

# Washoe County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife

## MINUTES

Monday ~ January 26, 2009 ~ 6:30 p.m.  
Nevada Department of Wildlife  
Conference Room B  
1100 Valley Road, Reno, Nevada

## MEMBERS

Rick Smith, Chair  
Glen Copeland, Vice-chair  
Daryl Harwell, Secretary  
Rex Flowers  
Thomas Wilson

### 1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE \*

Chair Smith led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### 2. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL \*

Chair Smith called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. A quorum was established.

**PRESENT:** Glen Copeland, Rex Flowers, Daryl Harwell and Rick Smith.

**ABSENT:** Tom Wilson.

Chair Smith stated that he would abstain from voting to avoid any tie votes.

### 3. APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 6, 2008, MINUTES

***It was moved by Member Copeland, seconded by Member Harwell, to approve the November 6, 2008, minutes as submitted. The motion carried: Members Copeland, Flowers and Harwell assenting; Chair Smith abstaining; and Member Wilson absent.***

### 5. COMMITTEE, MEMBER AND LIAISON UPDATES \*

1). *Correspondence (including sportsmen's concerns) and Announcements* \* – Chair Smith drew attention to an email concern a permit and fee requirement to access Summit Lake. Chair Smith asked whether NDOW (Nevada Department of Wildlife) had any jurisdiction and whether the matter should be added to a future agenda for further discussion.

Mike Dobel – NDOW, noted that the access in question is across an Indian Reservation which is a sovereign nation and therefore not part of NDOW's purview. However, it is Mr. Dobel's belief that this is a non-issue as there are other means of access.

Member Harwell drew attention to an earlier email from Suzanne Scourby – NDOW, concern a meeting on Friday, January 30, 2009, at NDOW's Reno office about Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners oversight of various funding sources as well as oversight of the Director (Ken Mayer).

Chair Smith noted that the matter was on the Policy Committee's meeting agenda and suggested that interested parties attend the Friday morning (9:00 a.m.) meeting.

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Member Copeland noted information provide by Chris Hampson – NDOW, about the capture of a male Mountain Lion in Unit 014 in December 2008. Mr. Copeland noted that a female was still being sought.

2). *Update on the Sheldon Wildlife Management Plan* \* – None.

3) *Overview of the November 21 and 22, 2008, Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners meeting* – Member Flowers provided an overview of actions taken at the November 21, 22, 2008, meetings noting that the Marina was reopened to fishing and that slot sizing had been denied due to dual regulations governing Lake Mead with the State of Arizona. Mr. Flowers outlined the tour of the Las Vegas Shooting Park that includes a rifle range, RV (Recreational Vehicle) parking.

4). *Update and status report on the Washoe County Predator Control Project and the Wildlife Damage Management Subcommittee* \* – Chris Hampson – Game Bureau Biologist, noted that work continues on the project and that one Mountain Lion is still being sought.

#### **4. PUBLIC COMMENTS \***

There were no public comments.

**6. BOARD MEMBER MEETING ASSIGNMENT** – *A discussion and selection of member(s) to attend the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners meetings on: 1) February 6 and 7, 2009, meetings in Reno, Nevada; and 2) March 27 and 28, 2009, meetings in Reno, Nevada.*

Member Tom Wilson will attend the February 6 and 7, 2009, meetings.

Member Copeland will attend the February 7, 2009, meeting.

Member Harwell plans to attend the March 27 and 28, 2009, meeting and workshop.

**7. SENATE BILL 77** – *A review, discussion and possible recommendation to the Nevada Board of County Commissioners to approve, deny or otherwise modify the Nevada Department of Wildlife's legislation contained in Senate Bill 77 which is asking the legislature to increase civil penalty amounts, provide for a civil penalty for conviction of wanton waste, and to make it unlawful to possess in Nevada, wildlife that has been illegally taken outside of Nevada's jurisdiction. The committee may also request a vote to either support or oppose the release of big game tag draw information within 48 hours of completion of the draw. The committee may also request a vote to either support or oppose legislation regarding Mountain Lion hunting with Department staff providing suggested language for consideration by Assemblyman Claborn regarding a Lion bill.*

Chair Smith outlined the agenda item and noted that there are four (4) options that would change the minimum civil penalty to \$500.00 and add definitions on wanton waste and edible portion definitions revised. Two of the options would make no change to the penalty for wanton waste.

