

## **CABMW RECOMMENDATIONS for the September 2009 Wildlife Commission Meeting**

### **Eureka County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife (CAB) meeting results**

Submitted by Chairman Chris Torres via Eureka Department of Natural Resources

To the Wildlife Commission, c/o Executive Assistant to Director Suzanne Scourby, [sscourby@ndow.org](mailto:sscourby@ndow.org)

Below are the items that the Eureka CAB took action on. If an item is not included, the CAB either had no opinion or did not have the necessary background information to make a justified recommendation.

1. **Item No 8- Input concerning Methods of Restoring Nevada's Mule Deer Population- Chairman Lent**

**ECAB recommends the following ideas as methods of restoring the Nevada mule deer population in Eureka County:**

- a. **Instead of focusing on one single approach, there should be synergistic and holistic management that incorporates all of the variables impacting deer herds (i.e., habitat loss, predators, water sources)**
- b. **There must be augmentation and protection of critical winter habitat through restoration initiatives. Some of the things that should take place are bitterbrush plantings/seeding, vegetation treatments such as targeted grazing for desired vegetation (i.e., weeds, cheatgrass control, and promotion of new growth) and prescribed burns. Additionally, pinion-juniper (p-j) woodland encroachment into deer habitat is a huge issue. Great efforts should first be taken to protect the current intact habitat from further encroachment and then focus on efforts to reduce the density and distribution of the expanded p-j woodlands.**
- c. **Rather than focusing on broad predator control, there should be targeted predator control on winter habitat and fawning grounds so that predator control projects bring the greatest return on investment.**
- d. **Reduce wild horse numbers to appropriate management levels and manage horses at these levels. Wild horse access must be limited in critical winter range. Often, these critical areas are already "grubbed out" by horses before the onset of winter.**
- e. **Improvement of available water resources through development of reliable water quantity and proper water source distribution. In Nevada, this can only happen by working collaboratively with BLM and ranchers to develop water at springs or rehab water developments that are in poor or non-working conditions. Recommendations should be given to the BLM to allow for water developments by ranchers as to recognize the importance of these water sources for deer, not only livestock.**
- f. **Since nearly 90% of land in Nevada is administered by the federal government, it is imperative that a good working relationship is maintained with the federal agencies.**
- g. **The other 10% of land under private control often contains some of the best mule deer habitat in the state. Maintaining or mending relationships with the private landowners in Nevada can pay dividends in implementing some of the above projects on these lands.**

2. Item No. 9- Translocation of Desert Bighorn to Utah Division of Wildlife Resources-Big Game Biologist Mike Cox.

**Recommendation**

In Support  In Opposition \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Dale Hornickle questioned the translocation at this time considering that the board voted at the August meeting to limit tags. Mike Podborny explained that only young rams, ewes and lambs will be translocated—not old trophy rams—and that translocation will only occur if there are sheep in excess of management needs. Mr. Podborny also informed the board that Nevada has the largest population of Desert Bighorn in the west. By helping to establish and maintain healthy herds in surrounding states, it will help the overall numbers and from a biological standpoint is a beneficial thing to do. Mr. Podborny assured the board that only excess sheep would be taken from precise areas after the fall survey has been completed. Mr. Bliss reminded everyone that Nevada has benefited from sheep and other wildlife being translocated to Nevada and now is our opportunity to return the favor.**

**Chad Bliss moved to support the translocation of Desert Bighorn to Utah Division of Wildlife Resources. Jim Evans seconded, motion carried unanimously.**

3. Item No. 10 (and 4) - Commission Regulations Number 368-LCD File No. R040-09 Chief of Operations Bob Haughian

The Commission may establish provisions pertaining to the electronic access to the 48 hour release of draw results.

**Recommendation**

In Support  In Opposition \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Dale Hornickle moved to support the Commission Regulations number 368-LCD File No. R040-09 as written. Mr. Evans seconded, motion carried unanimously.**

4. Item No. 11 (and 5) - Commission General Regulation Number 369-LCD File No. R041-09- Chief Game Warden Rob Buonamici

The Commission may establish provisions pertaining to defining edible portions in the case of big game mammal, other game mammal, game birds and game fish.

**Recommendation**

In Support  In Opposition \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Chairman Torres wanted assurance that neck meat was not included as edible. Mr. Podborny and Mr. Winward stated that neck meat was indeed not an edible portion.**

**Mr. Taylor moved to support the Commission General Regulation number 369-LCB File No. R041-09. Mr. Hornickle second, motion carried unanimously.**

5. Item No.12 (and 6) - Commission General Regulation Number 371- LCB File No. R083-09- Chief of Fisheries Mark Warren

The proposed regulation would remove an artificial lure only regulation for Crittenden Reservoir, limit method of take at Smith Creek Reservoir to only artificial lures with single barbless hooks and limit method of take at Dacey Reservoir to artificial lures only.

**Recommendation**

In Support  In Opposition

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

**Mr. Hornickle moved to support Commission General Regulation Number 371- LCB File No. R083-09. Mr. Evans seconded, motion carried unanimously.**

6. Action Item No. 13 Commission Regulation Fishing Seasons and Bag Limits 09-09 Chief of Fisheries Mark Warren

The commission will establish fishing seasons, bag and possession limits, for the period of March 1, 2010, to February 26, 2012.

**Recommendation**

In Support  In Opposition

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

**The board noted that there were not any changes proposed in Eureka County. Mr. Taylor moved to support Commission Regulation Fishing Seasons and Bag Limits 09-09. Mr. Evans seconded, motion carried unanimously.**