

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Weller at 6:00pm.

1. Roll Call

- Present Members: Jessie Weller, Rob Jacobson, Walt Mandeville, Wes Clyde, Joe Crawford
- Guest: Kyle Neill, NDOW Game Biologist Area 4 Pershing County

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. For Possible Action: Approval of minutes

- Jessie Weller motioned to approve the minutes of the March 11, 2019 meeting; Walt Mandeville seconded and the motion passed unanimously 5-0.

4. Public Participation: 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.

Kyle Neill, NDOW Game Biologist for Area 4 Pershing County, gave an update:

- Working on guzzlers in cottonwood area. A guzzler project finished in unit 181 by Sandsprings

Jessie Weller asked for an update on the Clan Alpine range. Kyle Neill responded that Jason did an aerial survey on Clan Alpine in March and noted about 200 sheep; estimated die off is 33-35%. Will know more after this summer when trail cams are up.

Rob Jacobson inquired what was the difference--with sheep being wiped out in Montana's-- was it because they were close to other sheep and disease spreading? Were they not worried about Clan Alpine sheep spreading so much? Kyle discussed the disease event in 2007- 2008 and the conditions were right last year, dry feed, guzzlers were going dry, lots of sheep, and it triggered that stress and pneumonia. Worked from highway down, Cow Canyon finally got hit as it was pretty unscathed most of the year, it wiped all the rams out of there- tested negative.

Jessie stated that he recently hiked that area north of the battle tank and saw three small herds of sheep and they all looked healthy. Most of the die-off was older class rams. Kyle indicated that the age class is about 3-5 and they should be healthy. Jessie asked Kyle if it was mostly contained to the southern end of the unit. Kyle replied that is was month ago and they should be alright now- the sheep herd has recovered once there was water and it greened up. There is still ample rams for a limited hunt. It was a pneumonia strain probably from a ram or ewe that came across from 181 into the area during that time frame. It was a stress condition last year, they filled a guzzlers a couple times, they drank them dry and the feed was bad. Originally started Eastgate then Horsecreek and worked its way down and eventually got to Cow but took a long time and that herd mostly remained intact.

Jessie questioned if that unit is still open for hunting. 4 residents and one non-resident. The tag allocation this year has been decreased in comparison to prior years. There is enough mature rams for hunting.

5. Advisory Board Items for discussion (No action will be taken)

Rob asked Kyle if there is any fishing reports regarding Rye Patch and replanting after the fish die off from the algae bloom.

Walt Mandeville mentioned that they are in the process of draining North pond at the MVWMA.

Jessie Weller discussed the new antler shed law which went into effect May 1st. He has heard complaints about how the shed hunters are going put early when antlers are on the ground. He stated that he would like the date revised from May 1st to April 1st. It is the people that follow the rules that lose in this situation.

Joe Crawford mentioned trapping bans drop down to 24 hours and ban hold traps however it seemed like they did not have enough votes on the committee to get it passed through

Jessie Weller discussed about hearing a few issues with the alternate / standby tag system. The couple of people that talked to him about this received the alternate tag but was unaware that they got the tag until they received the questionnaire. The original email regarding being selected for an alternate tag was sent to spam email. This resulted in the persons losing points. A solution might be having to accept or acknowledge that you received an alternate tag through a confirmed contact.

6. For Possible Action: on any/all Nevada Wildlife Commission Agenda items for their meeting in March. (Action may be taken)

Predator Plan:

Predator Plan includes ravens and crows. Jessie Weller stated that there is a predator management plan purposed for Mason Valley regarding waterfowl and pheasants involving skunks and predators after eggs. Jessie stated that he is all for it and would like to see the predator plan handled similarly to Utah regarding coyotes with a bounty for hunters to hunt them. This would save money with more results and encourage people to get outdoors.

- Jessie Weller made a motion to support the 2020 Predator Management Plan. Rob seconded and the motion passed unanimously 5-0.

Rob Jacobson mentioned the child support act that suspends license and permits for persons that have not paid or are behind on child support. Wes Clyde mentioned that it is a proposed revision to the act. Rob stated that he thinks this encourages misbehavior related to tags and licenses.

Tag Allocation Draft:

Rob looked through the big game recommendation and also trusts that NDOW uses biology. He stated that he has never really agreed with youth being able to take either a doe or a buck especially in areas where there appears to be a decline in animals. Although it must not really effect the population that much.

Jessie Weller stated that he was glad to see tag cuts compared to last few years. They are dropping bull elk by 35%. There is a reeducation in tags for almost every animal. There seems to be a decrease in rifle tags and an increase in archer tags.

Kyle Neill, NDOW stated that there is also a muzzleloader increase due to the lower success and thus providing more opportunity and gets a few more people in the field.

Jessie Weller asked about the sheep in 051 and how there are one or two tags available with one being a non-resident. Kyle stated that it spreads the non-resident tags throughout the units (elk, deer and sheep). There is generally about one non-resident tag in each unit so one unit doesn't get all of the non-resident tags. 10% total of tags and total quota for non-residents.

Jessie Weller asked about the one tag for the 041 and 042 sheep hunt. Kyle said that the one tag could possibly go to two. This allocation is to maintain quality as too many tags will wipe out the line. They don't want to overhunt the area to keep the hunt viable. The ram age classes are pretty small there isn't a whole lot underneath. There are still good rams in there. It is still a decent hunt- not an easy hunt though.

If there is a PIW tag holder that kills in certain area last year, does that make that unit not eligible for next year? Yes for PIW but not for the dream tag or governors tag. The governor's tag took a ram in 068 last year.

Jessie asked about the herd in 195 outside of Fernley and why we are not putting a tag in that area. Kyle responded that it is mostly static and private land owners don't want to touch it and the liability. All is private property.

- Wes Clyde made a motion to accept the quota as presented. Rob seconded and the motion passed unanimously 5-0.

Jessie Weller mentioned concerns with the area 16 rut hunt with a rifle. Archers do not get a rut hunt. The archer tags are pre-rut only. Kyle responded that it used to rotate and he is not sure why it stopped.

7. Public participation: Chairman Weller opened the meeting for public comment or board questions.

Rob Jacobson volunteered to attend the June Commission meeting in Hawthorne Nevada.

Rob will attend the Commission meeting in Reno this Friday and Joe will attend Saturday.

Joe asked how he gets on the mailing list of the packets.

Rob mentioned how great the habitat status statistics book is and what a wonderful resource it is.

Chair comments:

The budget for 2019-2020 is done and sent off. Adjustments may be made prior to approval.

The next CAB meeting will be scheduled for June 17, 2019.

8 Adjournment

Chairman Weller adjourned the meeting at 6:50pm

MOTIONS:

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