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Additionally, the recommendations are for either changes to regulation that can be done by the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioner or by legislative change that required changed to NRS (Nevada Revised Statutes) and can only be done during a legislative session.

There was significant discussion of the proposals. It was explained that Game Wardens are supportive of the modifications as the definitions will provide greater clarity on the intent of the regulation. It was pointed out that modification of an existing regulation is somewhat easier to modify than a legislative change that can only be done during the biennial legislative sessions. Other discussion noted that NRS provides the authority for NAC (Nevada Administrative Code) which is generally referred to as Commission Regulations.

Discussion then focused on the refined definition of wanton waste. It was noted that the refined definition of wanton waste would provide greater clarity to Game Wardens on the intent of the regulation. Other discussion pointed out that the current regulation does not provide a penalty for wanton waste and that the lack of definition allows Game Wardens significant discretion and subjective decisions in whether a citation is warranted.

***It was moved by Member Flowers, seconded by Member Harwell, to recommend that the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners approve Option 1 as stated.***

During the discussion it was noted that the State of Nevada has less stringent penalties than many surrounding states for poaching. During law enforcement interviews of poachers the primary reason for poaching in the State of Nevada is the less stringent penalty and lack of enforcement. In most instances that poaching is for reasons unrelated to food.

***The motion carried: Members Copeland, Flowers and Harwell assenting; Chair Smith abstaining; and Member Wilson absent.***

Chair Smith then outlined the proposal as it pertains to the tag draw information being made available within 48-hours.

During the discussion it was noted that there had been discussion among and comments from various sportsmen and sportsmen's organizations about the need to wait for notification. As the discussion continued, it was explained that a disclaimer could be added that clarifies that while a tag has been drawn it is not awarded until reviews are completed to ascertain whether there are previous convictions that would disqualify the award recipient or an insufficient line of credit. It was noted that Don Sefton had thought that those issues can be resolved within the 48-hours.

Commissioner Gerald lent commented that the intent, in his opinion, is to provide the draw results not who received the tag. Mr. Lent pointed out that should an issue be identified NDOW does have an opportunity to reclaim the tag since tags are not generally issued immediately.

Other discussion noted that in the past decade there have been less than thirty tags withdrawn due to insufficient funds or other issues.

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***It was moved by Member Copeland, seconded by Member Flowers, to recommend that the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners approve the release of tag draw information within 48-hours as presented. The motion carried: Members Copeland, Flowers and Harwell assenting; Chair Smith abstaining; and Member Wilson absent.***

Discussion then turned to the Mountain Lion legislation and Senator Claborn's request for input from NDOW and sportsmen.

The meeting recessed at 7:25 p.m. and reconvened at 7:31 p.m. A quorum was established. Member Wilson absent.

Discussion then returned to the Mountain Lion legislation. During the discussion it was noted that there is a proposal to provide \$500.00 to hunters from the predator fee for harvested Mountain Lion brought to the department. Other discussion noted that the department has expressed an interest in collecting DNA samples from harvested Mountain Lions. Currently, Senator Claborn does not have any specific language. It was suggested that the deadline for legislative language might be February 20, 2009, as it is for local government agencies. The intent of the legislation is to not only protect the State's long history of Mountain Lion hunting but also allow greater flexibility in meeting predation harvest goals to protect big game herds. As the discussion continued, it was noted that Wildlife Service typically removes Mountain Lions and that the opening of the harvest to include alternative methods such as trapping might have unintended consequences.

