

Approved Minutes
Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners'

Telephonic Commission Meeting
at
Nevada Department of Wildlife
1100 Valley Road
Reno, NV 89512
AGENDA

Monday, June 13, 2011 – 8:30 a.m.

- 1 Call to Order and Roll Call of the Commission – Chairman Raine
- 2 Public Comment Period
Persons wishing to speak on items not on the agenda should complete a speaker's card and present it to the recording secretary. Public comment will be limited to three minutes. Persons are invited to submit comments in writing on the agenda items and or attend and make comment on the item at the Commission meeting. No action can be taken by the Commission at this time; any item requiring Commission action could be scheduled on a future Commission agenda. In addition to this Public Comment Period, Public Comment limited to three minutes per speaker will also be allowed on each agenda action item, but not on reports or informational items.
- 3 Commission Regulation 11- 10 Big Game Quotas 2011 and 2012, Amendment #1 - Big Game Biologists Mike Cox and Tony Wasley – Action
The Commission will establish tag quotas for the resident and nonresident deer and antelope landowner compensation tags either sex hunts 1115, 1215, 2115, and 2215.
- 4 Adjournment

Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners present for telephonic conference meeting:

Commissioner Tom Cavin	Vice Chairman Gerald Lent	Commissioner Daryl E. Capurro
Commissioner Hal Shrum	Commissioner Howell	Commissioner Michael McBeath
	Commissioner Hank Vogler	Commissioner Grant Wallace

*Excused Absence Chairman Scott Raine

Acting Director Kenneth E. Mayer	Bryan L. Stockton, Deputy Attorney General
Suzanne Scourby, Recording Secretary	Nhu Nguyen, Deputy Attorney General

Nevada Department of Wildlife personnel present:

Deputy Director Rich Haskins	Chief of Game Larry Gilbertson
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- 1 Call to Order and Roll Call of the Commission – Chairman Raine

Commissioner Lent called the meeting to order at 8:38 a.m. and asked for a roll call of the Commission.

Commissioners present: Lent, Capurro, Howell, Wallace, Cavin, McBeath, Vogler, and Shrum. Chairman Raine is absent.

Commissioner Lent said he will waive the three minute public comment rule and said there no members of the public present and that Commissioners may speak during the public comment period.

Commissioner Capurro said if commissioners make public comment you have to make it clear that you are speaking as yourself not a commissioner.

DAG Stockton said that if not on agenda and not a commission agenda item, but speaking in public comment period, that would be good but not sure if absolutely required.

2 Public Comment Period –

Commissioner Lent said he wants an item on the August agenda that we draft letter to Attorney General Catherine Cortez Masto on reselling big game tags. Commissioner Lent also said he wants on that agenda Heritage tag vendors and asked that the process be sped up to get contracts out. He read deer tags statistics and said we are looking at long-term trend since 1988 and need to ask yourself why deer herds are not growing and need a stimulus such as decrease hunting pressure and decrease tags. He said you can't prove deer are increasing and is hypothetical and he does not buy that just because we are biologists and upset how many CABMWs and sportsmen out there drank the kool-aid, and he read email sent to him by Coalition who sent questions out to sportsmen that asked sportsmen five questions which he read. Some guides and sportsmen looking at the money and that is a bad way and no proof of actual deer population. Still needs to challenge NDOW to give proof and some have chosen to benefit for personal gain and stands behind what the Commission did. Remembers when NDOW and sportsmen said tag draw above reproach and as a person who substantiated the audit of NDOW believes we will prove them wrong again. His last point is for the record, on SB 322 he read about it in the newspaper and big mistake for CABMWs and sportsmen to have supported the bill and he is not worried about current governor, but down the road if we get anti-hunter elected like Dina Titus, and too many sportsmen and CABMWs supported the bill and we have lost input as to who director will be and the governor may consider CABMW input, but he has been doing this for 40 years and wants on the record that if this happens that all sportsmen and CABMWs who supported SB 322, that for supporting this legislation you won't have any say and that is why 10 years ago they put that together to have say. He is putting this on everyone's back that they have no one to blame but themselves.

Commissioner Vogler said along similar lines if you go back far enough there were over 100,000 tags in Nevada and study done by UNR in early 1990s about \$600 per person spent hunting, which is \$60 million and if the money goes through the rural county five times which is multiplier used, that means rural counties lost over the years \$3 billion not \$600,000 as alluded to in several emails that he received and also like that in the

record. Also in record that we need to discuss with Attorney General's Office if there is even a need for CABMWs if the governor and future governors will now micromanage the director and NDOW, it seems to him like the CABMWs were thrown under the bus by SB 322 as now at least now they have a role, recommendations, and input and now they won't, that is a valid question to ask and should be an action item at the next meeting.

Commissioner Lent said he will pass that item on to the chairman to do that and like he said the economic impact if we don't do what we can to save our deer herds we will lost economic impact to the outlying areas which is important but will lose a lot more if we eliminate deer seasons down the road which will cost more.

Commissioner Shrum said we have a problem that needs to be discussed and put on the agenda for the August meeting in Fallon. Back in November he has received emails about this event which is three games wardens were bighorn sheep hunting in Unit 252 and one shot two sheep...

DAG Stockton said he will caution Commissioner Shrum as he has discussed with the Commission previously the rule to give a person notice and to keep comments within the Open Meeting Law. He said he reviewed the case and it is not a case the Commission needs to be looking at.

Commissioner Shrum said as a private party his suggestion would be to discuss this by the Commission before it gets in the newspapers.

Commissioner Lent said for Commissioner Shrum that he would like this on the August agenda for discussion and a report and if Attorney General says we can't discuss it then we cannot do it, fine. He will make that recommendation. Commissioner Lent closed public comment as no one from the public is present.

2 Commissioner Regulation 11 – 10 Big Game Quotas 2011 – 2012, Amendment #1 – Big Game Biologists Mike Cox and Tony Wasley – Action

Commissioner Lent said neither Mike Cox nor Tony Wasley are present and asked who will present this item from the Department.

Big Game Chief Gilbertson said he will and the purpose of the item to pass the number of tags for the deer and antelope compensation tag program. Calculations based on 17,793 total deer and antelope tags issued this year times 0.15 equals 267 tags.

Commissioner Vogler asked how much were compensation tags were reduced as people are upset where he lives with the counting method, and they will probably be at the August meeting. How much were antelope cut.

Commissioner Gilbertson said this is total number of tags available for mule deer and antelope and the 267 is meant to include all compensation tags, which is why the multiplier is times 1.5 and that is how many tags can be issued for both types of depredation hunts.

COMMISSIONER WALLACE MOVED TO APPROVE CR 11 – 10 AMENDMENT #1 AT 1.5 PERCENT FOR TOTAL OF 267 TAGS. COMMISSIONER CAPURRO SECONDED THE MOTION.

Commissioner Lent said discussion and then will have an email with the mathematics to all the Commissioners.

COMMISSIONERS IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION: LENT, CAPURRO, CAVIN, HOWELL, MCBEATH, SHRUM, VOGLER AND WALLACE. MOTION PASSED 7 – 0. COMMISSIONER LENT DID NOT VOTE.

COMMISSINER CAPURRO MOVED TO ADJOURN. COMMISSIONER WALLACE SECONDED THE MOTION.

Meeting adjourned at 9 a.m.

Note: The minutes are a summary of the meeting. At the Department of Wildlife headquarters in Reno is a complete record of the meeting, including recordings; and all the exhibits received/referenced during the meeting. The record is available upon request for review.