

ADMB Board Meeting
Wyoming Game and Fish
Casper, WY
July 7, 2004

Board Members Present: Terry Cleveland, John Etchepare, Dave Roberts, Niels Hansen, Rod Krischke, Ben Lamb, Helen Jones, Dan McCarron, Raymon Turk, Richard Staiger, Linda Moberg, Brad Boner, Kerry Powers, and Jane Darnell.

Members Absent: Dominic Dominici

Board Administrative Present: Hank Uhden, Diane Walker Tompkins, Roy Reichenbach

Public and Guests: Cole Benton, Wyoming Chapter of the Federation for North American Wild Sheep and Sheridan County Predatory Animal Board; Kyla Cochran, ADMB Student Intern; Brandon Schmit, USDA/APHIS/WS/NWRC; Ralph Foster, Sheridan County Predatory Animal Board; Scott Talbott, Wyoming Game and Fish Department; Craig Acres, USDA/APHIS/WS; Doug Brimeyer, Wyoming Game and Fish Department; Gene Hardy, Wyoming Wool Growers Association; John Johnston, USDA/APHIS/WS/NWRC; Hale Kreycik, Wyoming Game and Fish Commission; Dr. Steve Horn, University of Wyoming; Kevin Hurley, Wyoming Game and Fish; Alan Todd, Wyoming Board of Agriculture and Weston County Predatory Animal Board; Charles Graf, USDA/WS; Brian DeBolt, Wyoming Game and Fish Department; Bruce Kimball, USDA/WS/NWRC; and Bryce Reece, Wyoming Wool Growers Association.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Terry Cleveland at 8:10. D McCarron moved to accept the agenda with the addition of an agenda item for tomorrow's meeting for the establishment of the next meeting time and place. N Hansen seconded and the amended agenda passed. R Krischke moved and D McCarron seconded a motion to approve the minutes as written for the April 28 meeting. Motion passed. D McCarron moved to close the conference call meeting of July 16, there being no quorum to do so during the call. L Moberg seconded and the motion passed. L Moberg moved to accept the minutes with the following changes: Jerry Sanders to Kerry Powers, Powers was absent; 3rd paragraph from the bottom wording to be changed to read for \$3,000 not for *between* \$3,000. B Lamb seconded the motion. Motion as amended passed.

Establishment of 2005 Stamp Price: R Staiger moved to have the 2005 price be \$10.00. N Hansen seconded and the motion passed.

Stamp Artwork - Dick Staiger: L Moberg moved to accept the artwork for the 2005 stamp as submitted by Delores Halstead with some minor changes to be made to accommodate formatting by Jean Cole, the printer, and the stamp committee. Seconded by B Lamb. Motion passed.

Rabies Surveillance - Brandon Schmit: B Schmit presented the focus of his research on rabies surveillance and how this research would dovetail with the position the Board approved funding for in that county.

Updates:

Cattle Predation Statistics (H Uhden): The Wyoming Agricultural Statistics Service received \$4,000 from the Wyoming Business Council that will tie in with the money the \$4,000 the board approved at the April 28 meeting for a cattle predator loss survey and report. There will be an MOU with Ag Statistics for the collection of this data is being drafted at this time. The cattle producers will be surveyed in January.

FNAWS (H Uhden): Uhden and R Krischke attended the last FNAWS meeting and Krischke did a presentation about the ADMB.

Rabies Website (H Uhden): Uhden reminded everyone the address is www.wyorabies.org. There is \$5,000 set aside to work with Game & Fish Audio/Visual section to help produce some Public Service Announcements

to increase the Board's public exposure.

Updates: - Continued

Rabies Budget H Uhden: Uhden passed out a copy of the proposed rabies budget. From the \$60,000 held in reserve for grants and aid to local governments, Uhden suggested the City of Casper's request for funding, an agenda item for tomorrow's meeting, be funded from this money. B Boner moved to approve the budget and D McCarron seconded. The motion passed. Uhden will draft a letter to the Governor for his approval of the budget.

State Fair and G&F Expo (H Uhden): State Fair is August 16 - 21 and the Game and Fish Expo is September 5-7. The "new" booth will be at both places and will need to be manned. Uhden will e-mail everyone for their volunteer date.