Chair Smith encouraged members and those present to convey their thought to Senator Claborn and other state legislators on the issue.

No specific action was taken on this agenda item.

8. **COMMISSION REGULATION 09-01 HERITAGE TAGS 2010** – *A review, discussion and possible recommendation to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners to approve, deny or otherwise modify the Heritage tag species, seasons, and quotas for 2010; and*
9. **COMMISSION REGULATION 09-02 HERITAGE TAGS 2011** – *A review, discussion and possible recommendation to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners to approve, deny or otherwise modify the Heritage tag species, seasons, and quotas for 2011.*

Mike Cox – NDOW (Nevada Department of Wildlife), provided an overview of the Heritage Tag species, quotas and seasons for 2010. Mr. Cox noted that surrounding western states have a variety of regulations some of which allow year round and others have more restrictive seasons. Mr. Cox explained that the auction venue and has already been set. Mr. Cox drew attention to language changes in the regulations for use of the tag. Mr. Cox emphasized that the DOD (Department of Defense) has emphasized that their regulations must be strictly adhered to as it pertains to the hunter's age, no one under the age of fourteen years. Should there be any significant violation of the regulations set forth by the DOD those lands may be withdrawn from future hunts.

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Chair Smith drew attention to a potential concern about aerial scouting in year round seasons. For example, in the year round Heritage Tag, it appears that since it is a year round season that an aerial survey of any sort would be prohibited. Other discussion noted that a pop-up could perhaps be added by Don Sefton in the event someone under the age of fourteen attempts to apply for hunts on DOD lands.

***It was moved by Member Copeland, seconded by member Harwell, to recommend that the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners, approve Commission Regulations 09-01 Heritage Tags 2010 and 09-02 Heritage Tags 2011, as presented. The motion carried: Members Copeland, Flowers and Harwell assenting; Chair Smith abstaining; and Member Wilson absent.***

- 10. COMMISSION REGULATION 09-03 RAPTORS FOR FALCONRY –** *A review, discussion and possible recommendation to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners to approve, deny or otherwise modify 2009 and 2010 season dates, species, quotas, hours, limits, closed areas, application procedures and deadlines, and take for raptors for falconry.*

Laura Richards – NDOW (Nevada Department of Wildlife), provided a summary of the proposed modifications to Commission Regulation 09-03. Ms. Richards noted that this particular regulation has been in place for several years and that there are no specific changes.

Hearing no public comment or discussion Chair Smith asked for a motion.

***It was moved by Member Flowers, seconded by Member Copeland, to recommend that the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners approve Commission Regulation 09-03 Raptors for Falconry as presented. The motion carried: Members Copeland, Flower and Harwell assenting; Chair Smith abstaining; and Member Wilson absent.***

- 11. COMMISSION REGULATION 09-04 NONCOMMERCIAL COLLECTION OF REPTILES AND AMPHIBIANS FOR 2009 AND 2010 –** *A review, discussion and possible recommendation to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners to approve, deny or otherwise modify 2009 and 2010 season and limits for noncommercial hobby collecting of live, unprotected reptiles and amphibians.*

Laura Richards – NDOW (Nevada Department of Wildlife), provided a summary of the proposed modifications to Commission Regulation 09-04 Non-commercial Collection of Reptiles and Amphibians for 2009 and 2010. Ms. Richards noted that brochures are made available that outlines the various species and types of reptiles and amphibians for collection and that there is no fee for hobby collection.

