

MINUTES
Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks Commission Meeting
Montana Wild Center - Helena, MT
JULY 12, 2012

Commission Members Present: Bob Ream, Chairman; Dan Vermillion, Vice-Chairman; Ron Moody; A.T. Stafne.

Fish, Wildlife & Parks Staff Present: Joe Maurier, Director, and FWP Staff.

Guests: See July 12, 2012 Commission file folder for sign-in sheet.

Topics of Discussion:

1. **Call to Order - Pledge of Allegiance**
2. **Approval of Minutes of June 14, 2012 Commission Meeting**
3. **Approval of Commission Expenses through June, 2012**
4. **Commission Reports**
5. **Director's Report**
6. **Non-Resident Deer Licenses Separated from Big Game Combination Licenses Annual Rule – Final**
7. **Drought Update**
8. **Bailey's Reservoir FAS Acquisition - Final**
9. **Classification of Exotic Wildlife Administrative Rule – Tilapia – Final**
10. **2012/2013 Wolf Seasons, Quotas and HD Boundaries – Final**
11. **Nongame Check-off Work Plan – Final**
12. **2012 HB454 Hunting Access Agreement – Final**
13. **2012 Fall Upland Game Bird Quotas and Limits – Final**
14. **Harvest Prescriptions for Archery-Elk Bundle HDs – Final**
15. **Early Season Migratory Bird Regulations - Proposed**
16. **2012 Deer Quotas Outside the Biennial Quota Ranges - Final**
17. **2012 Antelope Quotas Outside the Biennial Quota Ranges – Final**
18. **Open Microphone – Public Opportunity to Address Additional FWP Issues**

1. **Call to Order - Pledge of Allegiance.** Chairman Ream called the meeting to order at 8:40 a.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. **Approval of the Commission Meeting Minutes of June 14, 2012.**

Action: Colton moved and Vermillion seconded the motion to approve the June 14, 2012 minutes. Motion carried.

3. **Approval of the June Commission Expense Report.**

Action: Colton moved and Moody seconded the motion to approve the expense report as presented. Motion carried.

4. **Commission Reports.**

Colton reported that the Yellowstone River is holding, but is beginning to lower due to the hot weather.

Vermillion said fires have been a concern, as are drought conditions. The Brucellosis Working Group meeting in June was a good meeting where impressive conclusions were reached.

Ream concurred that fires are a big issue throughout Montana. He added that many public comments regarding wolves have been received.

Stafne reported that northeast Montana is in good shape due to good rains. The crops and grasslands looks good so far, but the heat is drying things up. Fishing on Fort Peck Reservoir has been good. The Governor's Cup Fishing Derby will be held this coming weekend and there should be a good turnout of anglers.

Moody had no report.

5. Director's Report. Director Maurier spoke of Walt Timmerman's unexpected death. Walt, a long time employee with the Parks Division, had been rafting on the Smith River when he suffered a massive heart attack. Mike Volesky has been hired as the new FWP Deputy Director, and will begin working July 17, 2012. There will be two Commission meetings in August – August 2 and August 30. The customary conference call at the end of the month has been replaced with a face-to-face meeting on the 30th to primarily discuss the statewide fisheries plan. Both meetings will be held at FWP Headquarters as the Wild Center will be under construction the entire month of August. There is no meeting scheduled for September.

6. Non-Resident Deer Licenses Separated from Big Game Combination Licenses Annual Rule – Final. The 1997 Legislature provided the Commission with the authority to separate a Class B-7 license from a Class B-10 license for the purpose of sound deer management. These licenses can then be sold as a B-11 nonresident deer combination license. In the past, this authority was part of the annual rule setting the price for Variable-Priced Outfitter-Sponsored Nonresident Big Game/Deer combination licenses. With the passage of I-161, the requirement for the Commission to set the fee for the Variable-Priced Outfitter-Sponsored licenses was removed and the annual rule is no longer warranted. Hank Worsch, FWP License Bureau Chief, explained that FWP proposes to establish an ARM rule for separation of the deer licenses from the Big Game combo licenses.

Action: Vermillion moved and Moody seconded the motion to adopt annual and Administrative Rules of Montana for the Nonresident Deer licenses separated from Big Game combination licenses.

Colton noted that he feels Section 2 is vague and needs clarification. He will address it at the August meeting.

Action on Motion: Motion carried.

