.

6. **The Board May Review remaining items of the January 29-30, 2021 Commission Agenda.** The Board may review and discuss the remaining items of the January 29-30, 2021 Commission Agenda and make recommendations to the Commission accordingly. (Public Comment)

No further items were brought before the board for discussion

8. **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 Public Comment

With no further business, it was moved by Wayne Larson, seconded by Johnny Peterson to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

A recording of the meeting may be made available to those requesting a copy by contacting Marlene Bunch, Administrative Assistant at 775-945-0441