

Washoe County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife

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Thursday ~ January 27, 2011 ~ 6:30 p.m.
Nevada Department of Wildlife
Conference Room B
1100 Valley Road, Reno, Nevada

MEMBERS

Rex Flowers, Chair
Rick Smith, Vice-chair
John Reed, Secretary
Glen Copeland
Daryl Harwell

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE *

Chair Flowers led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL *

Chair Flowers called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. A quorum was established.

PRESENT: Glen Copeland, Rex Flowers, Daryl Harwell, John Reed and Rick Smith.

ABSENT: None.

3. APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 29, 2010, MINUTES

It was moved by Member Copeland, seconded by member Harwell, to approve the November 29, 2010, minutes, as submitted. The motion carried: Members Copeland, Harwell, Smith and Chair Flowers assenting; and Member Reed abstaining.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS *

Sean Shea asked that the board consider an agenda item to discuss a mandatory Archer Hunter Safety Course as is required for other hunts.

Rick Smith – speaking as a sportsman and private citizen, expressed his personal concerns about the changes made to the Wayne Kirch award program that he believes is not only an embarrassment to the State of Nevada but a mockery of the intent and spirit of the award by placing three (3) Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners on the selection panel thus ensuring that the award recipient is one chosen by the Commission rather than a recipient who has met the intent and spirit thus deserving of the award. Mr. Smith suggested that interested parties write to Governor Brian Sandoval who can change the process.

5. BOARD MEMBER MEETING ASSIGNMENT – *A discussion and selection of member(s) to attend the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners meetings on: 1) February 4 and 5, 2011, in Las Vegas, Nevada; and 2). March 11 and 12, 2011, in Reno, Nevada.*

Member Copeland will attend the February 4 and 5, 2011, meetings in Las Vegas, Nevada.

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Chair Flowers will attend the meeting if it is held in Wendover, Nevada should the joint meeting with the State of Utah Wildlife Commission occur.

Member Reed will attend if the March meeting is moved to Reno, Nevada.

6. COMMITTEE, MEMBER AND LIAISON UPDATES *

6-1). Correspondence (including sportsmen's concerns) and Announcements – Chair Flowers provided an overview of correspondence received including the Friend of Nevada Wildlife breakfast on February 17, 2011 at 7:00 a.m. in Carson City, Nevada. Mr. Flowers noted that several letters/emails had been received in opposition to the Bear Hunt as well as the Kirch Award (copies of all correspondence on file).

Special note – a number of emails and other correspondence on the Bear Hunt were received after the January 27, 2011, meeting and are also on file.

Member Harwell commented that he had been contacted by an individual about there being no specific regulations prohibiting baiting of big game.

Mike Dobel - NDOW (Nevada Department of Wildlife), commented that there is a “no bait provision” in the temporary regulations for Black Bears but none for big game as there has not been a need to enact such a regulation.

6-2). Overview of the December 3 and 4, 2010, Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners meeting – Member Harwell noted that several key issues had been tabled with the Commission (Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners) including the TrailSafe petition to ban trapping in the Arms Congested areas of Washoe County.

6-3). Update and status report on the Washoe County Predator Control Project and the Wildlife Damage Management Subcommittee – There was no specific update as the Damage Subcommittee has not meet since August 2010.

6-4). Member Liaison Updates *

6-4-a) Wildlife Damage * – No report.

6-4-b) Administrative Procedures * – Chair Flowers commented that an agenda item would provide additional information later in tonight's (January 27, 2011, meeting).

6-5-c) Legislative * – No report.

6-5-d) Heritage * – No report.

6-4-e) Muledeer Restoration * – No report.

