

## **Proposed Expanded Hunt Area for Tundra Swan**

**Purpose:** To provide a better opportunity to hunt tundra swan within Nevada by expanding the area open to swan hunting (within the federal framework). An expanded hunt area would reduce hunter confusion regarding current hunt boundaries and maximize opportunity by making populations of swans using smaller waters across the state also available to sportsmen.

**Proposed area:** Expansion of the current tundra swan hunt area to include all portions of the state of Nevada EXCEPT SWAN HUNTING WILL BE CLOSED IN ELKO AND WHITE PINE COUNTIES.

**Restrictions:** No additional restrictions from federal framework as long as current restrictions are maintained (no more than 650 permits, no more than 5 trumpeter swans harvested, season ends Saturday following January 1<sup>st</sup>). A hunt must not jeopardize the trumpeter swan population in Ruby Valley.

**Process:** The Department plans to take the recommendation to Pacific Flyway meetings in December and March.

**What we are seeking today:** We want to inform the Commission, CABs and hunters to provide ample time for discussion before the final decision is made. The Department will bring this item back to the Commission at the February meeting for Commission action.