

**CABMW RECOMMENDATIONS for the February 5<sup>th</sup> and 6th 2010  
Wildlife Commission Meeting**

**Elko County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife meeting results**

**Submitted by Chairman Ken Wellington**

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**1. Mule Deer Restoration Committee Report:**

Elko County Mule Deer Restoration Committee Report

The committee met on 01/28/10 to discuss what could be done to enhance mule deer populations. We agreed that there is not a single solution but a combination of things that can be done together. Each different area is unique to itself and what needs to be done in one area and may not necessarily work in another area. We realize the suggestions we came up with will require cooperation with all public land management agencies and all public land users. It was mentioned that that heritage money could be used for specific projects and that there is money available for projects on private land that benefit wildlife as well. Some of the suggestions the committee came up with are as follows:

Predator Control – Work with Wildlife Services on specific areas to control coyotes and lions on winter ranges and fawning grounds.

Habitat Restoration – Seeding projects to try to re-establish lost habitat from burns.

Habitat Conservation –

- Take a proactive approach to conserve and enhance the habitat we have left. We need to safeguard from large devastating wild land fires and look at what can be done with old decadent stands of sagebrush.
- There is a need for grazing flexibility in permits. Reduction of fine fuel buildup on the uplands in our rangelands that enable fires to burn aggressively is needed. Also, by grazing these uplands, some browse usage and disturbance will occur which will allow new growth. Grazing can also be used to reduce cheat grass. We now have structured grazing systems that will allow more efficient grazing use without compromising our rangelands.
- Green stripping to create fire breaks so thousands of acres aren't burned.
- Sagebrush treatments to re-establish different age classes of sagebrush.
- Cool season burns or prescribed burns
- Spike treatments
- Brush beating or aerating
- Pinion-Juniper thinning

People Pressure- Deer herds are constantly being pressured by people. Seasons start in August and run into November followed by photographers and shed horn hunters. There is a need to somehow limit deer disturbance done by shed horn hunters and ATV use during the winter at

times critical to mule deer. Evaluating the number of tags issued in certain areas is also something to consider.

**Recommendation**

In Support   X  

The Elko County Advisory Board supported the sub-committees idea's and requested our sub-committee work with NDOW staff in effort to break down these ideas and to look for funding and possibly start or evaluate some of these suggestions.

**2. Heritage Committee –**

The Commission will be hearing 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 Opposition   X  

The Elko County Advisory Board was concerned that there was not enough support material to explain the purpose of changes and voted 4-0 to ask the Commission to either table this item or return it to County Boards and Public for input.

**3. Legislative Committee –**

Commissioner Capurro will be reporting 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 Opposition   X  

The Elko County Advisory Board was concerned that there was not enough support material to explain the purpose of changes and voted 4-0 to ask the Commission to either table this item or return it to County Boards and Public for input. Board members had major concern that they had not received support material that was dated 01/28/2010. Also concerns were that the current Commission make up could push these items through, as they have on other issues and policies without considering CAB or public input.

4. **Commission General Regulation 374 – Archery Tackle - LCB File No. R114- 09**  
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  

5. **Commission General Regulation 377 – Americans with Disabilities Muzzleloader Accommodations (ADA) LCB File No. R138-09**  
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

**Recommendation**

In Support   X  

6. **Commission Regulation 10 – 01 2011 Heritage Tag Quota and Seasons –**  
The Commission will adopt the Heritage tag species, seasons, and quotas for the 2011 season.

**Recommendation**

In Support   X  

The Elko County Advisory Board voted 4-0 to support the Departments recommendations but felt the wording under Wild Turkey should be consistent under seasons with other hunts. The Elko County Advisory Board asked for consistent wording be used such as “The Saturday next preceding” be added at beginning.

7. **Commission Regulation 09 – 05 Amendment #1 Big Game Season Dates–**  
The Commission will consider revisions and adjustments to the 2010 bighorn seasons, PIW hunts, and bighorn sheep indoctrination dates.

**Recommendation**

In Support   X  

The Elko County Advisory Board voted to support the Departments recommendations with the exception of closing 2010 PIW hunt 253. Our Board felt that if there was a problem with over hunting in this area, then the quota should be dropped from 3 to 2. To give up this hunt is going the wrong direction for sportsmen. This would also stay consistent with the 2011 Heritage Tag drop for Nelson Bighorn Sheep from 2 to 1.