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- 7. COMMISSION REGULATION 11-03, BIG GAME SEASONS 2011-2012** – *A review, discussion and possible recommendation to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners to approve, deny or otherwise modify the 2011 and 2012 hunting seasons and dates for mule deer, pronghorn antelope, elk, bighorn sheep, and mountain goat, including limits, hunting hours, special hunt eligibility, animal gender, physical characteristics and legal weapon requirements, hunt boundary restrictions, and legal weapon requirements, emergency depredation hunt structure and statewide quotas, the 2011-2012 nonresident restricted deer tag quotas and seasons, and dates and times for indoctrination courses.*

Mike Dobel – NDOW (Nevada Department of Wildlife), provided an overview of the proposed modifications in the biennial season setting.

Pronghorn

During the discussion it was noted that hunter congestion is typically a matter of an individual's perception. Other discussion focused on the modifications to the hunt and the addition of a Muzzle Loader hunt in certain units. Other discussion noted that there was no history of a muzzleloader weapon causing a wildfire and that NDOW will limit aerial survey work where possible. Discussion then focused on the Archery hunt, which has added some additional tags due to the overall increase in Pronghorn Antelope tags.

It was moved by Member Copeland, seconded by Member Harwell, to recommend that the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners approve the Pronghorn Antelope Hunts 2151, 2251, 2171, 2161, 2261 and 2181, as written. The motion carried unanimously.

Elk

During the discussion it was noted that Elk herds have had a strong increase in Jarbridge and others areas. It was pointed out that additional tags have been made available with split seasons being offered. Other discussion noted some modifications to Units to move away from the rut. Discussion then turned to the hunter success ratio and the need to reduce Elk populations. It was pointed out that a higher cap in the Wells Area Plan had been opposed and that many ranchers feel that Elk herds are at their maximum. Discussion then noted that the hunt start dates overlap among the various species and hunts and that earlier start dates are typically meant to address weather related issues encountered in higher elevations. Other discussion explained that a Management Hunt is defined as a hunt that targets what some individuals may consider inferior or younger bulls (e.g., 4 points or less).

Chair Flowers opened the meeting to public comment.

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Mark Boge commented that it appears that the Elk harvest needs to be increased and that the addition of a Muzzle Loader season might not accomplish the necessary reduction. Additionally, it may take away opportunities for trophy hunts.

Wayne Whitten noted that Nye County recommendations had been overridden in the past and that the larger animals are up on the flats of Table Mountain and typically requires the use of a guide and/or horses.

Chair closed public comments.

Discussion suggested that perhaps hunters should be apprized of the rotation order so that sportsmen can make informed decision about their first choice. Other discussion suggested that the Muledeer and Elk hunt season dates be separated to reduce hunter congestion. It was pointed out that there are overlapping season among and between most hunts and species, which cannot be avoided.

It was moved by Member Smith, seconded by Member Harwell, to recommend that the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners approve Hunt 4151 as presented with an amendment to have an opportunity for a hunt during the rut in one or more areas. The motion carried: Members Copeland, Harwell, Reed and Smith assenting; and Chair Flowers dissenting.

Big Horn Sheep

There was minor discussion about the proposed hunts during which it was noted that the intent is to allow sportsmen to harvest either Desert or Rock Mountain Sheep with only the Desert Big Horn being recognized in the formal trophy record. As the discussion continued, it was noted that certain herd populations do not resemble the original stock making it difficult to determine pure Desert or Rocky Mountain breed. Discussion then noted that there is a small population of California Big Horn sheep with a larger percentage of mature rams.

It was moved by Member Smith, seconded by Member Reed, to recommend that the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners approve Hunts 3151, 3251, 8151, 8251 and 9151 as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Goats

It was moved by Member Harwell, seconded by Member Copeland, to recommend that the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners approve Hunts 7151 and 7251, as written. The motion carried unanimously.

The meeting recess at 7:45 p.m. and reconvened at 7:51 p.m.

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Muledeer

Mr. Dobel explained that the proposed modification in Unit 10 is the biologist response to congestion in the area.

Mark Boge commented that the November hunt had traditionally been an opportunity for a trophy hunt without the congestion. Mr. Boge noted that while he prefers to hunt in the State of Nevada, he will hunt in other states if it appears that trophy hunts are not offered.

