

LYON COUNTY WILDLIFE ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES

Thursday, January 19, 2023 at 6:00 PM
Silver Springs Senior Center
2945 Fort Churchill, Silver Springs, NV 89429

1. Call to Order

Joe Crawford called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm

2. Roll Call: Determination of a Quorum

Present: Joe Crawford, Mike Osterman, Bob Arigoni, Walt Mandeville

Absent: Alan LaVoie (excused)

Guest: Nevada Department of Wildlife Representatives; Jason Salisbury and Cooper Munson - See Community Report

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Public Participation (no action will be taken on any item until it is properly agendaized) - It is anticipated that public participation will be held at this time, though it may be returned to at any time during the agenda. Citizens wishing to speak during public participation are asked to state their name for the record and will be limited to 3 minutes. The Board will conduct public comment after discussion of each agenda action item, but before the Board takes any action.

None present

5. Community Reports

a. Nevada Department of Wildlife Representative

Jason Salisbury and Cooper Munson from Nevada Department of Wildlife

6. For Possible Action: Review and adoption of agenda

Bob Arigoni moved that the CAB approve the agenda. Mike Osterman seconded. The motion passed unanimously 4-0

7. For Possible Action: Elect Chair and Vice Chair

CAB nominates Joe Crawford for Chair and Walt Mandeville for Vice Chair

Bob Arigoni moved to elect Joe Crawford as President and Walt Mandeville as Vice Chair, Mike Osterman seconded. The motion passed unanimously 4-0

8. For Possible Action: Approve minutes of meeting from **October 27, 2022**

Joe Crawford to approve the minutes from October 27, 2022, Walt Mandeville seconded. The motion passed unanimously 4-0

9. For Possible Action to Forward a Recommendation: Nevada Wildlife Commission Reports Review for Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners (NBWC) Meeting on **January 27th and 28th 2023**

Link to Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners Meeting information:

http://www.ndow.org/Public_Meetings/Com/Agenda/

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- a. Nevada Board of Wildlife Commission (NBWC) Regulation 23-04, 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 Big Game Seasons – For Possible Action

The NBWC will consider and may take action to approve the 2023-2024 and 2024- 2025 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.

CAB recommendations for quotas season setting will go on specified recommendation requested from NDOW and attached to the minutes.

CAB discussed that quota looks fine. Discussion that the antelope, elk quotas are acceptable as is. Big Horn sheep - Jason shared that they split area 181 will lessen the amount of people on fairview slate and is something to try. Ca Bighorn is combined all of Washoe and is also acceptable as presented. Mountain Goat is adding a non-resident.

Concerns about muzzleloader hunt and should be moved back to september and not in front of rifle hunters - Jason shared that when they hunted after the rifle hunt the animal was hard have harvet success after rifle hunters as animal was spooked and is intended a an opporunity for muzzleloaders to be successful.

Recommendations for the NBWC was noted on recommendation form All were accepted as presented with the exception of Blackbears item b. below.

- b. Nevada Board of Wildlife Commission (NBWC) Regulation 23-05, 2023 Black Bear Seasons – For Possible Action The NBWC Commission will consider and may take action to approve the 2023 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.

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CAB discussion: Joe Crawford discussed the Blackbear units being possibly separated into the units or until harvest quota is met instead of a singular unit tag, with the units being broken into three units, It looks like hunters will have to put in for a specific unit group. Bears move from one unit to another. Is there a harvest limit for each unit? Total harvest limit? Last year harvest limit was reached early. Joe shared that he is all for increasing quota they are giving out 50 tags and only 20 bears be harvested and 30 people will have no opportunity to harvest a bear. Would really like to see quota raised to 50 with no female harvest what so ever. Breaking into 3 separate units that you have to draw is ok but probably not best way to manage the bear population either. Using hounds when in a tree helps determine if the bear is male or female unless. Another issue with three separate units is that the bear feed may vary region to region and therefore the bears will move region to region and concentrate where the food is. A good aspect of three hunt units is that it eliminates hunter concentration in certain areas, You could have three choices in the application however we have a good thing being able to go unit to unit.

***Joe Crawford made a motion that the Lyon County Wildlife CAB vote to keep the bear hunt a cumulative hunt with the option to unit hunt all hunt units.
Mike Ostermane seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously 4-0***

10. Correspondence
None

11. Chair & Board Member Comments
Next Lyon Wildlife CAB meeting scheduled Thursday, March 2nd at 6pm in Silver Springs

12. Public Participation (no action will be taken on any item until it is properly agendaized) - It is anticipated that public participation will be held at this time, though it may be returned to at any time during the agenda. Citizens wishing to speak during public participation are asked to state their name for the record and will be limited to 3 minutes. The Board will conduct public comment after discussion of each agenda action item, but before the Board takes any action.
None

13. Adjourn
Joe Crawford adjourned meeting at 6:43pm