

**CARSON CITY ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE**

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A regular meeting of the Carson City Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife was scheduled for 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 7, 2001 in the City Hall Capitol Conference Room, 201 North Carson Street, Carson City, Nevada.

**PRESENT:** Chairperson Christopher MacKenzie  
Vice Chairperson Norman Pedersen  
Greg Davis  
Steve Walker

**STAFF:** Kathleen King, Recording Secretary  
(ABMW 02/07/01)

**NOTE:** Unless indicated otherwise, each item was introduced by Chairperson MacKenzie. A tape recording of these proceedings is on file in the Clerk-Recorder's Office and is available for review and inspection during regular business hours.

1. **CALL TO ORDER, DETERMINATION OF QUORUM (1-0005)** - Chairperson MacKenzie called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. A quorum was present. Member Blank was absent.
2. **MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA (1-0012)** - None.
3. **PUBLIC COMMENT (1-0018)** - None.
4. **DISCLOSURES (1-0027)** - None.
5. **REVIEW, DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON ADOPT-A-STREAM PROGRAM (1-0031)** - Chairperson MacKenzie provided background information on this item, and requested input from the Board members. Member Walker expressed support for the program, and commented that public access is sometimes a problem for the two streams located in Carson City. Member Davis concurred and suggested designating Ash Canyon Creek due to private land and access issues for Clear Creek. Discussion took place regarding access, and Board consensus was to consider the matter further at a future meeting.
6. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING COMMISSION POLICIES #4 AND #7 (1-0095)** - The Board members had no information on this matter. Walter Mandeville, of the Nevada Division of Wildlife, advised that the Wildlife Commission will continue review of this matter at their upcoming meeting. Board consensus was to inquire into the matter at the Commission meeting, if necessary. No formal action was taken.
7. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING COMMISSION REGULATIONS 01-13, BIG GAME SEASONS FOR 2001/2002 (1-0208)** - Mr. Mandeville introduced himself for the record. He explained the process for setting season dates and quotas, and advised that NDOW provided an opportunity for more input from the individual counties last year. He responded to questions regarding the reason for changing the start of the muzzleloader seasons, concerns for the animals associated with moving season dates, and biologist recommendations. For the benefit of the citizens present, Mr. Mandeville explained the role of the county advisory board in the season and quota setting process. Discussion took place

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regarding the importance of public and county board input in Wildlife Commission actions. In response to a question, Mr. Mandeville discussed ongoing cooperation efforts between NDOW and California Fish & Game with regard to migratory herds.

Mr. Mandeville advised that the seasons discussed at this meeting will be for 2001 and 2002. In response to a question, he indicated that quotas have to be set each year. He further advised that an antlerless season has been established for every unit.

**Resident Antelope - Horns Longer Than Ears - Any Legal Weapon Hunt 2151 (1-0770)** - Mr. Mandeville reviewed the season dates, and noted the split season for the Sheldon Range. He indicated that a later season was designated for unit 202/204 because of a migratory herd that moves from Bodi, California to the nine mile flat off the East Walker River. He discussed efforts to keep the antelope on the Nevada side of the border. Vice Chairperson Pedersen moved to concur with Hunt 2151 as written. Motion died for lack of a second. Discussion took place regarding the method by which to review and take action on the information. Board consensus was to review and discuss the seasons designated for each species and then take action.

**Nonresident Antelope - Horns Longer Than Ears - Any Legal Weapon Hunt 2251 (1-0874)** - Mr. Mandeville advised that there are fewer nonresident hunts because tags are allocated on a five percent basis. In response to a question, he explained the tag allocation process.

**Resident Antelope - Horns Longer Than Ears - Archery Hunt 2161 (1-0908)** - Mr. Mandeville advised that Washoe County, Unit 033, asked for and received an earlier hunt in the Sheldon Range. In response to a question, he advised that antelope drop their horns around November/December and that horn growth is fully complete by June/July. In response to a further question, he indicated that the earlier season does not have a biological affect on the antelope. He reiterated that the Unit 202/204 season is set for September because of the migratory herd. In response to a question, Mr. Mandeville advised that California does not have a set season at this time. He discussed the size of the 202/204 herd, the absence of kids this year, and current range conditions.

