

CABMW RECOMMENDATIONS for the February 2011 Wildlife Commission Meeting
(Month/year)

Clark County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife meeting results

Submitted by Chairman: Dr. Paul R. Dixon

To the Wildlife Commission, c/o Executive Assistant to Director Suzanne Scourby, sscourby@ndow.org

Members Present: Paul Dixon (on phone), Mike Reese, John Sullivan, Gary Pratt, Paul Harris, Brian Patterson, and Tracy Truman

Members Absent: none

Commissioners Present: Michael McBeath, and Charlie Howell

NDOW Present: Pat Cummings Steve Kimble, plus 3 other NDOW staff

27 members of the public

Non agenda topic: CABMW awards for Commission and NDOW

CABMW awards (NEW idea!): It has been suggested by the Elko CABMW that collectively the once a year the combined CABMW would recognize the State Wildlife Commissioner that has most helped wildlife, habitat and the CAB's over the last year. In addition, the CABMW would also nominate and award an outstanding NDOW employee.

- i. **Special Award Recommendation for Outstanding Nevada Department of Wildlife Employee**
ACTION ITEM -- Discussion and possible action, establishing and outlining the qualifications for a special award, which would recognize NDOW employees for their outstanding contributions and service to County Advisory Boards each year.

Recommendation

In Support X In Opposition _____ Tabled _____

Other comments, including a dissenting viewpoint (different than the majority) or issue brought up during discussion:

See discussion under item ii below

- ii. **Special Award Recommendation for Outstanding Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioner -**
ACTION ITEM -- Discussion and possible action, establishing and outlining the qualifications for a special award, which would recognize a Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioner for their outstanding contributions and service to County Advisory Boards each year.

Recommendation

In Support X In Opposition _____ Tabled _____

Other comments, including a dissenting viewpoint (different than the majority) or issue brought up during discussion:

The Clark CABMW unanimously supported special award recommendation idea. All felt it was a great idea that was long over due in establishing. The Clark CABMW recommends that each Nevada CABMW nominate a member to serve on an intra CABMW board to determine the special award criteria. Once determined the criteria can be shared with the other CABMW members and public at the next CABMW meeting.

Commission Action Item No. 8A: A Big Game Division Computer Model and Recommendation Process – Chairman Raine The Commission may discuss and request information concerning the Department's computer model and recommendation process.

Recommendation

In Support X In Opposition_____ Tabled_____

Other comments, including a dissenting viewpoint (different than the majority) or issue brought up during discussion:

Clark CABMW unanimously supports the use of the existing NDOW modeling and recommendation process without change.

Commission Action Item No. 9B: Wildlife Damage Management Fiscal Year 2011 Plan – Commissioner Vogler - The Commission will discuss and provide guidance to the Department concerning development and information provided in the 2011 and future Wildlife Damage Management plans.

Recommendation

In Support X In Opposition_____

Other comments, including a dissenting viewpoint (different than the majority) or issue brought up during discussion:

Clark CABMW unanimously supports all the projects in the Predation Management Plan for FY11 with the exception of Projects 6A and Project 21 where we have the following recommendations:

Project 6A: The plan should include a mid-year evaluation regarding the need to maintain a full time Wildlife Specialist based on proven results.

Project 21: The Clark CABMW felt the \$2000 for the WMA at Overton to protect turkeys was to low. To protect turkeys, the raccoon, skunk and coyote populations at Overton WMA also need to be controlled. This project needs additional NDOW and wildlife services input.

Commission Action Item No. 11: Clark County Road Access – Commissioner Shrum, Chief of Habitat Elmer Bull and Bureau of Land Management Representative (BLM) - The Commission will hear a report on the Bureau of Land Management’s designated routes, restricted grazing and desert tortoise management in Clark County and may draft letters, resolutions and or policy, concerning any or all of these items.

Recommendation

In Support ___ ___ In Opposition_____ See comment below X

Other comments, including a dissenting viewpoint (different than the majority) or issue brought up during discussion:

The Clark CABMW chairman requested backup information from Commissioner Shrum and Chairman Raine and received no response or input. Therefore, the Clark CABMW unanimously requests that the NV Wildlife Commission send a letter to the BLM requesting that BLM take no action that will:

- 1) **Change existing road access or alter existing roads.**
- 2) **Take no action to restrict access to existing guzzlers and no guzzlers will be abandoned.**

Commission Action Item No. 12: Commission Regulation 11- 07, Black Bear Hunt – Chief of Game Larry Gilbertson and Big Game Biologist Carl Lackey – The Commission will consider adoption of 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. Note: Support material sent separately.

