

**MINUTES OF THE CHURCHILL COUNTY
ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE**

**155 N. Taylor St., Fallon, NV 89406
January 25, 2023**

Call to Order:

The regular meeting of the Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife was called to order at 7:00 PM on January 25, 2023.

PRESENT:

Member Peggy A. Hughes
Member Jim Curran
Member Timothy Gubler
Deputy Clerk to the Board Pamela D. Moore
Member Jason Sibley

ABSENT:

Pledge of Allegiance:

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by the board and public.

Public Comment:

Chairwoman Hughes asked if there was any public comment but there was none.

Verification of the Posting of the Agenda:

It was verified by Pamela D. Moore, Deputy Clerk to the Board, that the Agenda for this meeting was posted on the 19th day of January, 2023, between the hours of 10:00 and 11:00 AM at all of the locations listed on the Agenda, in accordance with NRS 241.

Consideration and possible action re: Approval of Agenda as submitted or revised:

Chairwoman Hughes reported that the state had removed Items 7-E through 7-H from their Agenda and, therefore, we needed to remove them from our Agenda and approve the Agenda as revised.

Member Timothy Gubler made a motion to approve the Agenda as revised. Member Jim Curran seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

Consideration and possible action re: Approval of Minutes of the meeting held on:

A- November 2, 2022.

The Minutes of the meeting held on November 2, 2022 are presented for the board's consideration and approval.

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

Member Jim Curran made a motion to approve the Minutes of the meeting held on November 2, 2022 as presented. Member Timothy Gubler seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

Appointments:

A- Consideration and possible action re: Commission Policy 11, Heritage Grants, Second Reading.

The Commission will review Commission Policy 11 and may make any necessary changes and may decide to repeal, revise, or adopt the policy.

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

Chairwoman Hughes asked if there was any public comment but there was none. As there were no proposed changes, no action was taken on this matter.

B- Consideration and possible action re: Commission Policy 23, Predation Management, Second Reading.

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

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

Chairwoman Hughes asked if there was any public comment but there was none. As there were no proposed changes, no action was taken on this matter.

C- Consideration and possible action re: Commission Policy 61, Water Rights, Third Reading.

The Commission will have a third reading of Commission Policy 61, Water Rights, and may make any necessary changes and may decide to repeal, revise, or adopt the policy. The Churchill County Advisory Board (CCAB) is asked to review this policy and provide suggestions or approve the policy. The CCAB has considered this policy at previous meetings.

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

Chairwoman Hughes asked if there was any public comment but there was none. As there were no proposed changes, no action was taken on this matter.

D- Consideration and possible action re: Commission Policy 62, Mitigation Policy, Second Reading.

The Commission will review Commission Policy 62 and may make any necessary changes and may decide to repeal, revise, or adopt the policy.

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

Chairwoman Hughes asked if there was any public comment but there was none.

Member Jim Curran made a motion to approve Commission Policy 62 as presented.

Member Timothy Gubler seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

E- Consideration and possible action re: Commission General Regulation 500, Subdivision Map Review.

The Commission will hold a second workshop to consider amending Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) 502 to provide for the Departmental review of tentative subdivision map(s) and inclusion of recommendations for methods to avoid or minimize impacts to wildlife, mitigation measures, best management practices or required design features, and provide for collection of associated fees to the Department for carrying out such reviews. The Churchill County Advisory Board (CCAB) is asked to review this policy and provide suggestions or approve the policy.

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

This item was withdrawn at the start of the meeting.

F- Consideration and possible action re: Commission General Regulation 506, Possession of Golden Eagles Under Certain Circumstances.

The Commission will hold a second workshop to consider amending Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) 503 to allow for possession of a golden eagle under certain circumstances. The Churchill County Advisory Board (CCAB) is asked to review this policy and provide suggestions or approve the policy.

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

This item was withdrawn at the start of the meeting.

G- Consideration and possible action re: Commission General Regulation 502, Junior Hunt and Turkey Program.

The Commission will consider amending Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) 502 to limit the number of successfully awarded tags in the junior hunt program. The regulation also removes

hard close dates for submitting a turkey harvest return card and allows for junior turkey bonus points to convert to the adult point category once a junior is ineligible to participate in the junior hunt turkey program.

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

This item was withdrawn at the start of the meeting.

H- Consideration and possible action re: Commission General Regulation 509, License and Vessel Product Refunds.

The Commission will consider amending Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) 502 and 488 to allow the Department the authority to provide refunds on licenses and vessel products.

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

This item was withdrawn at the start of the meeting.

I- Consideration and possible action re: Commission Regulation 23-04 related to the 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 Big Game Seasons.

The Commission 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.

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

Chairwoman Hughes asked if there was any public comment but there was none.

