

CABMW RECOMMENDATIONS for the November 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

CABMW Members Present: Paul Dixon, Mike Reese, Tracy Truman, Brian Patterson, and new board member Ryan Anderson

Members Absent: Jacky Holt and John Sullivan

Commissioners Present: Hal Schrum

NDOW Present: Tim Wood, Officer David Pfiffner, Anthony Miller, Steve Kimble, Jon Sjoberg and two other members from Southern Nevada's NDOW office.

Members of the public signed in: 29

Clark County Public Information Requests:

The Clark CABMW meeting started with informational items that the sportsmen and sportswomen of southern Nevada (29 in attendance) requested be discussed in a public meeting. There were several areas that the public requested follow-up on before our next CABMW meeting in January. Chairman Paul Dixon will be discussing these items with NDOW and the Commission at the upcoming meeting in Reno. These items were:

- a) Anthony Miller was requested to prepare a 2012 southern Nevada guzzler repair and maintenance schedule to share with the Clark CABMW board and public who are interested in volunteering on these projects.**
- b) Can NDOW use their web calendar to advertize these activities for the public to view and learn about times to participate. The calendar seems under utilized at this time as a communication tool.**
- c) Lake Mead and Southern Nevada fisheries requests/concerns:**
 - i. The largest concern is that Las Vegas natives have seen a major decline in the Lake Mead and Lake Mojave fisheries with the introduction of stripped bass. In addition, the huge economic benefits of having a diversified Lake Mead fishery are also slowly being lost with the stoppage of trout stocking. In these tight economic times we need to offer anglers as many opportunities as possible.**
 - ii. A member of the public (Mike Pergola) quoted old regulations that require trout stocking on Native American areas of Lake Mead that NDOW and the Clark CABMW members were unaware existed. Is there still really regulations that mandate trout stocking or have they been overcome by more recent regulations?**
 - iii. Are there possibilities to develop launch access points into Lake Mead closer to Las Vegas that the current three areas?**
 - iv. Trout stocking: Can we have limited trout plants in Lake Mead and Lake Mojave? The current closure of the Lake Mead Hatchery and Willow Beach**

Hatcheries would mean shipping trout from the Mason Valley hatchery and we realize this may be cost or rearing prohibitive.

- v. Is there a plan and time line to restart the hatchery at Lake Mead as the water levels are now on rise?**
- vi. Will NDOW consider issuing a 365 day fishing license based on the day of purchase like Utah has? The current license expiration at the end of February is not liked by most.**
- vii. There was much discussion about apparent illegal fishing in Clark County urban ponds. Can this be evaluated through stepped up law enforcement? Is this the best place to apply our limited enforcement resources?**
- viii. In addition several members of the public who represented the Nevada Stripers Club requested that slot limits on Striped Bass in Lake Mead be removed. Lake Powell has no slot limits and there is an ever growing population of striped bass in Lake Mead in excess of the 20 inch slot limit.**

Please consider having some of these items discussed at a future Commission meeting in 2012.

1) Commission agenda item #8: Southern Nevada Water Authority Resolution.

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:

Due to lack of time this item was not discussed during the Clark CABMW meeting. This item may be placed on a future Clark CABMW agenda for discussion.

2) Commission agenda item #9: Sheldon National Wildlife Refuge Comprehensive Conservation Plan (CCP).

Recommendation

In Support _____ In Opposition _____ See comment below X

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3) Commission agenda item #10: Solar Development Roadmap for Public Lands.

Recommendation

In Support _____ In Opposition _____ See comment below X

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4) Commission agenda item #17A: COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION NUMBER 390 LCB (Legislative Counsel Bureau) FILE NO. R102-10 - Inland Navigation Rules.

Recommendation

In Support X In Opposition _____ See comments below _____

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

The Clark CABMW unanimously supports the proposed changes to COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION NUMBER 390 LCB (Legislative Counsel Bureau) FILE NO. R102-10 - Inland Navigation Rules.

5) Commission agenda item #17B: COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION NUMBER 398 LCB (Legislative Counsel Bureau) FILE NO. R025-11 - Interstate Boundary Water License.

Recommendation

Support X In Opposition _____ See comments below _____

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

The Clark CABMW unanimously supports the proposed changes to COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION NUMBER 398 LCB (Legislative Counsel Bureau) FILE NO. R025-11 - Interstate Boundary Water License.

6) Commission agenda item #17C: COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION NUMBER 400 LCB (Legislative Counsel Bureau) FILE NO. R054-11 Commercial Crayfish/Filleting of Fish/Restrictions Import/Transport.

Recommendation

Support X In Opposition _____ See comments below X

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

The Clark CABMW unanimously supports the proposed changes to COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION NUMBER 400 LCB (Legislative Counsel Bureau) FILE NO. R054-11 Commercial Crayfish/Filleting of Fish/Restrictions Import/Transport.

On a side note, the listing of the gizzard shad in this regulation made all the striper fishermen in attendance very happy! Thanks!

7) Commission agenda item #17D: COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION NUMBER 401 LCB FILE NO. R056-11 - Classification Reptiles/Furbearing/Game Bird.

Recommendation

In Support _____ In Opposition _____ See comments below X

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

The Clark CABMW unanimously supported the changes in this regulation related to wolves, the ruby boa and the new expanded definition of “aquarium fish”.

The Clark CABMW unanimously recommends that the Commission table proposed changes related to the European Collard Doves (ECD’s) and Red Fox until more information can be given to the CAB’s and public as to what are the exact drivers for the recommended changes.

- **There was considerable discussion as to whether delisting of the red fox (4 members of the Clark CABMW are avid trappers) was the best way to control red fox populations and protect the Nevada native red fox sub-species. More information needs to be disseminated on red fox populations, population problem locations and methods to control other than year round hunting. Questions were asked as to the red fox impact on sage grouse, and no NDOW member present could answer this question.**
- **As for the European Collared Doves, there was much debate if making ECD’s a game bird would allow control of this invasive species. These birds are beginning to show up in large concentrations everywhere in Clark County. It was noted by Commissioner Shrum that these birds nest three plus time a year and their populations are exploding. All felt that if the ECD’s we made a game bird that the current short dove season would not allow effective control of these exploding populations. More information as to possible longer seasons for the ECD’s or other methods of population control need to be discussed before this bird is made a game species.**

8) Commission agenda item #18: Trapping Regulation (SB226 changes).

Recommendation

In Support _____ In Opposition _____ See comments below X

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As expected this was an agenda item that generated considerable discussion. In the end it appeared that the Clark CABMW and public were in considerable agreement on original wording and intent of SB226. Thus, the Clark CABMW makes to following suggested revisions to the draft trapping language:

Section 2. *Except as otherwise provided in this section, it is unlawful for a person to set a trap, other than a box or cage trap, within the firearm discharge exclusion area and 1,000 yards feet of a residence in a County with a population of 100,000 or more.*

9) Commission agenda item #19: HERITAGE Regulations and Policies.

Recommendation

In Support _____ In Opposition _____ See comments below X

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10) Commission agenda item #18: Change Classification of Gray Wolf (Policy 27).

Recommendation

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11) Commission agenda item #21A: Predator Management Plan and Report FY 11- FY 12.

Recommendation

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