***It was moved by Member Harwell, seconded by Member Copeland, to recommend that Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners approve Commission Regulation 09-04 Non-commercial Collection of Reptiles and Amphibians for 2009 and 2010 as presented. The***

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***motion carried: Members Copeland, Flowers and Harwell assenting; Chair Smith abstaining; and Member Wilson absent.***

12. **COMMISSION REGULATION 09-06 BIG GAME** – *A review, discussion and possible recommendation to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners to approve, deny or otherwise modify Mountain Lion harvest objectives for the 2009-2010 and 2010-2011 seasons.*

Kevin Lansford – NDOW (Nevada Department of Wildlife, summarized the proposal recommendations on Commission Regulation 09-06 Big Game that modifies Mountain Lion harvest objectives. Mr. Lansford noted that the harvest objectives were somewhat lower and explained that a review of the Lion Management Plan and predation programs had not occurred as required. Mr. Lansford noted that the modification will not necessarily change the number of animals harvested noting that significant increase in tags sold in 2008-2009 (3,037) compared to 1,700 tags the previous season. Mr. Lansford noted that weather played a significant role in harvest and that the data does not show any adverse effect on the population's stability. Mr. Lansford pointed out that harvest objectives have not been met in any region. It is Mr. Lansford belief that hunters are perhaps somewhat more selective in choosing larger males and that in some cases it might not be apparent which gender is harvested until the animal is on the ground.

There was some discussion about predation hunts during which it was explained that if kittens of lactating females not able to survive the removal of the female are also removed. Other discussion noted that highly controversial trapping as an option has not been considered due to the potential consequences.

***It was moved by Member Flowers, seconded by Member Copeland, to recommend that the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners approve Commission Regulation 09-06 Big Game, as presented. The motion carried: Members Copeland, Flowers and Harwell assenting; Chair Smith abstaining; and Member Wilson absent.***

13. **COMMISSION REGULATION 09-05 PROPOSED BIG GAME SEASON DATES** – *A review, discussion and possible recommendation to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners to approve, deny or otherwise modify the 2009 and 2010 hunting seasons for Mule Deer, Pronghorn Antelope, Elk, Bighorn Sheep and Mountain Goat including limits, hunting hours, special hunt eligibility, animal gender, age and physical characteristics, and legal weapon requirements; Partnership in Wildlife (PIW) and emergency hunt structure and statewide quotas; the 2009 nonresident restricted deer tag quotas and seasons; dates and times for indoctrination courses.*

Mike Dobel – NDOW (Nevada Department of Wildlife), drew attention to the fact sheet noting that it highlights the recommended modifications.

HUNT 2151 – RESIDENT ANTELOPE – HORNS LONGER THAN EARS – ANY LEGAL WEAPON

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HUNT 2251 - NONRESIDENT ANTELOPE – HORNS LONGER THAN EARS - ANY LEGAL WEAPON

HUNT 2161 – RESIDENT ANTELOPE – HORNS LONGER THAN EARS – LONGBOW ARCHERY

HUNT 2261 – NONRESIDENT ANTELOPE – HORNS LONGER THAN EARS – LONGBOW ARCHERY

HUNT 2181 – RESIDENT ANTELOPE – HORNS SHORTER THAN EARS – ANY LEGAL WEAPON

Mr. Dobel outlined the splits in certain units intended to reduce hunter congestion and noted that there is an intent to reduce populations in areas having less than desirable winter range. NDOW still will continue to evaluate harvest data. Mr. Dobel noted that quotas were on the conservative side and that the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners policy of providing 10-percent of the tags to non-residents is also considered in the recommendations.

Member Copeland stated that he would support a muzzle loader option for Antelope. Mr. Copeland noted that while had not filled his tag on opening weekend and that the following weekend there were no hunters.

There was some discussion about having season opening date set on a specific date rather than day of week. It was noted that opinions on the opening date is generally supported and that most hunters will plan vacation or other time off from work to hunt regardless of opening day. Other discussion noted that some consideration should also be given to families and the retention of youth as future hunters. Discussion noted that the addition of a Muzzle Loader season would educe the number of available tags in another category.