Sean Shea noted that, in his opinion, the November/December hunt was, in his opinion, like shooting fish in a barrel. Mr. Shea pointed out that trophy animals are just located at higher elevations.

Responding to Ryan Brown, Mr. Dobel explained that NDOW is recommending the elimination of the late season rifle hunt in Area 24 due to concerns over significant numbers of PIW and nonresident guided hunters that have access to this late season.

Carl Lackey – NDOW, explained that the December Archery hunt in Unit 195 and 196 was based on hunter input over the past few years. It is expected that the change will increase the hunter success rate to 30-percent.

In response to Chair Flowers' inquiry about archery hunts in the Arms Congested Areas of Washoe County, Mr. Lackey explained that County Ordinance requires a 1,000 foot or 1-mile distance from residential areas and that migrating animals are not typically in the area until late December.

It was moved by Member Harwell, seconded by Member Smith, to recommend that the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners approve Hunts 1107, 1181, 1101, 1331, 1371, 1341, and 1235 as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Emergency Hunts 2011-2012

There were no questions or public comments.

It was moved by Member Copeland, seconded by Member Reed, to recommend that the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners approve Emergency Hunts 2011-2012 as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Indoctrination Course

There was no discussion or public comment.

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It was moved by Member Harwell, seconded by Member Copeland, to recommend that the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners approve the Indoctrination Course(s) as submitted. The motion carried unanimously.

- 8. COMMISSION REGULATION 11-05, SILVER STATE TAG AND PARTNERSHIP IN WILDLIFE SEASON AND QUOTAS 2011** – *A review, discussion and possible recommendation to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners to approve, deny or otherwise modify the 2011 Silver State Tag and Partnership in Wildlife hunt species, seasons and quotas.*

Member Smith commended staff for their work.

Chair Flowers asked for clarification of the total number of tags allowed under NRS (Nevada Revised Statutes and whether the Turkey Tags are considered part of the total. Chair Flowers suspended further discussion of the agenda item pending a clarification from NDOW (Nevada Department of Wildlife) staff.

- 10. COMMISSION REGULATION 11-07, BLACK BEAR HUNT** – *A review, discussion and possible recommendation to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners to approve, deny or otherwise modify recommendations to the 2011 - 2012 Black Bear Hunt seasons, dates and quotas, including limits, hunting hours, special hunt eligibility, animal gender, and physical characteristics, and legal weapon requirements and manner of hunting. [Taken out of agenda order]*

Chair Flowers opened the meeting to public comment.

Sherine Kuckhof read a prepared statement into the record (copy on file) in opposition to the Black Bear Hunt proposal.

Kristen Field also read a prepared statement into the record (copy on file) in opposition to the Black Bear Hunt.

Rosie Mann provided a handout (copy on file) and expressed her opposition to the Black Bear Hunt.

Robert Field submitted a written statement (copy on file) in opposition to the Black Bear Hunt.

Daryl Capurro – Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners, explained that the phrase "... no person shall bait big game mammals..." should be changed to read "...no person shall bait Black Bears ..."

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Jim Ghiglieri submitted a written statement (copy on file) in opposition to the Black Bear Hunt.

Sean Shea suggested that the regulation be modified to allow 24-hours rather than from dawn to dusk. Mr. Shea stated that he is in favor of the Black Bear Hunt.

Billy Howard – Green Party of Nevada Co-chair, read a prepared statement (copy on file) into the record in opposition to the Black Bear Hunt.

Chair Flowers closed public comments.