7. Drought Update. Bruce Rich, FWP Fisheries Bureau Chief, provided a brief statewide drought update. **Region 1** is basically under water with record rainfalls. Reservoirs were not prepared for the large amounts of water so must let it over the dam, but heavy spill water creates the potential for gas bubble trauma, so they are working to prevent that from happening in order to protect the sturgeon and trout fisheries.

Region 2 is in pretty good shape, however warm temperatures may create the need to initiate restrictions on the Clark Fork and Lower Bitterroot.

Region 3 conditions are not so good. The Upper Jefferson River drainage is in tough condition. The Big Hole and Jefferson Rivers have drought plans that will dictate if fishing restrictions will need to be instituted. The Lower Madison is getting warm, and the Lower Gallatin is suffering from low flows. The Lower Yellowstone is also being watched.

Region 4 conditions may require initiating restrictions on the Smith and Sun Rivers. The Shields River is also low, so restrictions may be placed on it as well. The Missouri River below Holter Dam is in good shape, as is Canyon Ferry Dam.

Region 5 is holding it's own. The Stillwater, Springdale, and Boulder Rivers have monitoring devices in place, but there are problems with the data reported by the Springdale gauge. Temperatures are tolerable at this point, so if the rivers do not drop too much, restrictions won't be placed on them. The Boulder River is just beginning to drop as snow run-off is ending, but no problems are anticipated at this time. Although the Bighorn River is lower than preferred, it is not a river of concern at this point.

Region 6 reports that Fort Peck Reservoir is down 15 feet, but boats ramps are still available.

Region 7 does not anticipate angling restrictions as there are not a lot of streams and rivers, however there is the need to maintain in-stream flows. Fisheries will soon be sending out letters to junior water users in areas of concern.

Colton recommended getting the Springdale gauge fixed.

8. Bailey's Reservoir FAS Acquisition – Final. Bruce Rich, FWP Fisheries Bureau Chief, explained that FWP is proposing to acquire 55 acres of land and 47 surface acres of reservoir to develop into a FAS. Also, FWP proposes to accept ownership of an adjoining 5-acre parcel to be donated by the Great Falls Chapter of Walleyes Unlimited. The late Howard Bailey built this small reservoir near Havre in 1974 to provide fisheries, waterfowl habitat, and public recreational opportunities. This reservoir has provided a quality, family friendly recreational option for many years stemming from a "hand shake" agreement between Mr. Bailey and FWP. Now his family, Rick & Jeannie Bailey-Martin, would like to sell it to FWP. Nearly 100 comments in support have been received. The cost of the acquisition is \$208,000.

Action: Moody moved and Colton seconded the motion to authorize the Department to acquire the Bailey Reservoir Fishing Access Site. Motion carried.

9. Classification of Exotic Wildlife Administrative Rule – Tilapia – Final. Eileen Ryce, Fisheries Hatchery Section Chief, explained that the Classification Committee recommends that the Commission deny the proposal to classify Tilapia as controlled, which would result in it remaining a prohibited species. This recommendation is based on public comments and analysis on the potential impacts of this species on current fish and forage species in the event it escapes captivity or is illegally introduced.

Action: Vermillion moved and Moody seconded the motion to deny the adoption notice that proposed classifying Tilapia as a Controlled Species. Motion carried.

10. 2012/2013 Wolf Seasons, Quotas and HD Boundaries – Final. Ken McDonald, FWP Wildlife Bureau Chief, narrated a power point presentation. Over 6,500 comments were received during the public comment period, with more coming in since the comment period closed. There was a large push against trapping.

Changes to proposals:

- Closure authority*
- Bag limit of 3 wolves but not more than 1 by hunting (allows trapping 1-3)*
- Rifle seasons goes from Oct 15 until Feb 28*
- Mandatory trapper education - recognize and accept the Idaho course*
- New language for reporting and handling capture of non-target, protected wildlife*
- Require trappers to report domestic dog captures*
- Bag limit increased to 3 total, with bag limit of not 1 via hunting*

Moody asked if the population objective was part of the impetus for the modifications in regulations.

McDonald replied that it was not, as FWP is still in the learning stage to see how this season goes. The Management Plan calls for a floor of at least 150 wolves and 15 breeding pairs.

Vermillion noted that the objective of 150 wolves and 15 breeding pairs is to keep the population from being delisted.

