

CABMW RECOMMENDATIONS for the 9/2010 Wildlife Commission Meeting
(Month/year)

Eureka County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife meeting results

Submitted by Chairman Chris Torres via Eureka Natural Resources Department

To the Wildlife Commission, c/o Executive Assistant to Director Suzanne Scourby, sscourby@ndow.org
Members Present: Chairman Chris Torres, Chad Bliss, Jim Evans and Mike Taylor and Dale Hornickle
Members Absent:
Others Present: Mike Podborny-NDOW, George Corner of Nevada Outfitters and Guides Association, Bill Hull, Raymond Hodgson-Nevada Houndsmen Association and Kathy Porter-Natural Resources Assistant/Secretary

Action Item 16: The Commission May Discuss, Create, or Give Instruction to Staff to Draft Regulatory Changes to Include Status and Method of Take of Wolves – Chairman Raine - Action

Recommendation

In Support _____ In Opposition X

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

Discussion was had as to who has more authority over the wolves, the State or the Federal Government. Dale Hornickle argued that the right to manage wildlife belongs to the states. Discussion was had that other states have lost their authority to manage the wolves because they were not managing the wolves by placing wolves under the predator status.

Mr. Taylor moved to leave the regulations as is, there being no need to stir up the issue at this time. Mr. Bliss seconded, motion carried 4-1, Mr. Hornickle- opposed, reason: wolves should not be protected and should have predator status.

Action Item 11: Letter in Support of Elko County Multiple Use Efforts - Elko County Commissioner Demar Dahl and Randy Brown, Elko County Director Planning/Zoning/Natural Resource Management – Action

The Commission may adopt, modify, or take other action to develop and adopt language supporting a resolution to support Elko County in its efforts to ensure multiple uses on the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest and on all public lands in Elko County and the State of Nevada.

Recommendation

In Support X In Opposition _____

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

Mr. Hornickle moved to support as written. Mr. Taylor seconded. Chairman Torres called for questions or comments. Mr. Hodgson reported that some areas have regulation prohibiting the off road retrieval of big game with a motorized vehicle. Mr. Podborny added that in some States off road retrieval of big game is included in the gaming rules. Mr. Corner, Nevada Outfitters and Guides Association, reported that the Humboldt-Toiyabe Forest Service is not allowing retrieval of big game with a motorized vehicle in their travel management plan. The motion carried unanimously.

Action Item 14: to Rescind 2011 and 2012 Heritage Tags and or Partnership in Wildlife (PIW) Tags – Chairman Raine -Action

Possible refund of 2010, 2011, and 2012 donations and fees to successful Heritage and PIW donors pending outcome of potential court Injunction and lawsuit against Heritage tags and approved Heritage projects that has been filed by Paul Dixon, Chairman, Clark County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife.

Recommendation

In Support _____ In Opposition ___X_____

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

It was noted that the only support material provided was the definitions of the Heritage Tags and PIW Tags. Mr. Bliss commented that the returning of funds after big game is bagged is wrong. This item is premature and should be left for the courts to handle. Mr. Taylor moved to oppose item 14, Mr. Evans seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Action Item 16: The Commission May Discuss, Create, or Give Instruction to Staff to Draft Regulatory Changes to Include Status and Method of Take of Mountain Lions – Chairman Raine - Action

Recommendation

In Support _____ In Opposition ___X_____

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

Mr. Bliss added incidental

implies the approval to trap mountain lions. Mr. Bliss is concerned with a lawsuit from environmental groups or individuals who may stumble upon large traps and become injured. Mr. Bliss further stated that California's loss of hunting rights on mountain lions began with a \$25 bounty on lions. Loss of hunting rights will increase cost to state to take lions themselves and increase cost to livestock industry from increased numbers of lions preying on livestock. Mr. Evans asked if there has been any discussion of legal trapping restricted to a regulated number. Mr. Hull added that it will turn into the similar situation as the wolves, having control of management taken over by the Federal Government. Mr. Bliss added trapping lions would have a negative impact on outfitters and guides by the loss of a game species. Mr. Corner, speaking for Nevada Outfitters and Guides Association, said they are opposed to a change in the status and method of take and do not want to lose the game animals they have. If the classification of the mountain lion is changed from big game to predator, the lion loses the big game status and prestige of mountain lion hunt. This also would be a loss of revenue source to NDOW. Mr. Hodgson added this would be a loss of revenue to state through hounds hunting. It was acknowledged that the two items are being proposed to reduce the number of predators on mule deer and elk.