Member Timothy Gubler made a 1) motion to approve Commission Regulation 23-04 related to antelope as presented. Member Jim Curran seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

Member Jim Curran made a 2) motion to approve Commission Regulation 23-04 related to elk as presented. Member Timothy Gubler seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

Jason Salisbury said Unit 161 added the ram archery hunt to that one. They just kind of shifted it

around. I decided to split up Unit 181 just to try it out. I don't like splitting things but we are getting a lot of people on the Navy base and a lot of big party sizes, so if I can lower a little bit of numbers with the DOD briefing, I decided to try it. I did Sand Springs by itself and then Monte Cristo, Fairview, so it might reduce a little bit of the numbers on the Navy and split up the harvest that way. Member Curran said what is the Navy going to allow? Jason Salisbury said the Navy before was a party size of like 5, but they kind of wrote that in but then multiple people could do the DOD course. I don't know, we had a lot of discussions about this is where the roads are and this is where we want access and camping and we just got blindsided on what is going to happen in the future with it. We got them to pull off the Monte Cristo Mountains. They were looking at bombing those and got it established as a critical area. In hindsight, if I can get anything in the future, it would be just like plowing a road alongside the Monte Cristo Mountains so that hunters have an access road on the west side because all the ordinances are going to be on the east side. I don't have a great feeling about them. Member Curran said, as far as you know, the dates are acceptable to the Navy? It is not going to be like only during Christmas break? Jason Salisbury said they have been more restrictive these last few years on certain dates and certain weekends you can be in there but then, when it gets close to Christmas, you have more like 10-12 days in a row. Member Gubler said this year I was out helping a guy and he said we can't go over into Bell for like 3 days. Most Sundays should be open. I said tomorrow we will regroup and go over the other side and he said we can't. He said there were some restrictions that the Navy told him he couldn't hunt on. They have been more restrictive since Don left and then they kind of went back to the old map, which is the original boundary map where you couldn't even go down certain places like Gold Coin Ridge and stuff like that. Time will tell what we get out of this hunt.

Jason Salisbury said they added Unit 153 to my Unit 183. It was combined with Unit 045 where those sheep originally came from Tobas. Most of the sheep in Unit 161 are mostly on Mount Cain most of the time. I didn't really want it but I got it, so I'll suck it up. They have a new proposed hunt that is kind of like the one-horned hunt. It is the Robbie Range, Unit 173 where I don't think there will be any points or anything. It will probably be at the very end of the draw. This is the last opportunity to get a tag and then they issue so many tags but have kind of like a quota so they will only shoot 3 lambs but there are 5 tag holders. I guess they are just forcing some of the people to just hunt some of the sheep that are there even though the regular tag holders could still hunt that. It is physically demanding. Chairwoman Hughes said some of those seasons are a lot later. Jason Salisbury said that is for the one-horned hunt, right? Chairwoman Hughes said yes. Jason Salisbury said I didn't even look at what this 173 hunt even does. Member Gubler said you couldn't draw your regular sheep and that tag in one year. If you harvested a sheep last year, can you put in for that or are you still in your wait period? Jason Salisbury said this is just like the one-horned hunt. Its like a depredation hunt. Once you get it, I think you are pretty much out of it forever. Member Gubler said it is just trying to get people to go up there and hunt.

Member Timothy Gubler made a 3) motion to approve Commissioner Regulation 23-04 related to Desert Bighorn Sheep as presented. Member Jim Curran seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

Jason Salisbury said the changes here are Washoe County combining all the units because of

lack of sheep. They might have a hard time finding it for that particular unit. They are probably only looking at one or two tags total for all those units. The California sheep populations are pretty depressed throughout the whole state, especially in Washoe County.

Member Jim Curran made a 4) motion to approve Commission Regulation 23-04 related to California Bighorn Sheep as presented. Member Timothy Gubler seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

Jason Salisbury said, in the Rockies, they had one harvested ram. There was one permit in Unit 102 last year and it will probably be the same this year. Unit 114 was taken off of the list. They have a lower hunter success and the rams they are finding are 2-4 year old rams. Unit 074 we have around 30 sheep. They said they had only about 4 mature rams, so they didn't want to offer a tag in there. Unit 115 seems like it is doing okay. They have harvested some nicer sheep. With Unit 101, I don't think the population is big enough to support a hunt yet.

Member Jim Curran made a 5) motion to approve Commission Regulation 23-04 Rocky Mountain Bighorn Sheep as presented. Member Timothy Gubler seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

Jason Salisbury said nothing has really changed here except the kid production is up in some of the units and they had a record survey in the year before. That was the biggest change was the non-resident tag being available.

Member Timothy Gubler made a 6) motion to approve Commission Regulation 23-04 related to goats as presented. Member Jim Curran seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

Jason Salisbury said nothing has really changed here except they have 3 subunits where they can take a doe or a buck and that is in area 6, 7, and 10 and then the rest of the units for the Junior Hunt are going to be antlered only. They did separate Unit 045.

Member Jim Curran made a 7) motion to approve Commission Regulation 23-04 related to deer as presented. Member Timothy Gubler seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

J- Consideration and possible action re: Commission Regulation 23-05 related to the 2023 Black Bear Seasons.

The Commission will consider adopting 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 bears.

