

**THE WHITE PINE COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE MET IN SPECIAL SESSION ON
JANUARY 25, 2021 AT 6:00 PM AT THE WHITE PINE COUNTY LIBRARY**

Present:

Board Chairman Mitchell McVicars
Board Vice Chairman Steve Marquez
Ramona Maestes
Ray Sawyer
Adam Ruesch

Board Secretary Christina Sawyer

Absent:

Visitors:

Called to order:

Meeting was called to order by Board Chairman McVicars at 6:00

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comment Period:

None

***Approval of Agenda:**

Board Chairman McVicars called for a motion to approve the agenda for the January 25, 2021 meeting.

A motion to approve the agenda for January 25, 2021 meeting as written was made by board member Sawyer seconded by board member Mastes, motion passed with no opposition.

***Approval of minutes:**

Board reviewed the December 7, 2020 Special Meeting minutes for approval.

Board Chairman entertained a motion

A motion to approve the minutes for the December 7, 2020 special meeting as written was made by board member Sawyer, seconded by board member Mastes, motion passed with no opposition.

Board reviewed the September 21, 2020 meeting minutes for approval.

Board Chairman called for a motion of the September 21, 2020 meeting minutes

A motion to approve the minutes for the September 21, 2020 meeting as written was made by board member Maestes seconded by board member Marquez motion passed with no opposition.

***Payment of Bills:**

Board was presented a bill from Christina Sawyer for board secretary duties for the September 21, 2020 meeting in the amount of \$150.

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Board Chairman McVicars entertained a motion

A motion to approve the payment of bills to Christina

***Correspondence:**

Email- WPC Board of Commissioners, Chairman Richard Howe shared letter sent to Jon Raby, State Director of Nevada Bureau of Land Management, regarding WPC support for the N-4 Grazing Boards request for immediate Action of Wild Horse overpopulation in WPC

Email: Missy Stanford, Ex. Asst. To the Director, Nevada Division of Wildlife sent the 2021 Big Game Season Recommendation Survey.

16l email to ray sawyer from Bill Miller. Main draw results correction to May 28, 2021

Reports:

Board has agreed to draft a letter to Jon Raby in support of the N-4 Grazing-wild horse.

Commission Agenda items:

6 A. Commission General Regulation 495, NAC 502 Simplification

Board discussed as follows- Sawyer saw no areas of concern.

Board Chairman McVicars entertained a motion

A motion to approve **Commission General Regulation 495, NAC 502 Simplification** as written was made by board member Sawyer, seconded by board member Marquez. Motion passed, no opposition.

6 B.* Commission General Regulation 496, NAC 503

Board discussed none

public comment: none

Board Chairman McVicars entertained a motion

A motion to approve **Commission General Regulation 496, NAC 503** as written was made by board member Sawyer, seconded by board member Mastes. Motion passed, no opposition.

6 C.* Commission General Regulation 497, NAC 504 Simplification

Board discussed none

public comment: none

Board Chairman McVicars entertained a motion

A motion to approve **Commission General Regulation 497, NAC 504 Simplification** as written was made by board member Sawyer, seconded by board member Mastes. Motion passed, no opposition.

14 A **Commission General Regulation 493, NAC 488 Simplification**

Board discussed none

Public comment:

Board Chairman McVicars entertained a motion

A motion to approve **Commission General Regulation 493, NAC 488 Simplification** as written was made by board member Sawyer, seconded by board member Marquez. Motion passed, no opposition.

