

ADMB Meeting Minutes
Wyoming Game & Fish Headquarters Sage-Grouse Room
Cheyenne, Wyoming
Wednesday, January 8, 2020
Videoconference

Board Members Present:

Co-Chair Doug Miyamoto
Ron Cunningham
Kevin Kisicki
Bob Harlan
Shaun Sims
Tyler Abbott
Sy Gilliland

Co-chair John Kennedy (for Brian Nesvik)
Mike Foster
Bob Phillips
Gay Lynn Byrd
Jeff Boner
Brad Jost

Board Members Absent: Garret Falkenburg, Sandy Underhill

WDA Staff: Jerry Johnson, Stacia Berry

Public in attendance: Mike Barker, Jean Harshbarger, Erik Molvar, Lisa Robertson, Jen Hicks.

Meeting called to order by Co-Chair Doug Miyamoto 9:00 a.m.

Mike Foster moved to accept the agenda and Sy Gilliland seconded. Motion carried.

Doug asked if there were any additions or corrections to the November 1st minutes. Kevin Kisicki moved to accept the minutes as written and Mike Foster seconded. Motion carried.

Jerry Johnson gave the following updates: The ADMB website has been updated and the current minutes and agenda can be found on the main page as well as the next meeting date. All other minutes will be archived. All the website links have been updated and a link to purchase the wildlife damage management stamp has been added. The resource page for special projects cannot hold any more years on the page and therefore only the last 3-4 years projects will be kept and all earlier years will be on an archive page.

The funds spent in 2018-19 for wolf management conducted by USDA- Wildlife Services was \$61,098 and the funds spent in 2019-20 conducted by USDA-Wildlife Services, to date, is \$41,701 with some flying done in December not being billed yet. Lincoln County PMD was reimbursed for \$3,385 spent on wolf management and there is roughly \$100,000 left for wolf management until the end of the fiscal year.

The EPA sent out their interim decision in December with changes to the M-44 label restrictions. These changes will be sent out to all licensed applicators and also be presented at the annual training on January 22 in Casper.

Mike Barker, International Eagle Austringers Association, gave a presentation on the eagle work that the falconers and twenty "volunteer scientists" did across the state to document eagle depredation and how they assisted ranchers with completing the proper forms to receive removal and harassment permits. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service provided four falconry permits and two eagles were captured for falconers in Wyoming and one in Utah. There was discussion on ways to streamline the permits, depredation documentation and trapping processes.

Mike Foster, USDA-Wildlife Services, gave his update on wolf management in the Pinedale area and the number of wolves taken statewide was down significantly from previous years. The number of wolves removed by USDA-Wildlife Services in the predator zone was 17, and 23 statewide. Mike stated that USDA-Wildlife Services had completed their wolf environmental assessment and were under way on the predator environmental assessment which is out for agency comment and due back by early February.

Tyler Abbott, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, reminded everyone that Steve Small is the assistant regional director for Ecological Services. He also mentioned that Scott Becker the large carnivore biologist in Lander was working on the national wolf delisting and this is an ongoing process. Brian Smith has been very responsive to the eagle depredation issues and will continue to work with the various groups.

Stacia Berry asked for public comment.

Jean Harshbarger stated that prairie dogs in their area had been very bad in previous years, and asked if the ADMB had any money to help keep them down. The board suggested that Jean contact her local weed and pest board.

Being no further comments the meeting was adjourned at 10:25 am.