**Nonresident Antelope - Horns Longer Than Ears - Archery Hunt 2261 (1-1001)** - Mr. Mandeville indicated that the season dates follow the same pattern as Hunt 2161. The number of hunts is reduced because of tag availability.

**Resident Antelope - Horns Shorter Than Ears - Any Legal Weapon Hunt 2181 (1-1012)** - Mr. Mandeville indicated that this hunt is scheduled every other year to address damage to the alfalfa crops. He acknowledged that the hunt helps to keep the population down. In response to a question, he indicated that there seems to be no problem for public access to private land in the area of Unit 035. He advised that the 06 series unit area is located in eastern Nevada and that the hunt is scheduled for the same reason. Unit 114/115 is near the Baker Ranch, a large alfalfa operation on the Utah state line.

Mr. Mandeville advised that the antelope herd introduced into Churchill County is doing well, and that a few kids were born last year. He indicated that the allotment was to be 100 antelope. He only received 42 and is awaiting the remaining 58 animals. He advised that NDOW has contracted with Animal Damage Control to provide predator management in the area. In response to a question, Mr. Mandeville indicated

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that coyotes are the major predator for antelope at birthing time. He explained that a healthy antelope herd will birth kids in a two-day period; then coyote damage is not as devastating. He responded to questions regarding reduced tag allotments for Unit 011, and discussed the factors involved in good herd reproduction. Member Walker expressed support for Mr. Mandeville's recommendations. **Member Davis moved to accept NDOW's recommendations for the antelope portion as discussed. Vice Chairperson Pedersen seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.**

**Resident Elk - Antlered - Any Legal Weapon Hunt 4151** (1-1236) - Mr. Mandeville advised that there are no elk in this region, and that the biologists have recommended moving the seasons away from the rut. In response to a question, he advised that the "heart of the rut" is in mid-September to early October. He indicated that a new hunt has been established in the Snake Mountain Range, Unit 075. Unit 079 is the combination hunt with Utah at Pilot Peak. A season is established in Nevada every other year and Utah has the alternate years. The season dates are the same so as not to cause any confusion.

Mr. Mandeville advised that Unit 104 is new and was established to address crop damage north of the CCC Ranch. He discussed a request by the Douglas County Advisory Board to move the Unit 161-164 early hunt back a week so that the season doesn't overlap with the opening of deer season. He indicated that there should be no problem biologically, but acknowledged that it would take the season back into the rut. He further acknowledged that the season would still overlap into deer season. With regard to Unit 231, he indicated that the Lincoln County Advisory Board requested that the season dates remain the same. He had no information regarding the reason for the dates scheduled for Unit 262, the Spring Mountains.

**Nonresident Elk - Antlered - Any Legal Weapon Hunt 4251** (1-1456) - Mr. Mandeville reviewed the season dates, and advised that they are essentially the same as the nonresident antelope hunts.

**Resident Elk - Antlered - Muzzleloader Hunt 4156** (1-1460) - Mr. Mandeville noted that the season dates are set the week before the usual opening dates, except for White Pine County. Discussion took place regarding the reason the White Pine County Advisory Board requested that the dates be moved.

**Resident Elk - Antlered - Archery Hunt 4161** (1-1494) - Mr. Mandeville noted that the season dates are set earlier than last year. He discussed the practice of some states to issue one license for several hunts. Vice Chairperson Pedersen advised of a request from the Nevada Bowhunters Association to extend the season by an additional week in 2001 and 2002. He provided the request letter to Mr. Mandeville for review. Discussion took place regarding the significance of the request to the rut, the quality of the hunt, the effect on the herd, last year's season dates, and an off-road race in the area of Unit 161-164.

**Nonresident Elk - Antlered - Archery Hunt 4261** (1-1745) - Mr. Mandeville indicated that this hunt is for the same season dates but with fewer tags.