Carl Lackey – NDOW (Nevada Department of Wildlife), explained that he has data to support the proposed Black Bear Hunt which includes information dating back to 1997 which used a Wildlife Capture Recapture model. Mr. Lackey stated that he had worked with an ecologist at UNR (University of Nevada, Reno) that started with 420 bears in the data set animals and was subsequently reduced to 197 animals as 223 did not fit the criteria. Mr. Lackey explained that the data is conservative because of heterogeneity in the capture probabilities; and because the estimate is for the core population (Carson Front-Tahoe Basin), even though there are viable populations elsewhere. Mr. Lackey then noted that hunting already occurs in the surrounding area and that the main urban areas on the Nevada side of Lake Tahoe (Incline Village, Stateline, Glenbrook, Zephyr Cove and Roundhill) totals about 33,000 acres and comprises about 1-percent of the nearly 3-million acres. The total area open to hunting bears would be about 3 million acres.

During the discussion it was noted that Douglas and Carson City County's have mirror ordinances on Black Bears and that while Washoe County has an ordinance in place through the Washoe County Health District, it is unclear how effective it has been over the past four (4) years. As the discussion continued it was noted that while use of the hunt to control problem bears and that the hunt will not resolve conflict with bears are both true statements in and of themselves the hunt will not resolve the problems that are site specific. The only permanent solution is for the County to develop and enforce a permanent ordinance regulating trash and trash containers in the Lake Tahoe Basin. Other discussion noted that the modification requested by Commissioner Capurro could not be done at this time as it would require a separate public notice. Discussion then focused on the harvest quota. It was suggested that the season closure be based on a harvest of not more than twenty (20) or when a total six (6) females have been harvested, whichever comes first. The intent of the six (6) female limitation is to protect the female population. Typically, bear hunts do not have a high success rate. Discussion then explained that the use of dogs to tree a bear facilitates the gender identification. As the discussion continued, it was pointed out that a shotgun is more effective than a muzzleloader weapon but are only allowed in specific Muledeer hunts and specific hunt units. The Black Bear Hunt regulation mirrors that of the State of California, which also allows the use of dogs. It was pointed out that the California license can be purchased "over-the-counter".

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Member Smith commented that not only are the members of the CAB (County Advisory Board) and Commission representing sportsmen but also a large number of private citizens. Mr. Smith emphasized that he and others that serve on the CAB/Commission do listen to the public's concerns and explained that the Commission had received a request to investigate the feasibility of a Black Bear hunt, which NDOW has done. Based on the biological information provided it is Member Smith's opinion, that the Black Bear population is sufficiently stable to sustain the proposed hunt. However, Member Smith believes that perhaps there is a need to better educate the public and identify compromises that allows concerned citizens to better understand and perhaps support the regulation. Member Smith noted that he believes this remains a political issue that he does not believe any one will win.

It was moved by Chair Flowers, seconded by Member Reed, to recommend that the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioner approve Commission Regulation 11-07 Black Bear Hunt with the following modifications 1) close all Fire Arms Congested arms to hunting; and 2) close the season once a total of twenty (20) or six (6) females are harvested, whichever comes first.

Member Smith explained that he supports the hunt but cannot support the motion as he believes the regulation can be modified to reach an acceptable compromise.

Member Reed commented that he does not believe anyone will feel differently even if the matter were to be discussed in an attempt to reach a compromise. Member Reed noted that there is more to the State of Nevada and that he believes there are "a lot of people in Nevada that may want this to happen."

Chair Flowers commented that the majority of the hunt will most likely occur in the Carson Range and noted that hunters are different than what they were 20-years ago.

The motion carried: Members Copeland, Reed and Chair Flowers assenting; and Members Harwell and Smith dissenting.

The meeting recessed at 9:14 p.m. and reconvened at 9:23 p.m.

Chair Flowers reopened the following agenda item.

- 8. COMMISSION REGULATION 11-05, SILVER STATE TAG AND PARTNERSHIP IN WILDLIFE SEASON AND QUOTAS 2011 – *A review, discussion and possible recommendation to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners to approve, deny or otherwise modify the 2011 Silver State Tag and Partnership in Wildlife hunt species, seasons and quotas.***

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Mike Dobel – NDOW (Nevada Department of Wildlife, commented that Turkey tags are not counted in the 15 tag limitation.