***A motion by Member Harwell to recommend that the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners approve the recommendations in Hunts 2151, 2251, 2161, 2261 and 2281 died due to lack of a second.***

***A motion by Member Flowers to recommend that the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners approve the recommendations in Hunts 2151, 2251, 2161, 2261 and 2281, except in Units 012 through 014 by changing the dated to read September 25, 2009 through October 4, 2009, died due to lack of a second.***

***It was moved by Member Harwell to recommend that the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners approve Hunt 2151 with the addition of a Muzzle Loader season died due to lack of a second.***

***It was moved by Chair Smith, seconded by Member Copeland, to recommend that the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners approve Hunts 2151, 2251, 2161, 2261 and 2281 with the addition of a Muzzle Loader Hunt to be determined by Nevada Department of Wildlife with a season date of September 25 through October 4. Depending on the number of tags issues for the Muzzle Loader season will determine the need to create a non-resident hunt. The***

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***motion carried: Members Copeland, Flowers, Harwell and Chair Smith assenting; and Member Wilson absent,***

**HUNT 4102 – RESIDENT ELK – ANTLERED – ANY LEGAL WEAPON DEPREDATION**

**HUNT 4151 – RESIDENT ELK – ANTLERED – ANY LEGAL WEAPON**

**HUNT 4251 – NONRESIDENT ELK – ANTLERED – ANY LEGAL WEAPON**

**HUNT 4156 – RESIDENT ELK – ANTLERED - MUZZLELOADER**

**HUNT 4256 – NONRESIDENT ELK – ANTLERED - MUZZLELOADER**

**HUNT 4161 – RESIDENT ELK – ANTLERED – LONGBOW ARCHERY**

**HUNT 4261 – NONRESIDENT ELK – ANTLERED – LONGBOW ARCHERY**

**HUNT 4181 – RESIDENT ELK – ANTLERLESS – ANY LEGAL WEAPON**

**HUNT 4176 – RESIDENT ELK – ANTLERLESS - MUZZLELOADER**

**HUNT 4111 – RESIDENT ELK – ANTLERLESS – LONGBOW ARCHERY**

Mike Dobel – NDOW (Nevada Department of Wildlife, outlined the modifications noting that Hunt 4151 no longer has a season during the rut as it has in the past except in Unit 091.

Mike Cox – NDOW, explained that the intent is to be consistent noting that the removal of the rut hunt was consistent with other species. However, the County Games Boards may make different recommendations to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners.

During the discussion it was noted that there is no data to support the notion that a rut hunt is disruptive to breeding nor is there any known impact to number of offspring produced. Other discussion noted that the early season in Unit 091 was in conjunction with the State of Utah season for the shared herd. Discussion then noted that a nonresident cow season had not been set due to lack of applications in the past. It was pointed out that sportsmen had expressed concern about having to pay a secondary fee for such a hunt. Discussion then turned to the Depredation Hunt during which it was noted that sportsmen are encouraged to harvest hills when possible.

***It was moved by Member Copeland, seconded by Member Flowers, to recommend that the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners approve recommendations in Hunts 4102, 4151, 4251, 4156, 4256, 4161, 4261, 4181, 4176 and 4111 as submitted with the exception of Hunt 4151 Units 161 through 164 to have a split season. The early season September 12 through October 7 (the rut) to match previous years. The motion carried: Members Copeland, Flowers and Harwell assenting; Chair Smith dissenting; and Member Wilson absent.***

**HUNT 3151 – RESIDENT NELSON (Desert) BIGHORN SHEEP – ANY RAM – ANY LEGAL WEAPON**

**HUNT 3251 – NONRESIDENT NELSON (Desert) BIGHORN SHEEP – ANY RAM – ANY LEGAL WEAPON**

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**HUNT 8151 – RESIDENT CALIFORNIA BIGHORN SHEEP – ANY RAM – ANY LEGAL WEAPON**

**HUNT 8251 – NONRESIDENT CALIFORNIA BIGHORN SHEEP – ANY RAM – ANY LEGAL WEAPON**

**HUNT 9151 – RESIDENT ROCKY MOUNTAIN BIGHORN SHEEP – ANY RAM – ANY LEGAL WEAPON**

**HUNT 9251 – NONRESIDENT ROCKY MOUNTAIN BIGHORN SHEEP ANY RAM – ANY LEGAL WEAPON**

Mike Dobel – NDOW (Nevada Department of Wildlife), noted the minor modifications and intent to conduct some trapping and transplants that resulted in a later than normal opening date.