**Resident Elk - Antlerless - Any Legal Weapon Hunt 4181** (1-1755) - Mr. Mandeville advised that these hunts coincide with the regular any legal weapon hunt. He indicated that the Unit 101-104 hunts (Ruby Mountains) are split into three seasons with the object of killing every elk in the area. NDOW has entered into an agreement with the landowners to keep the elk numbers down. He acknowledged that most of the hunts are on private land, and that this is the best management tool. He continued reviewing the season dates established for the various units listed.

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**Resident Elk - Antlerless - Muzzleloader Hunt 4176 (1-1828)** - Mr. Mandeville reviewed the season dates listed, and acknowledged that agreements have been made to keep the cow and calf populations at a minimum.

**Resident Elk - Antlerless - Archery Hunt 4111 (1-1877)** - Mr. Mandeville noted the same pattern in the season dates. Chairperson MacKenzie noted that extending the antlered archery hunt will cause the antlerless hunt to be right in the middle of the antlered season. Discussion took place regarding the reasons for the antlered season dates.

**Resident Elk - Antlered - Any Legal Weapon Depredation Hunt 4102 (1-1924)** - Mr. Mandeville reviewed the locations of Units 101-104.

**Vice Chairperson Pedersen moved to approve the elk plan as presented by NDOW with the exception that Hunts 4161 and 4261 be extended an additional week consistent with last year's season dates.** Member Walker advised Vice Chairperson Pedersen of the overlap in hunt 4111 for antlerless elk, and **Vice Chairperson Pedersen withdrew his motion.** Mr. Mandeville suggested waiting to discuss the matter at the Commission meeting. Discussion took place regarding the request to extend the season an extra week, and **Vice Chairperson Pedersen restated his motion that the Board approve NDOW's recommendations with regard to elk with the exception of extending Hunts 4161 and 4261 by one week. Member Walker seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.**

**Resident Nelson (Desert) Bighorn Sheep - Any Ram - Any Legal Weapon Hunt 3151 (1-2125)** - Mr. Mandeville noted that the seasons are essentially the same as they have been. A legal description is being finalized for the Spotted Range and a new hunt will be opened in the 2002 season. He explained the Department of Defense briefing requirements for the units marked with asterisks.

**Nonresident Nelson (Desert) Bighorn Sheep - Any Ram - Any Legal Weapon Hunt 3251 (1-2158)** - Mr. Mandeville advised that the allotted tags are determined by a percentage.

**Resident California Bighorn Sheep - Any Ram - Any Legal Weapon Hunt 8151 (1-2165)** - Mr. Mandeville indicated that the Granite Mountains are closed due to identification of a domestic sheep which was found to be infected with the pneumonia virus. The biologist responsible for Units 014 and 022 did not find any sheep during his survey of the area, and is fairly certain that there are not enough sheep to schedule a hunting season. Mr. Mandeville advised of the location of the Virginia Mountains and indicated that the closure is due to the fact that there were not enough animals in the area to schedule a hunt. He advised of a new hunt in the Shouwabe Mountains which may be due to migration of sheep from the Virginia Mountains. He further advised of an effort to get sheep on Pyramid Lake tribal lands; however, no agreement could be reached between NDOW and tribal representatives.

**Nonresident California Bighorn Sheep - Any Ram - Any Legal Weapon Hunt 8251 (1-2302)** - Mr. Mandeville acknowledged that there are no problems with this hunt.

**Resident Rocky Mountain Bighorn Sheep - Any Ram - Any Legal Weapon Hunt 9151 (1-2305)** - In response to a question, Mr. Mandeville advised that Unit 074 was closed because of a significant die off in the area of Salmon Falls. He indicated that the East Humboldt Range (Unit 101) is open this year

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following a die off closure approximately 3-4 years ago. (1-2356) Mr. Mandeville acknowledged that there most likely won't be an increase in the tag allotments for the herd at Angel Lake. In response to a question, he advised that NDOW transplanted sheep in the Great Basin National Park before it was designated as a national park.