16 A Commission Regulation 21-03, 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 Big Game Seasons

Resident Antelope- Horns Longer than ears-Any Legal Weapon Hunt 2151

Public comment: none

Board agrees with department recommendations

Nonresident Antelope- Horns longer than Ears- Any Legal Weapon 2251

Public comment: none

Board agrees with department recommendations

Resident Antelope- Horns longer than ears- Muzzleloader Hunt 2171

Public comment: none

Board agrees with department recommendations

Nonresident Antelope- Horns longer than ears-muzzleloader hunt 2271

Public comment: none

Board agrees with department recommendations

Resident Antelope- Horns longer than ears-Archery Hunt 2161

Public comment: none

Board agrees with department recommendations

Nonresident Antelope-Horns longer than ears-Archery Hunt 2261

Public comment: none

Board agrees with department recommendations

Resident Antelope-Horns Shorter than ears-Any legal weapon Hunt 2181

Public comment: none

Board agrees with department recommendations

Resident Elk-Antlered-Any legal weapon Depredation Hunt 4102

Public comment: Menghini, NDOW– population increased SWNA concerned. Previously held similar hunts with success. Not a new thing. 100—150 Elk standing out is not a good thing for NDOW. Anticipated 5-10 tags. Not eligible for any compensation because it is a municipality. Only tool available to NDOW.

Dana remembers the depredation hunt on Pecio land that created mayhem in duck Creek. Concerns that this depredation will mimic that. Rowley is concerned that this will affect only bulls, rarely sees cows. Feels this hunt will be detrimental to the mature population. Brunson, agrees that we need to manage the herd, not the trophy but doesn't believe this depredation hunt Rowley, disagrees with having a rifle hunt during the archery season. Menghini, NDOW noted this practice has been done before without concern. Brunson does not believe this is the best solution. Johnson, unfortunate there isn't other options. Johnson, wondering if SWNA has been approached to determine a solution? Understands that NDOW only has 1 management solution.

Board alternative recommendation to create a 4pt or less antler restriction for the 5 hunts in area 115.

Resident Elk-Antlered- Any legal weapon hunt 4151

Public comment: none

Board agrees with department recommendations

Nonresident Elk-Antlered – Any legal Weapon Hunt 4251

Public comment: none

Board agrees with department recommendations

Resident Elk-Antlered Muzzleloader Hunt 4156

Public comment: none

Board agrees with department recommendations

Nonresident Elk-Antlered Muzzleloader Hunt 4256

Public comment: none

Board agrees with department recommendations

Resident Elk-Antlered- Archery Hunt 4161

Public comment: none

Board agrees with department recommendations

Nonresident Elk-Antlered-Archery Hunt 4261

Public comment: none

Board agrees with department recommendations

Resident Elk-Spike-Ay Legal Weapon Hunt 4651

Public comment: Menghini, NDOW says data shows 1 to 1 ration bull to cow preseason. We are going to continue to hit top end bulls. Opposed to the definition of spike. Menghini, NDOW -Some success in maintaining quality in Elko county noted area 6. 100-150 tags are anticipated with a 20% success rate spread out over 10 hunts is what is anticipated. Johnson, concerns mortality rate while trying to seek out a spike among the cows will create

Board's alternative recommendations Would like to see the spike tag redistributed among all weapons class with dates to coincide with the antlerless hunts 4176 and 4111. Would like to include a new definition of spike.

Additional comments include a description error: Unit 221-223 Early should read 222-223 Early and 221-223 Late should read 222-223 Late.

Resident Elk – Antlerless- Any Legal Weapon Hunt 4181

Public comment: none

Board agrees with department recommendations

Resident Elk-Antlerless-Wilderness only-Any Legal Weapon Hunt 4181

Public comment: none

Board agrees with department recommendations

Nonresident Elk-Antlerless-Any Legal Weapon Hunt 4281

Public comment: none

Board agrees with department recommendations

Resident Elk-Antlerless-Muzzleloader Hunt 4176

Public comment: none

Board agrees with department recommendations

Nonresident Elk-Antlerless-Muzzleloader Hunt 4276

Public comment: none

Board agrees with department recommendations

Resident Elk-Antlerless-Archery Hunt 4111

Public comment: none

Board agrees with department recommendations

Nonresident Elk-Antlerless-Archery Hunt 4211

Public comment: none

Board agrees with department recommendations

Resident Elk-Antlerless-Any Legal Weapon Hunt 4107

Public comment: none

Board's Alternative recommendations: Boundaries are not clearly defined, wants to make sure they stay the same in unit 121.