Mike Cox – NDOW, noted the intent to encourage sportsmen to seek the animals at the higher elevations in the early season. Mr. Cox reminded the board of the DOD (Department of Defense) regulations noting that 90-percent of the tags are for residents with 10-percent for non-residents as required by Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners policy.

Responding to Member Copeland's concerns about provide 10-percent of the tags to no-resident, Mr. Cox noted that areas outside the State of Nevada have been generous in their donations of animal for the State of Nevada and that the 10-percent policy was a response to a legal challenge that resulted in the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners adopting the 10-percent policy.

***It was moved by Member Flower, seconded by Member Harwell, to recommend that the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioner approve the recommendations in Hunts 3151, 3251, 8151, 8251, 9151 and 9251 as presented. The motion carried: Members Flowers and Harwell assenting; Member Copeland dissenting; Chair Smith abstaining; and Member Wilson absent.***

**HUNT 7151 – RESIDENT MOUNTAIN GOAT – ANY GOAT – ANY LEGAL WEAPON**

**HUNT 7251 – NONRESIDENT MOUNTAIN GOAT – ANY LEGAL WEAPON**

***It was moved by Member Harwell, seconded by Member Flowers, to recommend that the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners approve the recommendations in Hunts 7151 and 7252 as submitted. The motion carried: Members Copeland, Flowers and Harwell assenting; Chair Smith abstaining; and Member Wilson absent.***

**HUNT 1107 – RESIDENT JUNIOR MULE DEER – ANTLERED OR ANTERLESS – LONG BOW ARCHERY, MUZZLELOADER OR ANY LEGAL WEAPON**

**HUNT 1181 – RESIDENT – MULE DEER – ANTLERLESS – ANY LEGAL WEAPON**

**HUNT 1101 – RESIDENT MULE DEER ANTLERLESS – ANY LEGAL WEAPON DEPREDATION**

**HUNT 1235 – RESTRICTED NONRESIDENT MULE DEER – ANTLERED – ANY LEGAL WEAPON**

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**HUNT 1331 –RESIDENT AND NONRESIDENT MULE DEER – ANTLERED – ANY LEGAL WEAPON**

**HUNT 1371 – RESIDENT AND NONRESIDENT MULE DEER – ANTLERED – MUZZLELOADER**

**HUNT 1341 – RESIDENT AND NONRESIDENT MULE DEER – ANTLERED – LONGBOW ARCHERY**

Mike Dobel – NDOW (Nevada Department of Wildlife), noted season date corrections for Hunt 1101 which should read October 5 through the Sunday after Nevada Day in all units that have an October starting date. Hunt 1235 should read December 21 through January 1 in Units 194 and 196.

During the discussion it was noted that there had been some concerns about the Junior Hunt seasons due to school schedules. Other concerns expressed by some sportsmen included the potential for the youth to take a large number of mature bucks. It was noted that the three (3) day Nevada Day weekend is an ideal time for families to participate in the Junior Hunt.

Member Harwell outlined his three (3) day outing with his two sons over the Nevada Day holiday that provided the opportunity for each of his sons to harvest. Mr. Harwell noted that the Washoe County School District makes it difficult to remove children from school for such activities.

Member Flower noted that as a grandfather he is supportive of the Junior Hunt.

Discussion then recalled a previous full season recommendation for the Junior Hunt that the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners had not supported. The intent with the proposed season is to allow weekend opportunities for the Youth Hunt and that the any legal weapon is intended to allow hunters an opportunity to take advantage of the interstate migratory herds.