Mr. Bliss moved to leave the status of the mountain lion as a big game species as is and method of take as is currently written. Mr. Taylor seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Action Item 23 A: Commission General Regulation Number 389, Interference with a Guzzler LCB File No. R083-10 – Chief Game Warden Buonamici -Action

The Commission may adopt a regulation relating to wildlife; prohibiting a person from interfering with the use of a guzzler or other water development; providing an exception. Note: Support material sent under agenda item #17 A.

RecommendationIn Support In Opposition _____

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

Mr. Hornickle moved to approve how currently written. Mr. Taylor second, motion carried unanimously.

Action item 24: White Pine County Elk Incentive Arbitration Panel Selection - Chief of Game Larry Gilbertson - Action**Recommendation**In Support _____ In Opposition _____ **NO RECOMMENDATION**

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

Action Item 25A: Nevada Department of Wildlife Big Game Release Plan – Chief of Game Larry Gilbertson – Action

The Department is asking the Commission for approval to amend the current biennial Big Game Release Plan to accommodate additional bighorn sheep releases.

RecommendationIn Support In Opposition _____

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

Mr. Bliss stressed the importance of assuring sportsmen's access to the property considering sportsmen's dollars are being used on private property. Mr. Evans agreed that guaranteeing the perpetuity of the agreement is important. Mr. Bliss moved to support the releases as long as sportsmen are guaranteed rights of access to the private property and hunt the sheep. Mr. Taylor seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Action Item 27: The Commission May Discuss, Create, or Provide Instruction and Guidance to Staff to Create Black Bear Season Regulation –Chairman Raine - Action**Recommendation**In Support In Opposition _____

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

Mr. Taylor moved to support action item 27. Mr. Hornickle seconded. Mr. Bliss pointed out that NDOW will have support data to back up in court if needed. Also, the season should coincide with California's season. Mr. Corner, Nevada Outfitters and Guides Association, reminded everyone that a hunter cannot call dogs off a bear cent at a certain time in the evening, being that the dogs commonly are far ahead of the hunter in pursuit of the game. Mr. Bliss added that regulations on day light to dark should be regulated similar to hunting lions with hounds. Motion carried unanimously.

Action Item 29: Western Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies (WAFWA) – Chairman Raine – Action

The Commission may review and take appropriate action in responding to attached letter sent to Chairman Raine from NDOW concerning Commission travel expenses to WAFWA conference and allocation of travel expense reimbursement.

Recommendation

In Support _____ In Opposition _____ **NO RECOMMEDATION**

Action Item 32: The Commission May Discuss, Create, or Provide Instruction and Guidance to Staff to Create a Non-Trophy Bull Elk Season and Regulations – Chairman Raine – Action

Recommendation

In Support X In Opposition _____

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

Mr. Taylor suggested no more than 5 points on either side. Mr. Bliss moved to support and look into further and get more discussion on the issue. Mr. Hornickle seconded, motion carried.

Action Item 34: The Commission May Discuss Rocky Mountain Bighorn Sheep and May Consider Drafting a Policy Concerning Diseased Bighorn Sheep Populations and Future Rocky Mountain Bighorn Sheep Management – Chairman Raine - Action

Recommendation

In Support _____ In Opposition _____ **NO RECOMMENDATION – DUE TO LACK OF SUPPORT MATERIAL**

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

Mr. Corner, Nevada Outfitters and Guides Association, reported that this is a concern for the sheep hunters, sheep hunters fear commission does not want to replace herds that died off due to disease. No support material.