Ream stated that people feel the Commission does not listen to public comment, but he pointed out that there are two different opinions for the Commission to consider.

Stafne said he is concerned about the bag limits because rifle hunters are only allowed one wolf, but trappers can get two wolves. He does not understand the reasoning for this, and feels it is a backwards way of thinking

Ream said the Statute states that hunters can only take one wolf.

Moody requested that the Department bring a report to the Commission in December, at the end of firearms season, that describes the season results. Trapping regulations can be modified at that time.

Vermillion agreed with Moody's request, and asked that the report be presented by December 3 with detailed specifics on the wolf harvest.

Ream suggested three changes to the proposal.

Page 4 - A correction – there is no subunit 280.

Page 6 – non-target species – he feels that for future management, incidental capture of non-target wildlife should be reported so the Commission can get a handle on what is happening with non-target species. Those that cannot be released must be reported.

Setbacks - it is during winter and there is no difference between trailheads and campgrounds -- there have been problems. People have expressed concerns about being outdoors with their dogs hiking or walking and they are worried about catching them in traps, so he suggested making trailhead setbacks 1,000 feet as are campgrounds.

Action: Vermillion moved and Colton seconded the motion to adopt the final 2012 wolf seasons as presented with the inclusion of the three recommendations made by Chairman Ream, and that a report be provided to the Commission on December 3 that describes harvest rate. Colton moved to amend the motion to include that that a trapper may release an uninjured radio collared wolf. Vermillion accepted the amendment.

Public comment was accepted on changes only.

An unidentified man said he appreciates what the Commission has done, but he believes strongly in fair chase and this is not. He urged the Commission not to allow trapping, as Montana is better than that.

Jonathan Mathews, Sierra Club, said they are concerned about trapping. They are concerned about the Commission caving to the anti-wolf groups' political pressures. Be more conservative and not go into trapping this early into the delisting of the wolf. This is not fair chase.

Tom Lithgoe, Jefferson County Commissioner, said he believes the numbers the Department quotes regarding how many wolves are in Montana is low. This year's hunting season is more aggressive than last year, but is not aggressive enough. If the Commission can shut down the season at any time, why not be as aggressive as possible. If the legislature passes a law to shoot more wolves, it should go into effect immediately. There are serious problems involving livestock.

Mark Cooke said wolves are not recovered. The wildlife management clock is turning backwards. He encouraged the Commission to not allow hunting and trapping of wolves. How will public react when they see photos of wolves in traps? He asked that there be a 28-hour trap check. Trapped animals sit in traps and suffer. He said to extend the setbacks.

SueAnn Stevens said she cares about maintaining wolf populations and she urged the Commission to keep to the objectives. Wolves are part of Montana and are here to stay. They have an important part in the ecosystem, and a genetically viable population must be maintained. These proposed changes are geared toward killing more wolves, which is straying from objectives.

Unidentified man said to leave some controlled areas for wolves to exist in.

Paul Rosignol said the three wolf limit is a step but killing more than three wolves will be necessary. If a trapper catches a wolf with a collar, that wolf should be released.

Dana Stroud said he is against trapping. He agrees with Chairman Ream's changes to the setbacks, and with reporting back in December on wolf numbers.

Pam Guschausky encouraged developing another way to increase the bag limits besides using traps. Traps are inhumane.

Jack Atcheson said the season should run through March.

Keith Kabista said he commended the changes, and the Management Plan has always indicated that trapping be used.

Chris Colligen, Greater Yellowstone Coalition, asked the Commission to look at the value of public comment. There were a significant number of comments received indicating that there are serious concerns with the proposal. Don't take it lightly. Take a look at areas north of Yellowstone. 60% is too high when combined with livestock depredation numbers.

Kim Bean said she spends time outdoors with her dogs and horses, and scenting traps can attract dogs. There needs to be more signage to inform people that there are traps in the area. Collaring is not fair chase. Using Idaho as a model does not make sense. Need a barrier around the greater Yellowstone area. Keep trapping out of that area. It is an economical issue as well.

John Hughes said he has a fur buying business, and applauds the Department for considering trapping, however it is important to note that education is a major component. Without ethics and experience, trapping will be in trouble. MTA wants a stake in education program.

Mary Ellen Schnurr, MOGA, supports monitoring harvest with the 60 percentile. Trapping should be a means of take.