Standing Projects:

Wolverine (D Staiger): Staiger gave a brief update adding that all the cameras quit working and they would look into getting a different type of battery for the sites next year (if the project is approved). This project returned about \$2,600 to the ADMB. Amount requested is to retain \$500 from the amount turned back.

**Uhden asked if the Board was going to read through all the projects and then vote. D McCarron said that in the past all the standing projects were read first then voted on. T Cleveland then directed the next project to be presented.

Grizzly Bear/Mountain Lion/Livestock Depredation Prevention and Control (Scott Talbot): This project is to continue to help fund reimburse Wildlife Services for their time on the ground to evaluate predation on livestock. Amount requested is up to \$12,500.

Adult and Calf Moose Survival in NW Wyoming (Doug Brimeyer): This proposal seeks to expand the current study and include a graduate student and GPS collars for the winter of 04-05. Amount requested is \$40,000.

Development of a Safe and Effective Predator Control Toxicant (J Johnston): This proposal seeks continuing funding for the effectiveness of theobromine as a substitute for sodium cyanide and Compound 1080 as a humane pesticide. Amount requested is \$10,000.

Weston County Wildlife Enhancement Project (A Todd): This project seeks continued funding for spring and fall Pronghorn counts, doe/fawn Pronghorn counts, monitoring Pronghorn wintering areas and an intensive research of stomach contents year round.. Amount requested is \$4,175.

Whiskey Mountain Bighorn Sheep Predator Project (J Collins and C Benton): This project seeks continued funding for coyote control to increase lamb survival. Amount requested is \$11,000.

H Uhden reviewed the standing projects. The board took the following actions:

Wolverine: N Hanson moved to allow the project to keep \$500 from the amount they returned. D McCarron seconded. Motion passed.

Black Bear/Grizzly Bear/Mountain Lion: L Moberg Moved to accept the funding request for up to \$12,500 with a 25:75 cost share. Seconded by B Lamb. Motion passed.

Adult/Calf Moose: B Lamb moved to fund and T Powers seconded. N Hansen moved to amend the motion to reduce the monetary amount from \$40,000 to \$23,600. This was seconded by R Turk. B Lamb amended his original motion from \$40,000 to between \$25,000-27,000. Krischke asked to fund at \$23,600 with consideration for more funding. The call for vote was for Hanson's motion. Motion passed. The next vote was for funding the project with the amended amount. Motion passed.

Safe and Effective Predator Control Toxicant: R Turk moved to fund and N Hansen seconded. Motion

failed. After discussion, H Jones moved to fund in the amount of \$5,700. Seconded by N Hanson. Motion passed.

Weston County Wildlife Enhancement Project: L Moberg moved to revisit this request tomorrow. Second by H Jones. After discussion Moberg withdrew the motion. Motion to fund at requested amount was moved and seconded. Motion passed.

Big Horn Sheep: Motion to fund made by R Staiger, second by L Moberg. Motion passed.

New Projects:

Devil's Canyon Supplemental Bighorn Sheep Transplant (K Hurley): Seeks \$14,200 over a two year period to transplant sheep from Oregon. The sheep habitat in Oregon is similar to the area Big Horn Sheep occupy in Wyoming .

Bear Proof garbage containers (B DeBolt): This project is asking help to buy bear-proof garbage containers for entities who cannot or will not buy them for themselves. Amount requested is \$3,000.

Bear Proof electrified sheep night pens (B DeBolt): This project is asking for help in building a safe night area for sheep on an allotment in the Bridger-Teton National Forest. Amount asked for is \$8,000.

Badger Creek/Hanging Woman Fawn Predation project (C Benton): This three year projects seeks 1st year funding for an integrated coyote management plan to benefit cattle, mule deer, and antelope in area 23 and 15. Amount requested is \$5,960.

User education and evaluation of a novel lure device for the M-44 (B Kimball): Funds requested will help pay for training of M-44 pesticide applicators in the use of this new M-44 lure and results compared to traditional M-44 lures. Amount requested is \$15,000.