Recommendation

In Support In Opposition _____

Other comments, including a dissenting viewpoint (different than the majority) or issue brought up during discussion:

The Clark CABMW unanimously supports a black bear season and harvest objectives as presented. Further, we recommend that the weaponry for this hunt be restricted to rifle or muzzleloader for the first season, and archery not be allowed.

Commission Action Item No. 13: Administrative Procedures, Regulations and Policy (APRC) Committee Report and Recommendations – Commissioner Lent – The Commission will be asked to take action on the APRC Committee’s recommendations for changes to Heritage regulations.

Recommendation

In Support _____ In Opposition _____ Tabled

Other comments, including a dissenting viewpoint (different than the majority) or issue brought up during discussion:

The Clark CABMW tabled this item based on a recommendation from the General Counsel of the Office of the Governor.

Commission Action Item No. 14: Report from Feral Horse Committee, Horse Monument and Letters and/or Resolutions – Committee Chairman Mike Stremler - Action

14A: The Commission may consider approving a draft letter to the State Water Engineer in reference to the issue of giving water rights meant for wildlife to wild horses – Mike Stremler,

14B: The Commission will discuss the Pickens Horse Monument in Eastern Nevada, may provide guidance to the Department on the matter and may approve, modify, create, or deny a resolution and/or letter – Chairman Raine

Recommendation 14A:

In Support _____ In Opposition _____ Other

Other comments, including a dissenting viewpoint (different than the majority) or issue brought up during discussion:

There was considerable discussion at the Clark CABMW around the water issue related to wild (feral) horses. The Clark CAB is requesting that the commission table this item and obtain additional public comment before issuing the letter.

Commission Action Item No. 19: CABMW Budget Adjustments Fiscal Year 2011 – Deputy Director Patrick Cates - The Commission will review CABMW budget status reports and may make adjustments to CABMW budgets for Fiscal Year 2011.

Recommendation

In Support In Opposition _____

Other comments, including a dissenting viewpoint (different than the majority) or issue brought up during discussion:

The Clark CABMW was unable to address this agenda item due to time constraints at the CABMW meeting on the February 1st. Reprinted here are the Clark CABMW recommendations from November 2010 CABMW meeting.

The Clark CABMW supports a review and possible adjustment of their CAB budget. In deliberations earlier this year the AG required administrative support for Clark CABMW was denied (\$2700). The Clark CABMW would like the commission to consider allocating that \$2700 funding to lesson the burden on Clark County (financially strapped this FY) which has been supplying these services for 2 years now. Administrative services are required for the Clark CABMW as a result of the response to the OML filed against the Clark CAB last year by Mr. Cecil Fredi. To satisfy AG concerns, Clark County agreed to have a properly trained OML secretary and meeting recorder present at every meeting of the CABMW.

In addition, support for travel to two special meetings 1) legislature and 2) joint meeting with Utah will require ~\$1200 dollars to support travel and lodging expenses.

Commission Action Item No. 20: Management Bull Elk Hunt and Seasons – Chairman Raine – The Department will provide a report and recommendations to the Commission on “management bull elk seasons” as described in a report from Cory Lytle of the Lincoln CABMW, and the Commission will discuss 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.

Recommendation

In Support _____ In Opposition _____ Tabled

Other comments, including a dissenting viewpoint (different than the majority) or issue brought up during discussion:

The Clark CABMW tabled this item until additional or any support material is provided for public discussion.

Commission Action Item No. 21: Nevada Waterfowl Hunt Zone and Swan Hunt Area Changes – Game Division Staff Biologist Russell Woolstenhulme – The Commission will hear 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.

Recommendation

In Support _____ In Opposition _____ Tabled

Other comments, including a dissenting viewpoint (different than the majority) or issue brought up during discussion:

The Clark CABMW was unable to address this agenda item due to time constraints at the CABMW meeting on the February 1st.

Commission Action Item No. 22: Commission Regulation 11 – 03, Big Game Seasons 2011- 2012 – Big Game Biologists Mike Cox and Tony Wasley – The Commission will consider adoption of 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. Note: Support material will be sent under separate cover.

Recommendation

In Support In Opposition _____

Other comments, including a dissenting viewpoint (different than the majority) or issue brought up during discussion:

Clark CABMW unanimously supported all recommendations. Please see attached electronic spread sheet with recommendations

Commission Action Item No. 23: Commission Regulation 11 – 04, Big Game Season Application Eligibility, Deadline and Remaining Tag Regulations 2011 - 2012 – Program Officer III Maureen Hullinger – The Commission will consider adoption of 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.