Vito Quatrero said he supports the proposal for the 3 bag limit of trapping, and said to include MTA in the trapping education process.

Mike Leahey, Defenders of Wildlife, said they appreciate the clarity on closures. Not in favor of the 60 percent mortality. Trapping is not justified by the numbers.

Matt Skogland said to proceed more conservatively with no trapping allowed. There were a great number of public comments that show that people are not in favor of trapping.

Dan Happel, Madison County Commissioner, said he supports the recommendations. They are a step in the right direction. Need a more accurate way to determine the number of wolves in the area.

Jeff Hahn said the wolf population has increased in the Blackfoot and he would like to see trapping harvest go up.

Leonard Wortman, Jefferson County Commissioner, said he appreciates the lower number is WMU425. People who are actually living with wolves is different than those who only wish to view them. Livelihoods can be affected.

Bruce Collins said wolves are here to stay. He noted that there has been no mention of any type of non-lethal removal.

An unidentified woman said she is opposed to the proposal. She is training a dog for search and rescue efforts and is worried about the traps. If in search of someone, dogs could become trapped. Wolves are a valued member of the ecosystem. She is concerned about domestic animals being caught in traps too.

Bill Mitchell said lions and wolves cannot be managed the same way. The proposal needs to include trapping.

Bonnie Rice, Greater Yellowstone Sierra Club, said wolf hunting is being watched by many people in many places. They realize some level of hunting is necessary. Their members are opposed to trapping, and are opposed to increasing bag limits and collaring. These are not fair chase methods.

Randy Huber said he supports the proposals. The December 3 follow-up will open this up to the same misery as is being with. Include all methods of population reduction. Start trapper education classes soon.

An unidentified man said he hopes that wolves can be respected as part of the ecosystem. He is opposed to trapping. He said the relaxed reporting for back country hunting can result in overkill. He appreciates looking out for non-target and domestic animal incidental take. He questioned how mandatory reporting will be enforced on incidental takes. He is concerned that animals will remain in traps for days.

Rick Hauk said he supports the changes except for the setback as that removes a lot of land the trappers could use for trapping.. People should stay on the roads with their pets and keep their pets restrained.

Sam Taylor said is concerned with the 24-hour trap check. That allows animals to sit in traps for a long period of time. Trappers won't check them for 10 days if it is at the beginning of the trapping cycle. Traps are inhumane. He appreciates requiring people to report incidental animals caught in traps. Montana should be reluctant to allow another state, Idaho, to dictate the process in Montana.

Don Bothwell, Montana Fur Harvesters, said people are ignorant of trappers. He is opposed to the amended setback.

The Commissioners concurred that MTA be included in the education course.

Action on Motion: Motion carried. Four in favor – one abstained (Stafne abstained from the vote).

11. Nongame Check-off Work Plan – Final. Under the provisions of 87-5-122, MCA, “the FWP Commission shall review and annually approve the nongame wildlife program’s projects recommended by the Department for funding from the nongame wildlife account”. George Pauley, FWP Wildlife Bureau, said that final 2011 tax year donations are unknown at this time, however as of May 31, 2012, contributions totaled \$30,000. FWP is proposing the following work in FY13:

\$15,000 to prioritize habitat for conservation including identifying the most critical habitat needs for nongame, threatened or endangered species, and identifying and monitoring threats to these critical habitats, \$15,000 to inventory, monitor and do conservation work on species of concern including bald eagles, common loons, bats, and amphibians, and \$5,000 for a competitive student stipend for nongame research. No public comment was received.

Action: Vermillion moved and Moody seconded the motion to approve the proposed Nongame Tax Check-Off work and funding for Fiscal Year 2013. Motion carried.

12. 2012 HB454 Hunting Access Agreement – Final. Under the provisions of 87-2-513 MCA, FWP received the authority to issue either-sex or antlerless elk permits to landowners for management purposes. The landowner must offer free public elk hunting, meet the various conditions of the statute, and enter a contractual public elk hunting access agreement with FWP. George Pauley, FWP Wildlife Bureau, explained that the Swanz Hunting Access Agreement specifically states that in return for allowing access to elk hunters, Mr. Swanz, or a family member, would receive one 411-21 either-sex permit. In turn, FWP would issue four additional 411-21 permits from the already randomized list of unsuccessful applicants for that license permit type. Successful applicants could only hunt on the Swanz deeded property. This agreement was first used in 2002 and has been repeated annually since then based upon continued positive post-hunt evaluations. The proposed agreement for 2012 represents no change from the 2011 agreement.