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

Jason Salisbury said the biggest thing on the bear is that those subunits, instead of just putting in for one total unit, you can hunt all the units. You can put in for 3 choices and if you draw then

that is the place you have to go hunt for the bear. The reasoning on some of that was some of those units, with the female harvest, they killed early and then it pushes everybody to a different spot, so they all end up in the Pinenuts or whatever. I guess maybe this will allow for more taking of bears and increase that number and maybe not fall on the whole female harvest.

Chairwoman Hughes asked if there was any public comment but there was none. It was a way to keep people where they are hunting versus going into another unit and then ending the harvest quota for that unit. I think there are changes in the female harvest.

Member Jim Curran made a motion to approve Commission Regulation 23-05 as presented. Member Timothy Gubler seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

K- Consideration and possible action re: Commission Regulation 23-06 related to the 2023-2024 Mountain Lion Season and Harvest Limits.

The Commission will consider adopting the 2023-2024 mountain lion hunting seasons, open units, harvest limits by unit group, hunting hours, and special regulations.

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

Chairwoman Hughes asked if there was any public comment but there was none.

Member Jim Curran made a motion to approve Commission Regulation 23-06 as presented. Member Timothy Gubler seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

L- Consideration and possible action re: Commission Regulation 23-07 related to the 2023-2024 Restricted Nonresident Guided Mule Deer Seasons and Quotas.

The Commission will consider adopting the 2023-2024 hunting seasons and quotas for restricted nonresident guided mule deer, including hunt boundary restrictions.

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

Member Curran said nothing has really changed here.

Chairwoman Hughes asked if there was any public comment but there was none.

Member Jim Curran made a motion to approve Commission Regulation 23-07 as presented. Member Timothy Gubler seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

M- Consideration and possible action re: Commission Regulation 23-01 related to the 2023 Big Game Application Deadlines & Draw Result Dates.

The Commission will consider and may take action to approve the 2023 big game, upland, and waterfowl application deadlines and related information.

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

Member Curran said nothing has really changed here.

Chairwoman Hughes asked if there was any public comment but there was none.

Member Timothy Gubler made a motion to approve Commission Regulation 23-01 as presented. Member Jim Curran seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

N- Consideration and possible action re: Commission Regulation 23-08 related to the 2023 Big Game Tag Application Eligibility and Tag Limits.

The Commission will consider and may take action to approve the 2023 big game tag application eligibility and tag limits and related information.

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

Chairwoman Hughes asked if there was any public comment but there was none.

Member Jim Curran made a motion to approve Commission Regulation 23-08 big game tag application eligibility and tag limits. Member Timothy Gubler seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

O- Consideration and possible action re: Commission Regulation 23-09 related to the 2023 Dream Tag.

The Commission will consider adopting a regulation to set the 2023 Dream Tag species, seasons, and quota.

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

Chairwoman Hughes asked if there was any public comment but there was none.

Member Jim Curran made a motion to approve Commission Regulation 23-09 as presented. Member Timothy Gubler seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

P- Consideration and possible action re: Commission Regulation 23-10 related to the 2024 Heritage Tag Seasons and Quota.

The Commission will consider adopting a regulation to set the 2024 Heritage Tag species, seasons, and quota.

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

Chairwoman Hughes asked if there was any public comment but there was none.

Member Jim Curran made a motion to approve Commission Regulation 23-10 as presented. Member Timothy Gubler seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

Q- Consideration and possible action re: Commission Regulation 23-11 related to the 2023 Partnership in Wildlife Tags.

The Commission will consider adopting a regulation to set the 2023 Partnership in Wildlife tag hunt species, seasons, and quota.

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

Chairwoman Hughes asked if there was any public comment but there was none.

Member Jim Curran made a motion to approve Commission Regulation 23-11 as presented. Member Timothy Gubler seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

R- Consideration and possible action re: Commission Regulation 23-12 related to the 2023 Silver State Tags.

The Commission will consider adopting a regulation to set the 2023 Silver State tag species, seasons, and quota.

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

Chairwoman Hughes asked if there was any public comment but there was none.

Member Jim Curran made a motion to approve Commission Regulation 23-12 as presented. Member Timothy Gubler seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

Informational Items:

A- Consideration and possible action re: Items listed on the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners' Agenda for January 27 and 28, 2023, which is attached as Exhibit "A".

Should the board want to discuss Items listed on the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners' Agenda for January 27 and 28, 2023, which is attached as Exhibit "A".

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: None; Informational Only

There was no further discussion related to the state's Agenda.

Consider Future Agenda Items:

There were no future Agenda items suggested.

Public Comment:

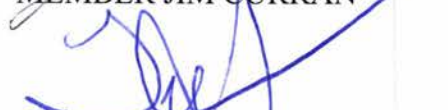
Chairwoman Hughes asked if there was any public comment but there was none.

Adjournment:

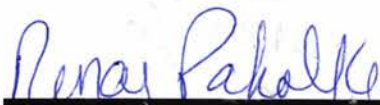
The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM.


CHAIRWOMAN PEGGY HUGHES


MEMBER JIM CURRAN


MEMBER TIMOTHY GUBLER

ATTEST:
Linda Rothery, Clerk/Treasurer



Renae Paholke, Deputy Clerk