

Action Report: Washoe County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife May 1st 2023

Attendance: Matt Melarkey, Coby Rowe, Steve Robinson, Jim Rhea, Ryan Browne

Absent:

SUBMITTED BY ___Matt Melarkey_____

Commission Agenda Action Items:

CONSENT ITEMS – For Possible Action

8.a Wildlife Heritage Grants Manual – For Possible Action

The Commission will review recommendations made by the Heritage Committee to cap principal balance projects at 50% of the available balance per year.

8.b Fiscal Year 2024 Predation Management Plan – For Possible Action

The Commission will review the final draft of the Fiscal Year 2024 Draft Predation Management Plan with the Department. The Commission may take action to modify or endorse the plan.

8.c Administrative Procedures, Regulations and Policy (APRP) Committee – For Possible Action

The APRP Committee has concluded with committee meetings and will focus on the policy through the Commission.

8.d Elk Damage Payment Exceeding \$10,000 – For Possible Action

Per NAC 504.421, the Commission is required to approve an elk damage payment above \$10,000. An elk damage assessment on the Granite Peak Ranch in White Pine County totaling \$28,346, was completed by Department personnel and submitted for reimbursement by Bruce Hubbard, agent for the property.

8.e Commission Policy 23 – Predation Management – Fourth Reading - For Possible Action

The Commission will review Commission Policy 23 and may make any necessary changes and may decide to repeal, revise, or adopt the policy.

8.f Commission General Regulation 506, Possession of Golden Eagles Under Certain

Circumstances – For Possible Action

The Commission will hold an adoption hearing to consider amending Nevada

Administrative Code (NAC) 503 to allow for possession of a golden eagle under certain circumstances

Approve _____5_____ Oppose _____0_____

Comments_____

END CONSENT ITEMS

Consent Calendar Items pulled for further discussion: None

ACATION ITEMS:

9. Consent Calendar items pulled for further discussion – For Possible Action

Consent item(s) removed from consent block will be heard.

NOTES/ COMENTS: None

10. Commission Regulation 23-05, Amendment #1, 2023 Black Bear Quotas and Harvest Limits – For Possible Action

The Commission will consider adopting the 2023 hunting season quotas and harvest limits for black bear.

Approve _____ 5 _____ Oppose _____ 0 _____

Comments:

Approve with the following changes: Quota increased to 63 Resident and 7 Nonresident. Unit Harvest limits as follows Hunt Units 192,194,195, 196 Unit group Harvest limit 8, Hunt Unit Group 201,202,204 and 206 group harvest limit 8; and Hunt Unit group 291 and 203 group harvest limit 10. Recommend removing Unit Group Female Harvest Limits eliminating “sow ratio”.

11. Commission Regulation 23-14, Big Game Quotas for the 2023-2024 Season – For Possible Action

The Commission will consider and may take action to approve regulations for the numbers of tags to be issued for mule deer, pronghorn antelope, elk, bighorn sheep, and mountain goats for the 2023 - 2024 season.

Approve _____ 5 _____ Oppose _____ 0 _____

Comments: Approve recommended quotes with the following changes:

Mule Deer:

Resident Mule Deer- Antlered Muzzleloader Hunt Resident 1331

- Unit Group 014 increase quota to 2
- Unit Group 015 increase quota to 5
- Unit Group 021 increase quota to 5
- Unit Group 022 increase quota to 5
- Unit Group 033 increase quota to 5
- Unit Group 194,196 increase quota to 5
- Unit Group 195 increase quota to 5

Resident Mule Deer- Antlered Archery Hunt Resident 1331

- Unit Group 015 increase quota to 5
- Unit Group 021 increase quota to 15
- Unit Group 022 increase quota to 6

Pronghorn Antelope:

Resident Antelope- Horns longer than ears Muzzleloader Hunt 2171

Unit Group 012-014 increase quota to 5

Unit Group 015 increase quota to 10

Unit Group 021-022 increase quota to 2

Unit Group 033 increase quota 2

Resident Antelope- Horns longer than ears Archery Hunt 2161

Unit Group 011 increase quota to 5

Unit Group 015 increase quota to 15

Unit Group 021,022 Increase quota to 5

Unit Group 033 Increase quota to 4

Elk:

Bighorn Sheep:

Mountain Goats:

12. Future Meeting Agenda Items – Informational only- Public Comment Allowed

Members may propose future topics for discussion.

13. Public Comment [Non-action item]