Action: Moody moved and Colton seconded the motion to adopt the final Hunting Access Agreement (Swanz) for the 2012 general hunting season as proposed by FWP

13. 2012 Fall Upland Game Bird Quotas and Limits – Final. George Pauley, FWP Wildlife Bureau, said the 2012 lek surveys revealed no real change from 2011 with an average 19.1 males/lek, which is 66% of the long term average, so the final proposal is to maintain the two-bird bag and twice the daily bag possession limit for sage grouse, as originally proposed in May.

Action: Colton moved and Moody seconded the motion to adopt the final 2012 upland game bird bag and possession limits and permit quotas as presented by FWP. Motion carried.

14. Harvest Prescriptions for Archery-Elk Bundle HDs – Final. In February 2008, the FWP Commission adopted new either sex elk archery permit regulations in seven Missouri River Breaks hunting districts and 23 additional hunting districts outside the Breaks where either sex rifle permits were already in place. Reasons included Consistency, Equity, Management Effectiveness and Hunt Quality. Public input was large and divided. During the 2010-2011 season setting this structure was maintained except in one hunting district (HD 441). While public comment was less divided than in 2008, public debate continued into the 2011 legislature. FWP has assembled two different working groups to review this topic. Prompted by continued debate and final recommendations of the second working group, the FWP Commission again modified elk archery regulations in these districts for the 2012 and 2013 hunting seasons. This final adoption increased either sex elk archery permit levels, removed HDs 420 and 455 from the districts requiring permits and “bundled” all permits in the 21 districts outside the Breaks. The increased permits were adopted in pursuit of increased hunter access to cow elk to achieve management objectives. Reflecting the second working group’s performance-based concept, the adoption included flexibility to modify regulations based on annual review of harvest relative to management objective(s). This requires review and adoption of annual harvest prescriptions. Applying guidelines of a six-year timeline to reach objective(s) and Commission preference to start small and follow with potentially incrementally larger steps, the following antlerless harvest prescriptions are proposed for the 2012 hunting season. Enhanced efforts will be made to communicate any final harvest prescriptions prior to the hunting season. Post season assessment of estimated harvest relative to these prescriptions would take place in May 2013 and would utilize winter population surveillance and harvest surveys. The proposed prescriptions below represent no proposed change from the initial Commission adoption.

BREAKS

HDs 410/417 – 300 antlerless elk (HD 410), 85 antlerless elk (HD 417)
HDs 620/621/622 – 400 antlerless elk
HD 700 – 205 antlerless elk

OUTSIDE THE BREAKS

HDs 401/403/450 – 50 antlerless elk (HD 401), 50 antlerless elk (HD 450)
HDs 411/412/426/511/530 – 375 antlerless elk (HDs 411/511/530), 150 antlerless elk (HD 412), 25 antlerless elk (HD 426)
HD 447 – 300 antlerless elk
HDs 500/570 – 45 antlerless elk
HDs 502/510 (west of Hwy 310)/520 (south and east of West Fork of Rock Crk)/575 – 15 antlerless elk
(HD 502/510 portion), 35 antlerless elk (HD 520 portion), 25 antlerless elk (HD 575 east of Stillwater River), 80 antlerless elk (west of Stillwater River)
HD 580 (south of Sweetgrass Creek) – 110 antlerless elk
HD 590 and portion of HD 701 north of the Yellowstone River, south of Hwy 12 and west of Sumatra-Myers Rd. – 225 antlerless elk (Bull Mtns), 45 antlerless elk (Pine Ridge)
HDs 702/704/705 – 50 antlerless elk (HD 702), 115 antlerless elk (HD 704), 45 antlerless elk (HD 705)

Action: Colton moved and Vermillion seconded the motion to adopt the final 2012 elk harvest prescriptions as presented.

15. Early Season Migratory Bird Regulations – Proposed. The 2012 early migratory bird season proposals include an additional week of hunting for RMP sandhill cranes, relative to 2011. Season dates would change for mid-continent cranes due to calendar progression with no change in season length. Additionally, a permit quota is proposed for the new Broadwater County hunt area and there is a proposed adjustment to the 380-01 quota:

- Add one week to the RMP crane season. Proposed dates for RMP sandhill cranes (special drawn permits): September 8-September 30
- Season dates for mid-continent sandhill cranes: Sept. 29– Nov. 25
- Increase 380-01 (Dillon/Twin Bridges area) permits from 75 to 100
- New Broadwater County RMP crane hunting area (390-01) quota: 10 permits

Action: Vermillion moved and Moody seconded the motion to adopt the proposed 2012 early season migratory bird seasons as proposed by FWP.