During the discussion it was noted that the Commission (Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners) had historically not used the maximum number of allowable tags and that the Silver State Tag would be taken from the number of PIW (Partnership in Wildlife) allocation. Other discussion focused on the number of tags that should be allocated to the Silver State Tag. It was suggested that the number of available tags for that particular hunt should be limited so as to create a higher value. As the discussion continued, it was suggested that the Silver State Tag allocation be reduced as follows: one (1) Muledeer; one (1) Rocky Mountain Sheep; one (1) Pronghorn Antelope; and one (1) Elk.

It was moved by Member Smith, seconded by Member Harwell, to recommend that the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners approve the Silver State Tag allocation as follows: one (1) Muledeer; one (1) Rocky Mountain Sheep; one (1) Pronghorn Antelope; and one (1) Elk. The motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Member Smith, seconded by Member Copeland, to recommend that the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners approve the PIW (Partnership in Wildlife) tags as follows: add Muledeer and Pronghorn Antelope to resident; four (4) Rocky Mountain Sheep and the remainder as written. The motion carried unanimously.

9. **COMMISSION REGULATION 11-06, HERITAGE TAGS, SILVER STATE TAG AND PARTNERSHIP IN WILDLIFE SEASON AND QUOTAS 2012 – A review, discussion and possible recommendation to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners to approve, deny or otherwise modify the 2012 Heritage Tag, Silver State Tag and Partnership in Wildlife hunt species, seasons and quotas.**

It was moved by Member Smith, seconded by Member Copeland, to recommend that the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners approve the Heritage Tag, Silver State Tag and Partnership in Wildlife (PIW) tag allocations using the 2011 allocations for the Heritage Tag of one (1) each Muledeer, Elk, and Nelson Big Horn plus one (1) California Big Horn; Partnership in Wildlife twenty-two (22) resident Muledeer; two (2) non-resident Muledeer; four (4) Pronghorn Antelope and one (1) Elk; and one (1) Rocky Mountain Sheep. The motion carried unanimously.

11. **COMMISSION REGULATION 11-08, MOUNTAIN LION SEASONS 2011-2012 AND 2012-2013 – A review, discussion and possible recommendation to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners to approve, deny or otherwise modify recommendations to the 2011-2012 and 2012-2013 Mountain Lion seasons, dates, and harvest limits, including limits, hunting hours, animal gender, physical**

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characteristics, hunt boundary restrictions, legal weapon requirements and manner of hunting.

Russell Woolstenhulme – NDOW (Nevada Department of Wildlife), noted that there was only one change in Unit 091, which was set up to share the four (4) tags shared between the State of Nevada and the State of Utah. Mr. Woolstenhulme explained that ten years of harvest data indicate a total of five (5) have been harvested.

It was moved by Member Smith, seconded by Member Harwell, to recommend that the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners approve Commission Regulation 11-08 Mountain Lion seasons 2011-2012 and 2012-2013 as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

- 12. NEVADA WATERFOWL HUNT ZONE AND SWAN HUNT AREA CHANGES – A review, discussion and possible recommendation to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners to approve, deny or otherwise modify options for the addition of a new waterfowl hunt zone for Nevada and an expanded hunt area for Tundra Swan. The Commission may accept these changes and initiate action by the Department to pursue these changes with the Pacific Flyway Council.**

Russell Woolstenhulme – NDOW (Nevada Department of Wildlife), outlined the four (4) Waterfowl hunt zone options and noted that the CAB's (County Advisory Board) had not provided any significant input.

Mr. Woolstenhulme explained that the expanded Swan Hunt area would include the entire State of Nevada except for Elko and White Pine Counties due to the larger populations and presence of Trumpeter Swans in those areas.