Extended release of Mifepristone for field delivery to coyotes (S Horn): This project seeks funding to develop an effective single dosage form of Mifepristone to prevent pregnancy in free-ranging coyotes. Amount requested is \$15,000.

Efficacy of RM II Persuader Frightening Device in Eliciting an Avoidance Response in Coyotes (Steve Horn): This research proposes to evaluate the effectiveness of the RM II Persuader, a non-lethal, mechanical, fear-provoking predator deterrent. Amount requested is \$7,149.

D. McCarron moved to adjourn until tomorrow. B Lamb seconded and the motion passed.

ADMB Board Meeting - Day 2 - July 8, 2004

Board Members Present: John Etchepare, Linda Moberg, Dick Staiger, Helen Jones, Ben Lamb, Kerry Powers, Raymon Turk, Rod Krischke, Brad Boner, Niels Hansen, Dan McCarron, Jane Darnell, and Dave Roberts.

Board Members Absent: Terry Cleveland, Dominic Dominici, and Roy Reichenbach.

Board Administrators Present: Hank Uhden and Diane Walker Tompkins

Public and Guests: Brian DeBolt, Wyoming Game and Fish Department; Tracy Frye, USDA/WS, Bryce Reece, Wyoming Wool Growers; Mike Moore, Casper Metro Animal Control; Cole Benton, Sheridan County Predatory Animal Board; Bruce Kimball, USDA/APHIS/National Wildlife Research Center; Jim Kintz, Kintz Labs; Sonny Porter, Kintz Labs; Tracy Frye, USDA/APHIS/WS.

New Projects - continued:

“Bear” Wildlife Control Management, Reduction of Human/Bear Encounters: “ K-TECH labs will demonstrate in field testing by “modulating frequency” and adjusting pressure the use of Ultrasonics will elicit a negative response of such magnitude that Human/Bear Encounters will greatly be reduce and/or eliminated.” Amount requested is \$14,280.

Frightening Rotating Emitting Laser “FREL” Wildlife Control Management (J Kintz, and S Porter: “K-TECH Labs will demonstrate in field testing by the use of Frightening “Rotating Emitting Laser” with the use of our RMII Persuador™ and our JSCII Compact Persuador™ will elicit a negative response of such magnitude that Eagle and Bear Predation and Human/Bear Conflicts will greatly be reduced and/or eliminated.” Amount requested is \$5,835.

Sage Grouse - Predator Impact Study (T Frye): This project will monitor population trends of sage grouse between areas of high and low predator and scavenger populations. Amount requested is \$15,000.

“Living with Black and Grizzly bears, and Lions Project: Living with Wildlife (LWW) Resource Guides and Bear Resistant Products Testing (B DeBolt): This project is seeking funding for production and distribution of bear resource guides. There are three guides; people living in or near bear-occupied areas, recreationist, and wildlife professionals. Amount requested is \$2,000.

Reduction of Nuisance Bear Problems (H Uhden for S Loose): This project is for continuing to fund the purchase of additional bear-proof trash containers. Amount requested is \$8,000

Purchase of live traps to deal with skunk and raccoon problems (M Moore): This project is seeking funds to purchase live traps to trap problem skunks in the Casper Metro area. Amount requested is \$1,109.

After H Uhden reviewed all the new proposals, the criteria set by the board for project selection, and reviewed the mission statement, discussion of the projects began with the following results:

Devil’s Canyon Supplemental Bighorn Sheep Transplant: Move forward for consideration. K Powers moved to fund in full. R Staiger seconded. Motion passed.

Financial Assistance for bear proof garbage containers: Set aside. N Hansen moved to NOT fund this project. Second by D McCarron. Point of order by administrator H Uhden, there can not be a negative motion. Hansen moved to amend *to* fund. Second by B Lamb. A move to amend the positive motion by R Krischke to fund *up to* \$3,000 with a 50/50 cost share by the recipient. Second by L Moberg. After discussion, Krischke and Moberg agreed to withdraw their amended motion. Hansen and McCarron withdrew the motion to fund. New motion by Hansen was to fund the project at the level of \$3,000 with the conditions attached to the money that the recipients will participate on a 50/50cost share for the money they receive. Second by L Moberg. Motion failed.