16. 2012 Deer Quotas Outside the Biennial Quota Ranges – Final. Field surveys and analysis have identified proposed quota changes outside the biennial ranges adopted in February 2012, which are highlighted in grey below. These adjustments are proposed for FWP Commission adoption. All other changes listed below for 2012 are within the adopted biennial quota ranges, are listed for informational purposes, and do not require additional Commission approval. A quota change within the biennial range was added in 300-00 following discussion at the June 14 Commission meeting.

MULE DEER

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| 212-00: Increase B licenses from 50 to 150 | 213-00: Increase B licenses from 25 to 100 |
| 311-01: Decrease B licenses from 300 to 200 | 313-00: Decrease B licenses from 150 to 20 |
| 313-01: Decrease B licenses from 100 to 40 | 313-02: Decrease B licenses from 75 to 25 |
| 314-00: Decrease B licenses from 300 to 75 | 315-00: Decrease B licenses from 250 to 70 |
| 317-00: Decrease B licenses from 125 to 30 | 320-00: Decrease B licenses from 50 to 25 |
| 322-00: Decrease B licenses from 50 to 25 | 324-00: Decrease B licenses from 50 to 25 |
| 325-00: Decrease B licenses from 100 to 25 | 326-00: Decrease B licenses from 100 to 25 |
| 330-00: Decrease B licenses from 75 to 25 | 333-00: Decrease B licenses from 50 to 25 |
| 393-00: Decrease B licenses from 200 to 50 | 400-00: Decrease B licenses from 500 to 200 |
| 401-00: Decrease B licenses from 400 to 200 | 404-00: Decrease B licenses from 900 to 400 |
| 405-00: Increase B licenses from 200 to 400 | 406-00: Decrease B licenses from 400 to 100 |
| 413-00: Increase B licenses from 25 to 150 | 424-00: Decrease B licenses from 25 to 10 |
| 445-00: Increase B licenses from 100 to 150 | 560-00: Decrease B licenses from 250 to 100 |
| 570-00: Decrease B licenses from 100 to 50 | 575-00: Decrease B licenses from 250 to 50 |
| 580-00: Decrease B licenses from 250 to 100 | 600-00: Decrease B licenses from 400 to 300 |
| 680-00: Decrease B licenses from 500 to 300 | 007-13: Decrease B licenses from 2,500 to 1,000 |
| 797-00: Decrease B licenses from 500 to 100 | 502-00: Decrease B licenses from 300 to 50 |
| 520-00: Decrease B licenses from 150 to 50 | 300-00: Decrease B licenses from 100 to 75 |

WHITE-TAILED DEER

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| 121-00: Increase B licenses from 100 to 200 | 124-00: Increase B licenses from 100 to 200 |
| 311-00: Increase B licenses from 50 to 100 | 597-00: Decrease B licenses from 600 to 150 |
| 598-00: Decrease B licenses from 2,250 to 1,750 | |
| 333-10: Decrease the number of B licenses that can be purchased over-the-counter from 5 to 2 | |

Action: Colton moved and Vermillion seconded the motion to adopt the final adjustments to 2012 deer quotas outside the biennial range as proposed by FWP.

17. 2012 Antelope Quotas Outside the Biennial Quota Ranges – Final. Field surveys have identified proposed changes outside the biennial antelope quota ranges adopted in February 2012. To address this, proposed adjustments to quota ranges are listed below. There are no other antelope quota adjustments for 2012.

- 700-00: Decrease Either Sex licenses from 6,500 to 3,000
- 700-10: Decrease Dow/Fawn licenses from 500 to 100

Action: Vermillion moved and Colton seconded the motion to adopt the final adjustments to 2012 antelope quotas outside the biennial range as proposed by FWP.

18. Open Microphone.

Pat Helvey questioned the Commission on the taking of falcons for falconry purposes and provided her opinions.

Action: Vermillion moved and Colton seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Bob Ream, Chairman

Joe Maurier, Director