Larry Gilbertson – NDOW, speaking about the proposed Waterfowl Hunt Zone proposals noted that Nye and Lincoln Counties do not have large bodies of water such as Elko and White Pine. Mr. Gilbertson noted that there are areas within a couple hours drive of Las Vegas (Nevada) that provide hunt opportunities. Mr. Gilbertson noted that other states are looking to expand their hunt opportunities in the flyway and that Alternative 3 includes the most counties possible. The Commission (Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners) may modify the request at their February 4 and 5, meeting which will then be submitted to the Flyways meeting at the end of February (2011).

It was moved by Member Smith, seconded by Member Harwell, to recommend that the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners approve Alternative 3 for the Nevada Waterfowl Hunt Zone and Swan Hunt Areas, as written. The motion carried unanimously.

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- 13. COMMISSION REGULATION 11-04, BIG GAME SEASON APPLICATION ELIGIBILITY, DEADLINE AND REMAINING TAG REGULATIONS 2011-2012** – A review, discussion and possible recommendation to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners to approve, deny or otherwise modify the 2011 - 2012 big game tag draw application eligibility, deadline and return card questionnaire information including restricted Nonresident Guided Deer Hunt draw application deadline and return card questionnaire information.

During a brief discussion it was suggested that the deadline on the internet and printed materials be reviewed to assure deadline consistency.

It was moved by Member Smith, seconded by Member Copeland, to recommend that the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners approve Commission Regulation 11-04 Big Game Season Application Eligibility, Deadline and remaining tag regulations 2011-2012, as written. The motion carried unanimously.

- 14. MANAGEMENT BULL ELK HUNT AND SEASONS** – A review, discussion and possible recommendation to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners to approve, deny or otherwise modify recommendations on “Management Bull Elk Seasons” as described in a report from Cory Lytle of the Lincoln County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife, and options for possible development of regulation changes for “Management Bull” Elk seasons: Options to set all Cow Elk seasons after the bull seasons; convert all muzzleloader bull seasons into “Management Bull Seasons”; convert all Archery Bull Seasons to “Management Bull Seasons”; create new any legal weapon “Management Bull Seasons”; and no Management Bull Seasons.

Larry Gilbertson – NDOW (Nevada Department of Wildlife), provided an overview of the population projections and the increased number of tags to reduce the populations and ratios of bull/cows. Of some concern to Lincoln County is the potential reduction in the number of high scoring bulls of five (5) or more points. Mr. Gilbertson explained that NAC (Nevada Administrative Code) could be modified after the close of the 2011 legislative session.

During the discussion it was explained that while not yet confirmed that it appears Governor Brian Sandoval issued an executive order freezing modifications to NAC until January 2012, except those related to public health and safety.

It was moved by Member Smith, seconded by Member Reed, to recommend that the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners deny the Management Bull Elk Hunt and Season recommendations.

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- 15. FINDINGS OF MULE DEER RESTORATION COMMITTEE** – *A review, discussion and possible recommendation to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners to approve, deny or otherwise modify the report from the Mule Deer Restoration Committee; 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.*

Chair Flowers suggested that the request be denied as it, in his opinion, is an insult to everything that has been done by the Nevada Department of Wildlife.

Member Smith concurred noting that the report disregards valuable biological data and that he cannot support the Findings as presented.

It was moved by Member Reed, seconded by Member Harwell, to recommend that the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners deny the Finding of the Mule Deer Restoration Committee based on the current and overwhelming biological data that refute the proposed Findings. The motion carried unanimously.

- 16. ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES, REGULATIONS AND POLICY (APRC) COMMITTEE REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS** – *A review, discussion and possible recommendation to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners to approve, deny or otherwise modify APRC Committee's recommendations for changes to Heritage Project applications.*

Chair Flowers provided an overview of the request noting that proposed modifications do not address public health or safety issues or gain federal monies for the department.

It was moved by Member Smith, seconded by Member Harwell, to recommend that the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners deny the Administrative Procedures, Regulations and Policy Committee recommendations. Member Smith stated that the proposal is counter to the executive order issued by the Governor (Brian Sandoval) as it is not related to public health, safety nor are the changes necessary to pursue federal funding and/or certification. The motion carried unanimously.

