

**STATE OF NEVADA
BOARD OF WILDLIFE COMMISSIONERS**

Commission Policy Number 27

Number: **P 27**

Title: **Protection of Nevada Wildlife
Resources**

Reference: NRS 501.100, 501.105, and
501.181.

Effective Date: April 2011

PURPOSE

It is the policy of the Commission [and the Department of Wildlife] to establish policies and adopt regulations necessary to the preservation, protection, management, and restoration of wildlife and its habitat.

POLICY

1. All wildlife, including, all wild animals, wild birds, and fish within the State of Nevada are hereby declared to be the property of the State of Nevada and shall be preserved, protected, perpetuated, and managed. (NRS 501.100, #1 "Wildlife in this state not domesticated and in its natural habitat is part of the natural resources belonging to the people of the State of Nevada.")
2. Nevada's law and policy includes providing Nevada citizens (and others permitted by law) accessibility to wildlife for their shared recreations.
3. The Wildlife Commission has the authority, power, and duty to administer and carry out the State of Nevada's wildlife policy consistent with state law.
4. Wildlife management under this policy includes maintaining healthy populations, balancing predator and prey relationships, providing hunting and recreational opportunities for game species, and addressing conflicts between wildlife, people, and businesses.
5. Scientific data shows gray wolf predation is a major cause of mortality in wildlife ungulate populations where wolves are present.
6. There are no data to suggest that historically there ever was a resident wolf population in the State, along with none or very limited wolf habitat in the State.
7. It is the policy of the Commission [and the Department of Wildlife] to oppose a permanent population of wolves in Nevada and since in 1974 the gray wolf was listed under the Endangered Species Act (ESA) and protected as an endangered species, it is the objective and intent of the Commission to pursue all legal options to restore full state authority and control over the management of wolves in Nevada [by listing them as an unprotected species].

This policy shall remain in effect until amended, repealed or superseded by the Board of Wildlife Commissioners.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF WILDLIFE COMMISSIONERS IN REGULAR SESSION, April 15, 2011.

Chairman Scott Raine
Board of Wildlife Commissioners