Recommendation

In Support In Opposition _____

Other comments, including a dissenting viewpoint (different than the majority) or issue brought up during discussion:

The Clark CABMW unanimously supports Commission Regulation 11 – 04 as written.

Commission Action Item No. 24: Commission Regulation 11 – 05, Silver State Tag and Partnership in Wildlife Season and Quotas 2011 – Big Game Biologist Mike Cox and Program Officer III Maureen Hullinger – The Commission will consider the adoption of the 2011 Silver State Tag and Partnership in Wildlife hunt species, seasons and quotas.

Recommendation

In Support _____ In Opposition _____ Other

Other comments, including a dissenting viewpoint (different than the majority) or issue brought up during discussion:

The Clark CABMW unanimously supports a reduction in the Silver State tag quotas by 50% for mule deer, prong horn antelope, and elk, but leave the desert big horn sheep at 1. Excess tags should be returned to the heritage tag pool.

For PIW tags the Clark CABMW recommends returning to the 2010 quota levels.

For Heritage tags the Clark CABMW recommends returning making the Desert Big Horn sheep quota 2 (big money maker) and leaving all other tag quotas the same.

Commission Action Item No. 25: Commission Regulation 11 – 06, Heritage Tags, Silver State Tag and Partnership in Wildlife Season and Quotas 2012 - Program Officer III Maureen Hullinger and Big Game Biologist Mike Cox – The Commission will consider the adoption of the 2012 Heritage Tag, Silver State Tag and Partnership in Wildlife hunt species, seasons and quotas.
Note: Support material sent separately.

Recommendation

In Support In Opposition Other

Other comments, including a dissenting viewpoint (different than the majority) or issue brought up during discussion:

The Clark CABMW unanimously supports a reduction in the Silver State Tag quotas by 50% for mule deer, prong horn antelope, and elk, but leave the Desert Big Horn sheep at 1. Excess tags should be returned to the Heritage Tag pool.

For PIW tags the Clark CABMW recommends returning to the 2010 quota levels.

For Heritage Tags the Clark CABMW recommends returning making the Desert Big Horn sheep quota 2 (big money maker) and leaving all other tag quotas the same.

Commission Action Item No. 26: Commission Regulation 11- 08, Mountain Lion Seasons 2011- 2012 and 2012 - 2013 – Staff Biologist Russell Woolstenhulme – The Commission will consider adoption of recommendations to the 2011-2012 and 2012 – 2013 Mountain Lion seasons, dates, and harvest limits, including limits, hunting hours, animal gender, physical characteristics, hunt boundary restrictions, legal weapon requirements, method of take and manner of hunting. Note: Support material sent separately.

Recommendation

In Support In Opposition Tabled **Please refer to comments below.**

Other comments, including a dissenting viewpoint (different than the majority) or issue brought up during discussion:

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Commission Action Item No. 27: Findings of Mule Deer Restoration Committee - Chairman Raine
The Commission will have a second discussion of the report from the Mule Deer Restoration Committee. The Commission will be asked to accept the 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.

Recommendation

In Support _____ In Opposition _____ Tabled X Please refer to comments below.

Other comments, including a dissenting viewpoint (different than the majority) or issue brought up during discussion:

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The Clark CABMW had too many issues with this report to innumerate here. We have no formal recommendation that we could give except that we agree with some of the scientific findings but many of the recommendations made no logical sense to us. Our board did not in any way support or understand the firing of NDOW employees or other recommendations under the section titled Problems within NDOW Structure Observational Biology vs. Biology of Game Production. To place the responsibility for drought years, severe winters or other natural factors on NDOW biologists is outrageous! Furthermore, the restructuring of NDOW when many of the recommendations such as: water developments, fire, pinion/juniper encroachment, predation work etc would have more impact seem a misuse of this report!

Commission Action Item No 28: Commission Regulation 09 – 09, Amendment #1 – Fisheries Biologist Jon Sjoberg – The Commission will consider closure of a water(s) within the Clark County Wetlands in Las Vegas Wash, Clark County and a name change for the Fuji Park Pond in Carson City to the Baily Fishing Pond.

In Support X In Opposition _____

The Clark CAB unanimously supported the proposed Commission Regulation 09 – 09, Amendment #1 changes.