- 17. ADDITIONAL APPLICATION HUNT SYSTEM REPORT FORMAT** – *The A review, discussion and possible recommendation to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners to approve, deny or otherwise modify a request at the December 2010 Commission meeting from Commissioner Cavin to introduce an additional report format to publicly display a list of successful tag applicants by hunt unit on the www.huntnevada.com web site.*

No specific action was taken on this agenda item.

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- 18. WILDLIFE DAMAGE MANAGEMENT FISCAL YEAR 2011 PLAN REPORT – A review, discussion and possible recommendation to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners to approve, deny or otherwise modify the development and information provided in the 2011 and future Wildlife Damage Management Plans.**

Chair Flowers noted that the last meeting had been held in August 2010 and that it appears that the Chair of the group may be making the decisions. Therefore, it is Chair Flowers' belief that no action can be taken since there is no specific plan.

Larry Gilbertson - NDOW (Nevada Department of Wildlife), recalled that the subcommittee was originally called the Predation Management Committee. Mr. Gilbertson drew attention to a handout provided at the previous meeting and explained that there had been an issue about compliance with the Nevada OML (Open Meeting Law).

During the discussion it was suggested that Wildlife Damage and Predator Control should be two (2) separate Committees. As the discussion continued, it was explained that staff is in the process of scheduling the next meeting.

Member Copeland stated that he does not believe that action should be taken until the proposed changes to ongoing projects are known

Member Smith concurred that no action be taken and that the matter be tabled until the proposed changes are brought to the board as Predator Control not Wildlife Damage.

It was moved by Member Copeland, seconded by Member Reed, to recommend that the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners take no action and table the Wildlife Damage Management Fiscal Year 2011-2012 Plan Report until such time as the proposed changes are brought to the County Advisory Boards for review of changes to the existing document. The motion carried unanimously.

- 19. WILDLIFE WATER RIGHTS TRANSFER – A review, discussion and possible recommendation to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners to approve, deny or otherwise modify a draft letter to the State Water Engineer in reference to the issue of giving water rights meant for wildlife to wild horses.**

Chair Flowers drew attention to the draft correspondence (copy on file) and asked for discussion or motion.

It was moved by Member Smith, seconded by Member Harwell, to recommend that the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners approve the correspondence to the State Water Engineer, as written. The motion carried unanimously.

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- 20. PICKENS HORSE MONUMENT IN EASTERN NEVADA** – *A review, discussion and possible recommendation to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners to approve, deny or otherwise modify guidance to the Nevada Department of Wildlife on the matter and may approve, modify, create, or deny a resolution and/or letter.*

Member Smith noted that he had identified two letters (copies on file).

It was moved by Member Smith, seconded by Member Copeland, to recommend that the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners approve the correspondence as written. The motion carried unanimously.

- 21. COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE (CABMW) BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS FISCAL YEAR 2011** – *A review, discussion and possible recommendation to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners to approve, deny or otherwise modify budget status reports and may make adjustments to CABMW budgets for Fiscal Year 2011-2012.*

Chair Flowers commented that funds had been submitted to Washoe County and are thus far safe.

- 22. MEMBER COMMENTS *** – *Limited to items not addressed elsewhere on the agenda. While the Washoe County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife may not engage in discussion or take action on any item identified under this topic the matter may be placed on a future agenda for discussion and possible action or recommendation of action to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners.*

There were no member comments.

- 23. FUTURE MEETING AGENDA ITEMS *** – *Selection of additional agenda item(s) for the Tuesday, March 8, 2011, meeting.*

The March 8, 2011, meeting agenda may include, but is not limited to: 1) Update on the Ruby Pipeline; 2) Update on the TrailSafe petition; 3) Discussion and possible action to recommend the development of an Archery Hunter Safety Course; and 4) Modification of the Black Bear Hunt language to as it relates to baiting.

- 24. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Flowers adjourned the meeting at 10:53 p.m.

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