

**NEVADA BOARD OF WILDLIFE COMMISSIONERS
RESOLUTION
SUPPORTING THE REINTRODUCTION OF SALMON
TO NORTHEASTERN NEVADA**

WHEREAS, the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners is responsible for the establishment of broad policies for the protection, propagation, restoration, transplanting, introduction and management of wildlife in this state; and

WHEREAS, salmon runs were reported in the Owyhee and Jarbidge Rivers and most likely occurred in the Bruneau and Salmon Falls Rivers. These fish having migrated almost 1,000 miles from the Pacific Ocean to spawn in Nevada; and

WHEREAS, the last reported salmon run was on the South Fork of the Owyhee River in 1913; and

WHEREAS, these salmon runs provided both recreational opportunity and subsistence to the local population; and

WHEREAS, the Nevada Department of Wildlife has an obligation to manage aquatic native species; and

WHEREAS, the Nevada Department of Wildlife has an interest in seeing salmon runs once again returned to their native range; and

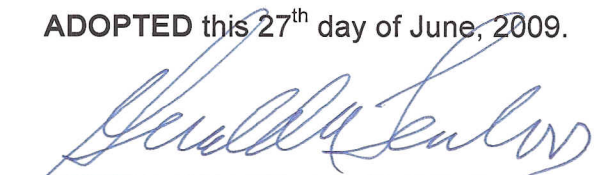
WHEREAS, the Board of Wildlife Commissioners recognizes the concerns of communities in Nevada to preserve multiple uses on public lands;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners supports efforts to return salmon to Nevada; and

FURTHERMORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners supports efforts to reestablish a salmon population for the benefit of sportsmen and the residents of Nevada, in parts of their historic range in northeastern Nevada, while holding harmless other's interests in the land and its management; and

FURTHERMORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners supports the Nevada Department of Wildlife's efforts to work with various agencies and groups towards the goal of reestablishing a run of salmon, to Nevada's waters in the future.

ADOPTED this 27th day of June, 2009.



Chairman Gerald A. Lent, O.D.