**Resident Mountain Goat - Any Goat - Any Legal Weapon Hunt 7151** (1-2336) - Mr. Mandeville advised that the mountain goats are "doing just fine." He advised that the extended seasons for the Rocky Mountain Bighorn Sheep and the Mountain Goats are to provide a broad opportunity for the hunters. **Member Walker moved to approve NDOW's recommendation for the sheep and goat season dates. Member Davis seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.**

**Resident Mule Deer - Antlered - Any Legal Weapon Hunt 1131** (1-2420) - Mr. Mandeville indicated that the season dates are the same as they have been. Some early/late seasons have been established to distribute hunting pressure in areas where lots of tags are issued. The seasons along the State line are set later to provide an opportunity to hunt migratory deer. In response to a question, Mr. Mandeville indicated that the only controversy is the hunt at Mason Valley which is scheduled to begin in November. It conflicts with the special goose hunt which opens later in the month and deer hunters will be prohibited from hunting in the area. Mr. Mandeville indicated that the season dates for local units are "fine."

**Nonresident Mule Deer - Antlered - Any Legal Weapon Hunt 1231** (1-2505) - Mr. Mandeville noted that this hunt follows the same pattern for season dates and that tag allotments are based on a percentage.

**Nonresident Restricted Mule Deer - Antlered - Any Legal Weapon Hunts 1235** (1-2512) - In response to a question, Mr. Mandeville advised that this is the special guide hunt. The tags are allocated based on a percentage of last year's tags.

**Resident Mule Deer - Antlered - Archery Hunt 1141** (1-2535) - Mr. Mandeville reviewed the season dates for this hunt. He indicated that the season length is fairly standard with the exception of area 20, scheduled December 10 through December 30, in order that the late migration can be taken advantage of. Chairperson MacKenzie noted that the Nevada Bowhunters Association requested a change for Unit 081 to December 1 through December 16. Mr. Mandeville noted that Unit 081 is on the Utah border and that a problem may exist with the timing of migration.

**Nonresident Mule Deer - Antlered - Archery Hunt 1241** (1-2603) - Mr. Mandeville acknowledged that this hunt follows the same pattern as other nonresident hunts.

**Resident Mule Deer - Antlered - Muzzleloader Hunt 1171** (1-2620) - Mr. Mandeville noted that the seasons for Units 114/115 and area 20 are the same as they were last year.

**Nonresident Mule Deer - Antlered - Muzzleloader Hunt 1271** (1-2638) - Mr. Mandeville acknowledged that this hunt is the same as other nonresident hunts.

**Resident Mule Deer - Antlerless - Any Legal Weapon Hunt 1181** (1-2640) - Mr. Mandeville reiterated that every area has an antlerless hunt and at least one tag will be issued in each. He explained the reason

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for establishing the antlerless hunt for every unit. Discussion took place regarding range conditions in the Pine Nut Mountains, reseeding efforts following the Sunrise fire, and the seed collection project.

**Resident Mule Deer - Antlerless - Any Legal Weapon Depredation Hunt 1101 (1-2803)** - Mr. Mandeville noted that the units in this hunt are within one mile of the Baker Ranch and that the object is to solve the problem of crop damage. Discussion took place regarding deer at Knott Creek Ranch and Leonard Creek Ranch.

**Resident Junior Mule Deer - Antlered or Antlerless - Archery, Muzzleloader, or Any Legal Weapon Hunt 1107 (1-2916)** - Mr. Mandeville advised that tags are allocated based on the percentage issued in all other management areas. There is an allocation cap of 5,000 tags. He advised that discussions have taken place regarding the possibility of basing the tag allocation on the regular demand/success quota. **Vice Chairperson Pedersen moved to approve the mule deer plan as submitted by NDOW. Member Davis seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.**

