

**CABMW RECOMMENDATIONS for the December 2010 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](mailto:sscourby@ndow.org)

Members Present: Paul Dixon, Mike Reese, John Sullivan, Gary Pratt, Paul Harris, and new member Brian Patterson  
Members Absent: Tracy Truman and John Sullivan (trappers in the field)  
Commissioners Present: Michael McBeath, and Charlie Howell  
NDOW Present: Pat Cummings and Steve Kimble  
Six members of the public

**Commission Action Item No. 10: Petition:** Patricia Swain for Trailsafe Nevada is petitioning the Commission to address trapping issues relation to domestic pets and feral animals within the congested areas of Washoe County. The Commission may deny the petition, or accept the petition and put the matter on a future agenda.

**Recommendation**

In Support \_\_\_\_\_ In Opposition \_\_\_\_\_ Tabled **X** \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Unable to make a recommendation at this time until the final issue resolution is vetted fully in the public.**

**Commission Action Item No. 12: Commission Regulation 11-01- Raptors for Falconry – Chief of Wildlife Diversity Laura Richards;** The Commission will establish 2011-2012 season dates, species, quotas, hours, limits, closed areas, application procedures and deadlines, and take for raptors for falconry.

**Recommendation**

In Support **X** \_\_\_\_\_ In Opposition \_\_\_\_\_

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

**The Clark CAB unanimously supported the proposed the proposed regulation as written.**

**Commission Action Item No. 13: Commission Regulation 11-02- Noncommercial Collection of Reptiles and Amphibians for 2011-2012 – chief of Wildlife Diversity Laura Richards;** The Commission will establish 2011 and 2012 season and limits for noncommercial hobby collecting of live, unprotected reptiles and amphibians.

**Recommendation**

In Support **X** \_\_\_\_\_ In Opposition \_\_\_\_\_

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

The Clark CAB unanimously supported the proposed the proposed regulation, but it was noted by the NDOW biologist Pat Cummings that many of the *genus and species* names are out dated and need to be updated. Also as written the bag limit (in per year) and possession limit are the same. How do we enforce the bag limit per year if a person is in the field multiple times and within the possession limit?

**Commission Action Item No. 14A: Commission General Regulation 395- Temporary-T012-10 Changes to Regulations Concerning Heritage Projects;** The Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners will consider proposed changes to regulations concerning Heritage Projects.

**Recommendation**

In Support  In Opposition

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

**The Clark CAB unanimously disapproved of the proposed wording changes. The proposed wording changes give to much discretionary power to the commission and the sportsmen and sportswomen of Southern Nevada did not support any of the proposed changes.**

**Commission Action Item No. 14B: Commission General Regulation 394- Temporary T006-10 Wolf Status;** The Commission will discuss adoption of a temporary regulation revising the status of Gray Wolves from a game mammal to unprotected mammal and other matters related thereto.

**Recommendation**

In Support  In Opposition

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

**The Clark CAB unanimously disapproved of the proposed wording changes. The proposed wording change to make wolves unprotected was viewed by all who publically spoke as a very bad ideal, including the Las Vegas Humane Society. In addition, wolves are protected under the Endangered Species Act, and any action by the Commission could be counter productive. Only if US Senate Bill S. 3864 passes do we has standing (US Senate Bill 3864 is a bill to eliminate protections for endangered wolves in the Greater Yellowstone and the Northern Rockies area. This legislation would remove the wolves from the Endangered Species Act protections.)**

**Commission Action Item No. 16A and 16B: A. The Commission may approve, modify, create, or deny a letter to the Nevada State Water Engineer in reference to the issue of giving water rights meant for wildlife to wild horses. B. The Commission will discuss the Pickens Horse Monument in eastern Nevada, may provide guidance to staff on the matter and may approve, modify, create, or deny a resolution and/or letter on the matter.**