Resident Nelson (Desert) Bighorn sheep – Any Ram- Any legal Weapon Hunt 3151

Public comment: none

Board agrees with department recommendations

Nonresident Nelson (Desert) Bighorn sheep – Any Ram- Any legal Weapon Hunt 3151

Public comment: none

Board agrees with department recommendations

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

Public comment: none

Board agrees with department recommendations

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

Public comment: none

Board agrees with department recommendations

Nonresident Nelson (Desert) Bighorn sheep – Any Ewe-Any legal weapon hunt 3281

Public comment: none

Board agrees with department recommendations

Resident California Bighorn Sheep-Any Ram-Any Legal Weapon Hunt 8151

Public comment: none

Board agrees with department recommendations

Nonresident California Bighorn Sheep-Any Ram-Any Legal Weapon Hunt 8251

Public comment: none

Board agrees with department recommendations

Resident California Bighorn Sheep – any ewe- Any legal Weapon Hunt 8181

Public comment: none

Board agrees with department recommendations

Resident Rocky Mountain Bighorn Sheep – Any Ram-Any Legal Weapon Hunt 9151

Public comment: none

Board additional recommendation: would like to see a collaring project in 114

Resident Mountain Goat – Any Goat – Any Legal Weapon Hunt 7151

Public comment: none

Board agrees with department recommendations

Resident Junior Mule Deer – Antlered or Antlerless-Archery, Muzzleloader, or any legal weapon hunt 1107

Public comment: none

Board's alternative recommendations: Remove Antlerless hunt.

Resident Mule Deer – Antlerless-Any Legal Weapon Hunt 1181

Public comment: If there is a mule deer problem then why aren't we eliminating the hunt?

Board's Alternative recommendation: No doe hunts until the population shows an increase.

Resident and Nonresident Mule Deer – Antlered – Any Legal Weapon Hunt 1331 and 1332

Public comment: Sawyer believes area 11 cannot support two hunts, should eliminate the late rifle hunt.

Ruesch questioned the success rate 56% provided by Menghini, NDOW. Johnson feels the early mid and late seasons were put in place during a time when the deer population was at an all time high. The seasons should be restructured now to reflect the low deer population. Would like to see WP take control of area 22. Board members supported the idea of removing the mid hunt in 22 unit

Board's Alternative recommendation: Season date changes for unit 221-223 Early (Oct 5-20) remove mid hunt for 221-223 mid, 221-223 late (Oct 21-Nov. 5)

Resident and Nonresident Mule Deer-Antlered-Muzzleloader-Any legal weapon hunt 1331 and 1332

Public comment: none

Board agrees with department recommendations

Resident and Nonresident Mule Deer Antlered Muzzleloader any legal weapon Hunt 1331 and 1332

Public comment: none

Board's Alternative recommendation: Remove late hunt in Unit 111-113

Resident and Nonresident Mule Deer -Antlered-Archery Hunt 1331 and 1332

Public comment: none

Board agrees with department recommendations

2021 and 2022 Antlerless Elk Landowner Hunts

Public comment: none

Board agrees with department recommendations

2021 and 2022 Emergency Big Game Hunts

Public comment: none

Board agrees with department recommendations

16B. 3. Resident and Nonresident Black Bear - Either Sex - Any Legal Weapon

Public comment: none

Board discussed

Board Chairman McVicars entertained a motion

A motion to approve as written was made by board member Sawyer, seconded by board member Marquez. Motion passed, no opposition.

16. C.* Commission Regulation 21-05 2021-2022 Mountain Lion Season and Harvest Limits

Public comment: none

Board discussed

Board Chairman McVicars entertained a motion

A motion to approve **Commission Regulation 21-05 2021-2022 Mountain Lion Season and Harvest Limits** as written was made by board member Sawyer, seconded by board member Marquez. Motion passed, no opposition.

16 D.* Commission Regulation 21-06, 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 Restricted Nonresident Guided Mule Deer Seasons and Quotas

Public comment: none

Board discussed

Board Chairman McVicars entertained a motion

A motion to accept **Commission Regulation 21-06, 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 Restricted Nonresident Guided Mule Deer Seasons and Quotas** as written with changes to area 221-223 early oct 5-20 remove mid late oct

21-nov 5. approve as written was made by board member Sawyer, seconded by board member Mastes. Motion passed, no opposition.

