

CABMW RECOMMENDATIONS for the 11/10 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

Members Absent: Dale Hornickle

Others Present: Mike Podborny-NDOW, Jake Tibbitts- Natural Resources Manager, George Parman-Public at Large, Scott Raine- Wildlife Commissioner and Kathy Porter-Natural Resources Assistant/Secretary

1. Action Item: 10 Petition- Action

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 _____ **Unable to make a recommendation at this Time until heard completely.**

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

2. Action Item: 11A Commission General Regulation Number 391, Guided Hunt Changes-T005-10 Program Officer III

The Commission may adopt a temporary regulation relating to revising provisions governing eligibility for the main draw if the application applied for the Restricted Nonresident Deer tag draw.

Recommendation

In Support _____ In Opposition **X** _____

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

Mr. Bliss elects to stay with the original petition to allow for only one draw per year for all and to make the opportunity consistent for all non-resident applicants. If non-resident tags are left over after the general draw then both restricted non-resident guide draw and general draw unsuccessful applicants can apply for the left over tags. Mr. Bliss stressed that this is a fairness issue and has nothing do with the Tallman case as some are saying. Outfitters are claiming a loss of revenue due to this language; Mr. Bliss contributes the revenue loss to multiple factors rather than just the change to the language as it is to date. Mr. Taylor moved to oppose the proposed language change and stay with the original petition as Eureka CAB had previously voted, and supports not to making any changes to the current language. Mr. Bliss seconded, motion carried unanimously.

3. Action Item: 11B Commission General Regulation Number 393, Black Bear Hunt-Temporary- T004-10-Program Officer III

The Commission may adopt a temporary regulation relating to revising provisions governing the establishment of a black bear hunt, eligibility waiting period requirements, bonus point 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:

Mr. Podborny reported that the language establishes a black bear hunt. Quotas and season dates will probably be lined out at January meeting. Mr. Bliss felt the department did a really nice job in putting together the support material to justify the hunt. Mr. Evans moved to support deployment of the bear hunt in Nevada. Mr. Taylor seconded, motion carried unanimously.

4. Action Item: 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 In Opposition _____

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

Mr. Evans moved to accept the 2011-2012 season dates, species, quotas, hours, and limits, as written in the proposal. Mr. Taylor seconded, motion carried unanimously.

5. Action Item: 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 _____ In Opposition _____ **No Recommendation**

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

6. Action Item: 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 _____ **No Recommendation**

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

7. Action Item: 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 _____ **No Recommendation**

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

Mr. Bliss recommended that, whatever action is taken with the wolf status, the action is well thought through and that Nevada be protected at the highest level to ensure wolves do not get established here in Nevada. Mr. Evans commented that it is a difficult issue considering the uncertainty of the direction that the Federal Government will take with the wolves. Mr. Bliss and Mr. Evans agreed that they do not want wolves in Nevada but are unsure of what to recommend.

8. Action Item: 16 Report from Feral Horse Committee, Horse Monument and Letters and/or Resolutions for Commission

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

George Parman, public at large, asked the Eureka CAB to act to prevent giving water rights to wild horses that is meant for wildlife and to prevent the Pickens Wild Horse Monument from getting established. Mr. Parman concludes that access to wildlife and public lands will be denied by the Pickens Monument unless accessed through the Monument's form of transportation. Mr. Bliss added that the plan is to fence off the public lands. Mr. Parman was also concerned about the horses within the allotment that are all ready over HML. Mr. Parman commented that wild horses are not designated as wildlife and are not livestock therefore they have no right to water under state water law. Mr. Bliss added that we have to do whatever is necessary to prevent the transfer of water rights to wild horses.

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

Recommendation

In Support X In Opposition _____

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

Mr. Taylor moved to support the letter to the State Engineer's Office concerning waters rights of wildlife and wild horses. Mr. Bliss seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Motion supports both A & B.

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 X In Opposition _____

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

9. Action Item: 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 _____ **No Recommendation please refer to comments below**

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

There is no formal recommendation however here are some comments and concerns of the Board:

Mr. Bliss stated that he agreed with a big portion of the findings, but did not understand the firing of employees. Mr. Bliss added that there are a lot of others actions that could be taken to improve deer herds. The responsibility for drought years, severe winters or other natural factors should not be placed on an employee. Mr. Bliss was also concerned with the termination of employees by the Commission. Mr. Bliss further added that there is a lot of good things in the findings, but is concerned with the whole restructuring of NDOW when many areas would have more positive on the ground impacts than some of the personnel actions ie: water developments, fire, pj encroachment, predation work etc. Mr. Evans was concerned with how state goals and objectives will coordinate with federal dollars and how they can make all blend when there are so many factors with state verses federal dollars and getting all those blended and pointed in the right direction. Mr. Taylor had no comment since he did not receive the document.

10. Action Item 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 _____

Mr. Taylor moved to support, Mr. Bliss seconded, motion carried unanimously.