



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
502D AIR BASE WING
JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO

April 6, 2018

JBSA Hunting Program Panel Meeting Minutes

NAME		ORG, TITLE, ROLE	ATTENDED
Dayna Cramer		802 CES, Hunting Manager, Chair (Non-voting)	X
Archie Cooper		802 CES, Game Warden (Non-voting)	X
1	Todd Bigs	Retired, Voting Member	X
2	Don Craig	Retired, Voting Member	X
3	Cathleen Dalton	DoD Civilian, Voting Member	X
4	Kenneth Drummond	DoD Civilian, Voting Member	X
5	David Hill	Retired, Voting Member	X
6	John Knox	Active Duty, Voting Member	
7	Denny Shofner	Active Duty, Voting Member	X
8	Kenneth Snow	Active Duty, Voting Member	
9	Glenn Taplin	DoD Civilian/Retired, Voting Member	
10	Tra Vick	Active Duty, Voting Member	X
*	Franklin Edler	Guest, Letterkenny Army Depot	X
*	Kevin Walter	Guest, Ft. Belvoir	X

1. The meeting was called to order by Dayna Cramer at 1118.
2. This purpose of this panel was to get a yes or no vote from panel members on options being discussed within the Natural Resources Office for future implementation. A yes vote does not guarantee implementation by the JBSA Hunting Program.
3. Please additional pages for votes and notes.
4. Next meeting: TBD. Panel members are welcome to bring lunch.
5. Minutes recorded by Dayna Cramer. Should you have any questions please contact her at dayna.a.cramer.civ@mail.mil.

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Idea	Panel Vote	Notes
WTD		
Designated youth season (no sex ratio requirement)	Y	Panel wants to encourage young hunters. Recommendation to have a youth season of 2 weeks with no sex quota and allow any youth drawn in the regular lottery to hunt without a sex quota.
Designated hunting "training" area (for new hunters)	N	No real benefit, and NR does not have manning. Consider a mentor program instead.
Split WTD season (2 season - Oct/Nov and Dec/Jan) in compartment areas and/or maintained stands	Y	
WTD weekend compartment lottery (6A?), it shuts down more than other areas. Hold lottery on weekends it's supposed to be open.	ND	Consider areas that shut down more often or that have had few harvests for GP hunting.
Season Lottery (higher cost but slightly cheaper then doing weekend lotteries every weekend)	Y	This would only apply if there are multiple options for WTD permits.
General		
Permit Specific Areas	Y	Panel would like this looked into to relieve the buffer restrictions.
• Rifle only areas (GP/WTD)•	Y	
• Archery only areas (GP/WTD)	Y	
• Shotgun only areas	Y	
Multiple permit options (day/weekend/month/season)	Y	
Specialized species areas/permits (WTD, fall turkey, GP would cover all invasive mammals)	Y	Vote to not have a specific fall turkey area.
Easy access area for disabled (requires medical note for use, maintained stands)	Y	Recommendation to use the states definition of disabled.

Wounded Warrior Hunts	Y	Recommendation to do something for disabled vets and maybe not completely focus on the Wounded Warrior organization.
Give a wider variety of permits (think cost options not flat rate "cheap" v. "exclusive")	Y	The panel believes this will allow for more hunting opportunities.
Hunting during the week (Requires FSS buy-in)	N	Recommend this be used strategically and not all the time.
Evening/night hunts	Y	Consider extending checkout to 2300. Recommendations: 1) maintained feeders with lights; 2) check points in/out; 3) specific weapons; 4) consider frequency.
Other animals available for hunting (bobcat/mountain lion)	Y	Though few have been seen. Coyotes were brought up but are already on the list for harvest.
Incentives for hogs/invasives, Contests like "Boss Hog"	Y	The NRO is looking into doing a Memorial Day weekend contest. Please keep an eye on iSportsman. Recommendation to look into non-monetary incentives.
Keep GP area(s) in North and South	Y	Specifically consider keeping 10 a GP area in the South.
Regs/Safety		
Adopt state's regs for hunting public lands (to include safety requirements, etc.)	ND	I encourage all Bullis hunters to look over these regulations, some areas of interest include prohibition of baiting and orange exemptions: https://tpwd.texas.gov/huntwild/hunt/public/annual_public_hunting/need-to-know/#prohibited-acts
Points system for violations (similar to Arkansas and other states)	ND	Guest recommended against this, but also recommended a review board for appeals. Panel members want consistent punishments.
Requirement for all hunters to sit through regs briefing before being allowed to check in for the first time during the overall season.	Y	Recommendations 1) have a test out option; 2) have video version and in-person version; 3) require a passed test to purchase a permit
Volunteers		
Talk to FSS about potential classes	Y	May be provided by FSS, NRO, or hunters working as mentors. Classes might include hunter safety, hunting set-up, tracking, field dressing, cleaning/quartering, etc.
Volunteer program: what can they do, what equipment/vehicles can they use, what doesn't give them insider information	Y	Similar to above to assist hunters and cover manning deficiencies.

Area managers - help with compliance checks, clearing areas in emergencies, helping hunters track, haul out, etc.	Y	Similar to above to assist hunters and cover manning deficiencies.
Brought up for consideration		
Sex Ratio Days		Have days where you can only harvest does.
Create acknowledgements that hunters must click through before purchasing a permit		This would include all the major changes or important issues from the regulations
Build better maps		Have maps that should all restrictions, good areas, labeled roads, etc. NRO is already looking into options for this.
Develop specific area acknowledgements		This can only be used with an online check-in function, but would include information about training sites within TAs, rough terrain, flooded areas, etc.
Qualification requirement		Other installation require a qualification to hunt. 20/30 yards with archery equipment. Crossbows must qualify sitting and standing. Look at doing qualifications in June/ July.