

CABMW RECOMMENDATIONS for the November 09 Wildlife Commission Meeting

Eureka County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife 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

Board members present: Chris Torres, Chad Bliss, Jim Evans, and Mike Taylor.

Absent member: Dale Hornickle

Others Present: Mike Podborny, Kathy Porter, and Jake Tibbitts

1. Action Item 3: Central Nevada Elk Plan Coordination and Oversight Team

Mr. Ray H. Williams Lander County commissioner nominated to replace Mrs. Midge Carver.

Recommendation

In Support _____ In Opposition _____ **No Recommendation**
(place an X in the appropriate recommendation)

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

The Eureka CAB decided not to act on this item since Mr. Williams is replacing Mrs. Carver and there was no opinion about Mr. Williams ability.

2. Action Item 11: Commission General Regulation 370- LCB File No. R082-09

Take bullfrogs or crayfish without obtaining a license or permit.

Recommendation

In Support X In Opposition _____
(place an X in the appropriate recommendation)

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

Mike Taylor moved to support regulation 370, Chad Bliss seconded, motion carried unanimously.

3. Action Item 12: Commission General Regulation 372

New Language for defining certain antelope, elk and deer physical descriptions for hunting.

Recommendation

In Support X In Opposition _____
(place an X in the appropriate recommendation)

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

Mr. Bliss moved to support new language for defining certain antelope, elk and deer physical descriptions for hunting. Jim Evans seconded, motion carried unanimously.

4. Action Item: 13 Commission General Regulation 370

Regulation relating to wildlife management areas: providing that only vessels without motors may be used during certain periods on the Dacey Reservoir in the Wayne E. Kirch Wildlife Management Area.

Recommendation

In Support In Opposition _____
(place an X in the appropriate recommendation)

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

Wildlife Biologist Mike Podborny informed the Eureka CAB that most other reservoirs have some motor restrictions. Dacey Reservoir is a small reservoir and one of the only reservoirs that does not have motor restrictions. Mr. Bliss brought to the attention of the board that some boats like bass boats are unable to remove their motors. Mr. Bliss suggested that language be incorporated into the restrictions to allow for these specific situation such as allowing these boats when there are no keys on board, no gas in tank, or propeller is removed. Mr. Evans moved to support vessels without motors during certain periods on Dacey Reservoir in the Wayne E. Kirch Wildlife Management Area. Mr. Taylor seconded, motion carried unanimously.

5. Action Item:14 Commission General Regulation 376-

Expanding the permissible radius of a cast net used in certain waters.

Recommendation

In Support In Opposition _____
(place an X in the appropriate recommendation)

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

Mr. Bliss moved to support the expansion of the permissible radius of a cast net used in certain waters. Mr. Taylor seconded, motion carried unanimously.

6. Action Item: 15 Commission Policies

Commission's Administrative Procedures, Regulation Committee to Commissions Policy #50, #51, #22 .

Recommendation for Commission Policy Number 50- Duck Stamp Procedure

In Support In Opposition _____
(place an X in the appropriate recommendation)

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

It was discussed that some CAB's have already had their meetings this month and the information on the policy changes of #50-Duck Stamp Procedure were not e-mailed out until today (11/30). Some CAB's will not have seen the procedures, regulations and policies before the Commission meeting on Friday and this could prove to be problematic. However, Mr. Taylor moved to support policy #50. Mr. Evans seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Recommendation for Commission Policy Number 51- Wayne E. Kirch Nevada Wildlife Conservation Award.

In Support _____ In Opposition ___X_____

(place an X in the appropriate recommendation)

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

It was questioned who will fund the printing and administration costs if the department does not. It was also questioned why the reason for the change? Was the current policy not working? No one had an answer. Mr. Taylor moved not to support the changes to policy number 22 because there seemed no reason for the changes. Mr. Bliss seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Recommendation for Commission Policy Number 22- Introduction, Transplanting and Exportation of Wildlife

In Support _____ In Opposition ___X_____

(place an X in the appropriate recommendation)

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

The Eureka CAB discussed the difference in the use the words previously or currently. Wildlife Biologist Mike Podborny reported his problem with number 6 –(the Big Game Release plan must include source population of animals to be released) because when writing a plan two or more years prior to release, the biologists are uncertain of the source until months before the animals are released. It was discussed that the definition of source population is very ambiguous and that the source could be stated in a very general area (i.e., Nevada bighorn or Intermountain West Mountain Quail). Mr. Bliss was concerned with number 12. While Mr. Bliss stressed the importance of protecting property rights he also stated this could put one special interest group against another. Without a clear definition of affected entities with pecuniary interest, efforts will be stymied as number 12 would lengthen the process and slow down the transplant. It was also pointed out that notifying the property owner's or permittees is currently being done by NDOW. Notifying the public is also already done through the environmental analysis that the BLM requires. It was questioned why the need for the change. Mr. Taylor moved not to support the recommendation until items are simplified or clarified and there are clear definitions in place to how number 12 will be accomplish. Mr. Bliss seconded, motion carried unanimously.

7. **Action Item 16: Biennial Big Game Release Plan for Fiscal Years 2010 and 2011**
Recommendation

In Support In Opposition _____
(place an X in the appropriate recommendation)

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

Mr. Bliss moved to support the release plan. Mr. Taylor seconded, motion carried unanimously.

8. **Action Item 17: Wildlife Damage Management Committee**

Recommendation for Commission approval of proposed Heritage Program projects.

Recommendation

In Support _____ In Opposition _____ **No Recommendation**
(place an X in the appropriate recommendation)

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

No one had information regarding the Nevada Alliance for Wildlife. There was confusion in the difference between the Department's proposals and the individual group's proposals being they were in the same areas and had the same project numbers. No recommendation was given due to a lack of information and confusion in the proposals.