Bear Proof electrified sheep night pen: Set aside. N Hansen moved to fund in full. Second by H Jones. Motion passed.

Badger Creek - Hanging Woman fawn predation: Set aside. H Jones moved to fund in full. Second by L Moberg. Motion passed.

User education and evaluation of a novel lure device for the M-44: Set aside. N Hansen moved to fund. Second by D McCarron. After discussion, H Jones moved to reduce funding to \$5,000. Second by B Boner. After discussion, Jones asked to withdraw her motion but Boner did not agree. Motion stands. Motion passed.

Extended Release of Mifepristone for field delivery to coyotes: Set aside. N Hansen moved to fund. B Lamb seconded. Motion passed.

Efficacy of RMII Persuader frightening Device in eliciting an avoidance response in coyotes: Set aside. L Moberg moved to fund and second by N Hansen. D Staiger moved to reduce funding to \$3,600. Second by B Lamb. Reduced amount passed.

Bear Wildlife Control Management, reduction of human/bear encounters: Set aside. B Boner moved to combine this proposal with the "FREL" proposal (listed below) and to fund. Second by D McCarron. Motion failed.

Frightening rotating emitting laser "FREL" Wildlife Control Management: See above.

Sage Grouse - Predator Impact Study: Set aside. R Staiger moved to approve. L Moberg seconded. Motion failed.

Living with Black and Grizzly Bears, and Lions Project: Move forward for consideration. Motion to fund was made and seconded. Motion passed.

Reduction of Nuisance Bear Problems: Set aside. N Hansen moved to approve. B Lamb seconded. After discussion, B Boner moved to reduce the funding amount to \$1,700. Second by H Jones. After more discussion, Hansen amended his motion to fund two garbage containers for \$2,200. Jones agreed to the amended amount. B Lamb moved to increase the amendment to \$3,300. Hansen agreed to compromise and allow the increased amount. Jones agreed to the increase to \$3,300. Motion passed.

Purchase of live traps to deal with skunks and raccoon problems: B Lamb moved to fund the full request from the rabies budget. Second by K Powers. Motion passed to fund at \$2,218.

H Uhden said the amount requested from new proposals was \$49,060 and the standing projects amount was \$56,975 for a total amount requested \$106,055.

N Hansen moved to accept all the proposals that passed as amended. Second by L Moberg. Motion passed.

Discussion of Proposal Application: R Staiger moved that the deadline date for the proposals be moved back 30 to allow time for a peer review so the board would have that information before they meet to decide on which projects to fund. Second by B Lamb. D McCarron volunteered to rework the proposal application to reflect the Board's desire to have the proposals completed. Staiger amended his motion to say application be changed to obligate the applicant to get the approval of the affected agency. Staiger then withdrew his motion and the amendment. Lamb agreed to the withdrawal. McCarron will take the proposal home to rewrite the form to reflect the wishes of the Board and to create a scoring system for the proposals.

Public Comment: None

New Business: D McCarron solicited the support of the Board to change the law for the taking of all trophy game animals, except black and grizzly bears, to .22 center fire caliber. B Boner said it was dangerous for the Board to be a leader in legislation that is not germane to our normal course of business. N Hansen said he felt the Board should send out a memo explaining that the Board would entertain applications specific to Sage Grouse projects by our next meeting so we could get them in this years budget. B Boner added that the Board should issue the strongest statement possible for a good Sage Grouse project that will provide credible data of animal damage impacts on Sage Grouse. D Roberts suggested starting the solicitations with groups already working on Sage Grouse. D Staiger asked for the wording to be for a pilot program. Boner said or a cooperation with an existing. K Powers moved to go forward with a letter requesting proposals for a sage grouse study dealing with

animal damage impacts. B Lamb seconded. Lamb then amended the motion to add the wording, “not to exceed \$20,000 per anum.” J Darnell added further wording to include, “specific to funding available and time frame allowed.” Motion passed.

Next Meeting: K Powers moved to set the date for the next meeting for September 30 in Casper. Second by H Jones. Motion passed.

D McCarron moved to adjourn. B Lamb second. Meeting adjourned at 2:50.