16 E.* Commission Regulation 21-07, 2022 Heritage Tag Seasons and Quota

Board discussed noted no changes

no public comment

Board Chairman McVicars entertained a motion

A motion to approve **Commission Regulation 21-07, 2022 Heritage Tag Seasons and Quota** as written was made by board member Sawyer, seconded by board member Marquez. Motion passed, no opposition.

16 F.* Commission Regulation 21-08, 2021 Silver State Tags

Board discussed noted no changes

Public comment: none

Board Chairman McVicars entertained a motion

A motion to approve **Commission Regulation 21-08, 2021 Silver State Tags** as written was made by board member Sawyer, seconded by board member Mastes. Motion passed, no opposition.

16 G.* Commission Regulation 21-09, 2021 Partnership in Wildlife Tags

Board discussed noted no changes

no public comment

Board Chairman McVicars entertained a motion

A motion to approve **Commission Regulation 21-09, 2021 Partnership in Wildlife Tags** as written was made by board member Sawyer, seconded by board member Mastes. Motion passed, no opposition.

16.H.* Commission Regulation 21-10, 2021 Dream Tag

Board discussed noted no changes

No public comments

Board Chairman McVicars entertained a motion

A motion to approve **Commission Regulation 21-10, 2021 Dream Tag** as written was made by board member Sawyer, seconded by board member Marquez. Motion passed, no opposition.

16 I.* Commission Regulation 21-11, 2021 Big Game Application Deadlines

Board reviewed

Board Chairman McVicars entertained a motion

A motion to approve **Commission Regulation 21-11, 2021 Big Game Application Deadlines** noting a correction to the date reading May 26 to should read 28 was made by board member Sawyer, seconded by board member Mastes. Motion passed, no opposition.

16 J.* Commission Regulation 21-12, 2021 Big Game Tag Application Eligibility and Tag

Board discussed noting no changes

No public comment

Board Chairman McVicars entertained a motion

A motion to approve **Commission Regulation 21-12, 2021 Big Game Tag Application Eligibility and Tag** as written was made by board member Sawyer, seconded by board member Ruesch. Motion passed, no opposition.

17.* Draft Fiscal Year 2022 Predation Management Plan

Board discussed noting no changes

No public comment

Board Chairman McVicars entertained a motion

A motion to approve **Draft Fiscal Year 2022 Predation Management Plan** as written was made by board member Sawyer, seconded by board member Marquez. Motion passed, no opposition.

Next Commission meeting scheduled for January 29-30 2021 the location of the meeting is subject to change due to direction of the Governor during the COVID-19 pandemic. The Commission may change the time and meeting location at this time. The chairwoman may designate and adjust committee assignments and add or dissolve committees, as necessary at this time. Any anticipated committee meetings that may occur prior to the next Commission meeting may be discussed.

Sawyer will log in.

Board discussed having the next advisory meeting on Monday March 15, 2021 at 6pm at the White Pine County Library.

Board Chairman McVicars entertained a motion.

A motion to accept next meeting date Monday March 15, 2021 at 6pm at the White Pine County Library was made by board member Sawyer, seconded by board member Marquez. Motion passed, no opposition.

Public Comment: Johnson recalls the caps set 30 years ago, technical review board and hours and hours noted these are arbitrary numbers and was continuously promised that these numbers would be adjusted, and data was obtained. The question needs to be asked, when are we going to talk about. Need more flexibility regarding the caps. 30 years is a long time to sit on. Elk management needs to be discussed and he encouraged the board to bring it up often to all the commissioners and NDOW leaders. Make calls. Feels that WP gets overlooked because they do not reach out earlier enough and often enough to help the commission understand what you are trying to do.

Board Chairman McVicars entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:10pm

A motion to adjourn the White Pine County Wildlife Advisory meeting on January 25, 2021 was made by board member Mastes seconded by board member Sawyer. Motion passed with no opposition.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:10pm.

