

CABMW RECOMMENDATIONS for the February 2009 Wildlife Commission Meeting
(Month/year)

Clark County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife meeting results

Submitted by Chairman: Dr. Paul R. Dixon

To the Wildlife Commission, c/o Executive Assistant to Director Suzanne Scourby, sscourby@ndow.org

The Clark CAB and the general public that participated in our January 26th CAB meeting continue to be concerned that several of the action items in the commission agenda could not be properly vetted due to lack of information. The Clark CAB would like to again recommend that the commission defer taking action on these items if new information is presented at The February 5th and 6th Commission meeting. By delaying action, the commission allows these topics to be properly vetted (with all the backup materials as required by the NRS) with both the CABs and public.

Thank you for your consideration of this issue,
Dr. Paul R. Dixon
Chairman Clark CAB

1. Commission Action Item No. 3: Winecup Ranch Proposal for Wild Horse Management - Chief of Habitat Dave Pulliam

The Commission is being asked to review and approve a draft letter to the Secretary of Interior stating the Commission's opposition to the proposal to manage surplus wild horses on the public and private portions of the Winecup Ranch.

Recommendation

In Support X In Opposition _____ No Action taken _____ **See Below**

Other comments, including a dissenting viewpoint (different than the majority) or issue brought up during discussion:

The Clark CAB unanimously supported the draft letter as written. In addition the Clark CAB and members of the public had the following additional recommendation that we would like to see the Commission pursue on the wild horse issue.

- a. **Since BLM responds to law suits being filed by the anti-horse control advocates, it was recommended that the Commission with the state of Nevada file our own law suit over BLM's mismanagement of the wild horses in this state.**
- b. **Work with BLM to set up a forced sterilization program (gilding??) to slow herd growth.**
- c. **We need to become proactive on developing press releases that clearly articulate to the largely uninformed public the damage wild horses are causing to the fragile NV environment and indigenous wildlife populations. We need to start playing the PR game that the anti's are using to aid NDOW and the Wildlife Commission to get out the full message about wild horses.**

2. Commission Action Item No. 8: Heritage Committee – Chairman Gerald Lent

The Commission will hear a report on the Heritage Account's interest and principal from Deputy Director Patrick Cates. Chairman Lent will report to the full Commission on the Heritage Committee's meeting that occurred on Jan. 7, 2010, and may ask that the Commission take action on the committee's recommendation for harvest control for Heritage and Partnership in Wildlife (PIW) tags in big game units.

Recommendation

In Support _____ In Opposition _____ No Action taken X See Below

Other comments, including a dissenting viewpoint (different than the majority) or issue brought up during discussion:

The Clark CAB reviewed the Heritage interest information (available on January 21st when our agenda was posted) for use in later discussions. No action or recommendation as taken on this item at this time.

3. Commission Action Item No. 9: Legislative Committee – Commissioner Daryl Capurro

Commissioner Capurro will report to the full Commission on the Legislative Committee meetings on Jan. 7 and Jan. 22, 2010, and may ask that the Commission take action to support or oppose the Department’s conceptual ideas for Bill Draft Requests (BDRs) and other non-Department BDRs.

Recommendation

In Support _____ In Opposition X

Other comments, including a dissenting viewpoint (different than the majority) or issue brought up during discussion:

Based on the supplied backup materials, the Clark CAB unanimously recommended that the current language in the Heritage legislation be left unchanged. Specifically we did not agree or support the proposed regulation wording changes for usage of 90% of the Heritage funds and its interest. Further more we do not support that usage of the base funds recommendation. Commissioner Howell indicated that if we did not use the \$5 M+ in this fund the legislature would take it from us. If the Commission can not protect the sportsman’s dollars in this fund from the legislature and state we have larger problems.

In addition, the Clark CAB and public present at our meeting want to know exactly how the Commission plans on spending the additional dollars. Both Commissioners Howell and McBeath indicated that the CABs would have the opportunity to comment on any projects the commission supported with use of these funds. The concern of the Clark CAB and the public was that the Commission has show that majority CAB positions have been either ignored or overruled in the last several Commission meeting. We therefore have little faith that any dissenting or majority CAB position for use of these funds would be heard or acted upon by the Commission.

After our January 26th Cab meeting, Commissioner Capurro sent out draft BDR language for NRS 501.3575 for CAB review on January 28th. This draft language does not change the Clark CAB position taken above. The last phrase “or similar unfunded projects” is to vague and allows to much freedom for the Commission to fund projects not vetted through the CAB’s.

4. Commission Action Item No. 10: Commission General Regulation 374 – Archery Tackle - LCB File No. R114- 09 – Chief Game Warden Buonamici

The Commission may adopt a regulation requiring a person who wounds or otherwise injures any wildlife while hunting to make a reasonable effort to take that wildlife; authorizing the use of an arrow with an illuminated nock; prohibiting the use of certain other arrows; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Recommendation

In Support X In Opposition _____ See Below

Other comments, including a dissenting viewpoint (different than the majority) or issue brought up during discussion:

The Clark CAB unanimously supported the proposed regulation wording changes.

5. **Commission Action Item No. 11: Commission General Regulation 377 – Americans with Disabilities Muzzleloader Accommodations (ADA) LCB File No. R138-09 – Management Analyst III Kim Jolly**

The Commission may adopt a regulation authorizing the Department of Wildlife to issue a scope permit to a person with a visual disability under certain circumstances; and providing other matters properly relating thereto. Note: See agenda item #5 for support material.

Recommendation

In Support In Opposition **See Below**

Other comments, including a dissenting viewpoint (different than the majority) or issue brought up during discussion:

In a split vote (4-1) the Clark CAB supported the regulation wording changes.

6. **Commission Action Item No. 12: Commission Regulation 10 – 01 2011 Heritage Tag Quota and Seasons – Big Game Biologist Mike Cox**

The Commission will adopt the Heritage tag species, seasons, and quotas for the 2011 season

Recommendation

In Support In Opposition **See Below**

Other comments, including a dissenting viewpoint (different than the majority) or issue brought up during discussion:

The Clark CAB was against the proposed reduction the sheep tags and voted unanimously to not support the proposed change. The Clark CAB could not understand why the Commission would recommend reducing the number of Heritage sheep tags which are our largest source of Heritage tag raffle sales. If there are personal issues between members of the Commission and NBU, reducing the number of heritage tags is not the way to address it.

****The Clark CAB also would like to make the recommendation that the wording for the season dates of the wild turkeys be changed to read as follows: Add “**The Saturday next proceeding**” to the beginning of the season date language to be consistent with the other heritage tag seasons.**

7. **Commission Action Item No. 13: Commission Regulation 09 – 05 Amendment #1 Big Game Season Dates – Big Game Biologist Mike Cox – Action**

The Commission will consider revisions and adjustments to the 2010 bighorn seasons, PIW hunts, and bighorn sheep indoctrination dates.

Recommendation

In Support In Opposition **See Below**

Other comments, including a dissenting viewpoint (different than the majority) or issue brought up during discussion:

The Clark CAB unanimously supported the proposed regulation wording changes.