**Recommendation**

In Support   In Opposition   Tabled

Other comments, including a dissenting viewpoint (different than the majority) or issue brought up during discussion: **With no written documentation (i.e draft letters) by the Commission, the Clark CAB tabled our recommendation of support or opposition unanimously. We did how have a lively discussion and below are the highlights of that discussion:**

*There was considerable discussion at the Clark CABMW around the water issue related to wild (feral) horses. The Clark CAB is requesting the Commission take a position in writing to prevent giving water rights to wild (feral) horses that is meant for livestock and true wildlife and to prevent the Pickens Wild Horse Monument from getting established. There were many concerns raised that access to wildlife and public lands will be denied by the Pickens Monument is established! Wild (feral) horses are not designated as wildlife and are not livestock therefore they have no right to water under state water law. We implore the Commission to do whatever is necessary to prevent the transfer of water rights to wild horses.*

**Commission Action Item No. 21: CABMW Budget Adjustments Fiscal Year 2011-** The Commission will discuss adoption of a temporary regulation revising the status of Gray Wolves from a game mammal to unprotected mammal and other matters related thereto.

**Recommendation**

In Support   In Opposition

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

**The Clark CABMW supports a review and possible adjustment of their CAB budget. In deliberations earlier this year the AG required administrative support for Clark CABMW was denied (\$2700). The Clark CABMW would like the commission to consider allocating that \$2700 funding to lesson the burden on Clark County (financially strapped this FY) which has been supplying these services for 2 years now. Administrative services are required for the Clark CABMW as a result of the response to the OML filed against the Clark CAB last year by Mr. Cecil Fredi. To satisfy AG concerns, Clark County agreed to have a properly trained OML secretary and meeting recorder present at every meeting of the CABMW.**

**Commission Action Item No. 22B: Commission General Regulation 393-Black Bear Hunt-Temporary-T004-10-** The Commission may adopt a temporary regulation relating to revising provisions governing the establishment of a black bear hunt, eligibility waiting period requirements, bonus points program, weapons restrictions, tag fees and other matters related thereto.

**Recommendation**

In Support   In Opposition

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

**The Clark CABMW unanimously supports a black bear hunt as long as the following criteria are met:**

- 1) Permit a bear hunt only if a viable population exists (need NDOW biologist population verification).
- 2) We strongly recommend that no spring time hunting be allowed when sows have cubs. This issue is a very contentious point with the Humane Society and other animal rights groups and it is not a battle worth fighting.
- 3) If a hunt is approved, we strongly recommend that the harvest number be set very conservatively. Better to start low and monitor than the reverse.

**Commission Action Item No 23: Findings of Mule Deer Restoration Committee** - A report will be given by the Mule Deer Restoration Committee. The Commission will be asked to accept the findings of the Mule Deer Restoration Committee and adopt some or all of them as findings and recommendations of the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners.

**Recommendation**

In Support \_\_\_\_\_ In Opposition \_\_\_\_\_ Tabled  X  **Please refer to comments below.**

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

**The Clark CABMW had too many issues with this report to innumerate here. We have no formal recommendation that we could give except that we agree with some of the science findings but many of the recommendations made no logical sense to us. We ask that a more detailed vetting of this document be carried out before and actions are taken on it. Our board did not in any way support or understand the firing of NDOW employees or other recommendations under the section titled Problems within NDOW Structure Observational Biology vs. Biology of Game Production. To place the responsibility for drought years, severe winters or other natural factors on NDOW biologists is outrageous! Furthermore, the restructuring of NDOW when many of recommendation such as: water developments, fire, pinion/juniper encroachment, predation work etc would have more impact seem a misuse of this report!**

**Commission Action Item No 25: Incentive for Early Applications for the Big Game Draw** -

The Department, in coordination with Systems Consultants, will make final recommendation to the Commission regarding details related to the proposed incentive for early application for the big game draw, to include incentive type, milestones, limitations on participation, and other related matters.

In Support  X  In Opposition \_\_\_\_\_

**The Clark CAB unanimously supported the proposed program.**