

LYON COUNTY WILDLIFE ADVISORY BOARD

Tuesday, April 26, 2022 at 6:00 PM

Silver Springs Senior Center

2945 Fort Churchill, Silver Springs, NV 89429

1. Call to Order

Chair Joe Crawford called the meeting to order at 6:07 PM.

2. Roll Call: Determination of a Quorum

Present: Joe Crawford, Mike Osterman, Walt Mandeville, Alan LaVoie

Absent: Bob Arigoni (Excused)

Guest: Jason Salisbury, Nevada Department of Wildlife

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Public Participation None Present

5. For Possible Action: Review and adoption of agenda

Mike Osterman moved to approve the agenda as presented, Alan LaVoie seconded, and the motion passed 4-0.

6. For Possible Action: Approve minutes of meeting of March 15, 2022

Walt Mandeville moved to approve minutes of meeting of March 15, 2022, Mike Osterman seconded and the motion passed 4-0.

7. For Possible Action: Nevada Wildlife Commission Reports Review

CAB Discussion – Changed the recommendations broken down by unit by species. Numbers for quota look like they are dropping. Alan mentioned that the lower numbers have been moved to the junior quotas.

Antelope- most are lower fawn numbers. Jason Salisbury shared when surveys are done (September and October).

Antelope reductions overall 043 and 046 really booming, less horses, a lot of water, not a lot of fire. 041 and 042 not doing as well, a lot of horses and competing for resources. Spring development / water development will help with antelope thriving. Big gains also in 15, they had a good fawn ration in 2 years before. Best bucks are 3- and 4-year-old bucks.

Alan shared that he thinks the biologist are doing a good job.

Jason Salisbury shared that there have been a few EHD with a few deer and antelope– few here in Nevada.

- Alan Motions that the CAB agree with Antelope Quotas as presented, Mike Osterman seconded, and motion passed 4-0

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ELK Quota- CAB discussion: Quotas look good.

061/071 based on carrying capacity, evaluated with collaring the months that they are occupying Nevada. Elk summering in Nevada and then mass moves across to Idaho. Some Elk do go into 073. Reduction in 072 based on 1100 elk. Cow Elk adjusted based on ratios. 062 increase as there is still a mysterious death in spring time that they have not resolved.

- Mike Osterman motions that the LYON Wildlife CAB approve the elk quota as presented, Alan LaVoie seconded, and motion passed 4-0

Sheep Quota: One horn ram – one horn half size of other horn. Reduce numbers that may not be harvested. No points accrued and once in a lifetime. The hunt is a good opportunity.

Mike Osterman asked about disease on 205 – Jason Salisbury replied that the disease is MOVI and low lamb ratio following disease event. Southern Nevada reductions, drought, poor lamb recruitment. Different MOVI strain in south.

- Alan LaVoie made a motion that the Lyon County Wildlife CAB approve the Desert sheep quota as presented, Walt Mandeville seconded the motion and the motion passed 4-0

Mountain Goat Quota:

- Alan LaVoie made a motion that the Lyon County Wildlife CAB approve the Mountain Goat quota as presented, Joe Crawford seconded the motion and the motion passed 4-0

Mule Deer- areas 101-109 resident JR hunt 490-810. Limited access to certain areas. Increases in 6, 10, 14, 15 some stayed same, and a lot went down especially in eastern side. Drops in other areas. Alan asked why they don't break up subunits area 76/77. Jason replied that the Snake range and Jarbridge and migrating, moving north. East range gets hit by a lot of juniors. Tobins get a little less harvested, harder area to hunt. 041/042 – 30 bucks per hundred does, lowering tags because lower overall populations. Not as many deer as compared to 10 years ago. Peavine – big deer are the resident deer not the interstate deer. Reduced tags rebuild populations. Junior hunt numbers could be based on success rates also. Alan shared that by reducing tags we can get more quality deer in the future. Mule deer reductions related to fawn ratios. More available older class bucks in future.

- Alan LaVoie made a motion that the Lyon County Wildlife CAB approve the Mule Deer quota as presented, Mike Osterman seconded the motion and the motion passed 4-0

Black Bear – no changes keeping it the same. Such a limited opportunity hunt. Why isn't it a once in a lifetime. Must wait 5 years after a kill.

- Mike Osterman made a motion that the Lyon County Wildlife CAB approve the Black Bear quota as presented, Alan LaVoie seconded the motion and the motion passed 4-0

California's – Areas down or stayed the SAME EXCEPT FOR 35

- Alan LaVoie made a motion that the Lyon County Wildlife CAB approve the California's quota as presented, Walt Mandeville seconded the motion and the motion passed 4-0

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Rocky's – Opened up 102 for military deferment. Then opening season.

- Alan LaVoie made a motion that the Lyon County Wildlife CAB approve the Rocky's quota as presented, Mike Osterman seconded the motion and the motion passed 4-0.

Sub Guide denial – play by the rules. Break the law pay the penalty.

8. Correspondence

None

9. Chair & Board Member Comments

Chair Joe Crawford discussed the next Lyon Wildlife CAB meeting date to be June 14, 2022 as the next Wildlife Commission will meet the 24th and 25th.

10. Public Participation

There was no public participation given.

11. Adjourn

Chair Joe Crawford adjourned the meeting 7:24pm.