**2001 and 2002 Partnership in Wildlife (“PIW”) Hunts (1-3025)** - Mr. Mandeville discussed possible changes to the fee structure, and explained the process for allocation of PIW tags. He reviewed the species and hunt number quotas, and discussed applicable uses for Wildlife Heritage Trust Account funds. He discussed the purpose and success of guzzlers. Discussion took place regarding tags allocated for Units 281 and 282, and Chairperson MacKenzie suggested addressing this matter at the Wildlife Commission. Mr. Mandeville discussed the recent agreement entered into with the Department of Defense. **Member Walker moved to concur with NDOW with the exception of a question of whether a PIW tag holder will be allowed to hunt Nelson Bighorn Sheep on Units 181, 252, 281, and 282 Department of Defense land, and that the question will be presented to the Wildlife Commission. Vice Chairperson Pedersen seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.**

**2001/2002 Emergency Depredation Hunts (1-3580)** - Mr. Mandeville explained the purpose for this hunt, and advised that it hasn't been used for 2-3 years. He acknowledged that it is a management tool. **Member Walker moved to concur with the emergency depredation hunts for mule deer, antelope, and elk as determined by NDOW. Member Davis seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.**

**2001 Bighorn Sheep Indoctrination Courses (1-3648)** - Mr. Mandeville advised that NDOW would like to see the indoctrination courses become voluntary in the hope that participation would increase. Discussion took place regarding the course dates, and Mr. Mandeville acknowledged that the Wildlife Commission can decide to make the courses voluntary. He further acknowledged that the existing regulation would have to be changed. Member Davis commented that the courses should have been made voluntary at the same time the criteria was changed to “any legal ram.” Mr. Mandeville advised of one particular commissioner who is against changing the mandatory regulation. **Vice Chairperson Pedersen moved to approve the indoctrination dates as submitted and to make a recommendation that the mandatory requirement be changed to voluntary. Member Walker seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.**

**Resident 5132 and Nonresident 5232 Mountain Lion - Either Sex - Any Legal Weapon Hunt (2-0188)** - Mr. Mandeville reviewed the season dates and, in response to a question, indicated that the dates have no biological impact. He responded to questions regarding the reason the season dates aren't set from August

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1<sup>st</sup> to July 31<sup>st</sup> across the State, hunter success rates, and the harvest limit and quota. **Vice Chairperson Pedersen moved to approve the mountain lion hunt as submitted by NDOW. Member Davis seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.** Mr. Mandeville commented that it is administratively easier for NDOW staff to accumulate the data once the lion season is closed and then establish quotas for the next year. He responded to questions regarding the number of lions killed last year and the quotas established each year.

Chairperson MacKenzie and the Board members thanked Mr. Mandeville for his presentation.

**8. DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING SENDING A BOARD REPRESENTATIVE TO THE NEVADA LAND USE SUMMIT 2001 (2-0390)** - Chairperson MacKenzie referred to the discussion of this item at the January 29<sup>th</sup> meeting. Discussion took place regarding attendance, and Member Davis indicated that he will attend if Chairperson MacKenzie cannot.

**9. REVIEW AND DISCUSSION OF BUDGET STATUS (2-0425)** - Member Walker advised that he has submitted his request for reimbursement from the Las Vegas trip. Further discussion of this item was deferred until Member Blank could be in attendance.

**10. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO SCHEDULE NEXT BOARD MEETING DATE (2-0437)** - Chairperson MacKenzie advised that the next Commission meeting is scheduled for March 23 and 24, 2001. Consensus of the Board was to schedule the next meeting for Monday, March 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

**11. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS (2-0470)** - Chairperson MacKenzie distributed the letter addressing the proposed legislation discussed at the January 29<sup>th</sup> meeting which the Board members authorized him to write. The Board members expressed support for the letter.

**12. ADJOURNMENT (2-0513)** Vice Chairperson Pedersen moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:13 p.m. Member Walker seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

The Minutes of the February 7, 2001 meeting of the Carson City Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife are so approved this \_\_\_\_\_ day of March, 2001.

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CHRISTOPHER MacKENZIE, Chairperson