***A motion by Member Harwell to recommend that the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners to approve Hunts 1181, 1101, 1235, 1331, 1371 and 1341, as presented with a modification to Hunt 1107 changing the season to read October 5 through November 5 died due to lack of a second.***

***It was moved by Harwell, seconded by Member Copeland, to recommend that the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioner approve Hunts 1181, 1101, 1235, 1331, 1371 and 1341, as presented and modify Hunt 1107 season to read October 5 through November 2.***

There was some discussion about Units 014 and 021. It was suggested that dates be amended to read October 5 through November 1 or the Sunday after the Nevada Day Holiday which is October 31, in 2010.

***Member Harwell amended the motion to change the season date for all units having an October opening to read October 5 through November 1. Member Copeland amended the second. The motion carried: Members Copeland, Flowers and Harwell assenting; Chair Smith abstaining; and Member Wilson absent.***

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## **2009 AND 2010 PARTNERSHIP IN WILDLIFE (PIW) HUNTS**

Mike Cox – NDOW (Nevada Department of Wildlife) outlined concerns expressed by other County Game Boards and sportsmen about the ability to use all of the PIW tags in a single unit that could put resident herds under significant pressure from the early hunt in a single unit. Mr. Cox pointed out that current regulations allow PIW and Heritage tag holders to hunt in all units.

***It was moved by Member Copeland, seconded by Member Flowers, to recommend that the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners approve the 2009 and 2010 Partnership in Wildlife (PIW) Hunts, as submitted. The motion carried: Member Copeland, Flowers and Harwell assenting; Chair Smith abstaining; and Member Wilson absent.***

## **2009 AND 2010 EMERGENCY DEPREDATION HUNTS**

Mike Cox – NDOW (Nevada Department of Wildlife), noted that the intent is to allow the issuance of additional tags of not more than 500 tags that will be used in the event additional animal need to be removed from an area due to emergency.

***It was moved by Member Harwell, seconded by Member Flowers, to recommend that the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners approve the 2009 and 2010 Emergency Depredation Hunts as presented. The motion carried: Members Copeland, Flowers and Harwell assenting; Chair Smith abstaining; and Member Wilson absent.***

## **2009 AND 2010 BIGHORN SHEEP INDOCTRINATION COURSES**

### **2009 AND 2010 BIG GAME APPLICATION, DEADLINE AND REMAINING TAG REGULATIONS**

### **2010 AND 2011 WILDLIFE HERITAGE TAG QUOTA AND SEASONS, CR 09-01 AND 09-02**

### **2009-2010 MOUNTAIN LION HARVEST OBJECTIVES CR 09-06**

***It was moved by Member Harwell, seconded by Member Copeland, to recommend that the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners approve the 2009 and 2010 Bighorn Sheep Indoctrination Courses, 2009 and 2010 Big Game Application, Deadline and Remaining Tag Regulations; 2010 and 2011 Wildlife Heritage Tag Quota and Seasons, CR 09-01 and CR 09-02; and the 2009-2010 Mountain Lion Harvest Objectives 09-06, as submitted.***

Mr. Cox noted a date error for the Bighorn Sheep Indoctrination Course that should read August 7, 2010.

***Member Harwell amended the motion to change the date for the Bighorn Sheep Indoctrination course to read August 7, 2010 rather than August 14, 2010. Member Copeland amended the second. The motion carried: Members Copeland, Flowers and Harwell assenting; Chair Smith abstaining; and Member Wilson absent.***

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- 14. MEMBER COMMENTS \*** – *Limited to emergent items not addressed elsewhere on the agenda. While the Washoe County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife may not engage in discussion or take action on any item identified under this topic the matter may be placed on a future agenda for discussion and possible action or recommendation of action to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners.*

There were no comments.

- 15. FUTURE MEETING AGENDA ITEMS \*** – *Selection of additional agenda item(s) for the March 19, 2009, meeting.*

Member Flowers suggested an agenda item to review PIW (Partnership in Wildlife) regulations on sheep.

Ed Tilzey suggested that an update on the Carson Lake Management Plan be added to a future agenda as well from the Habitat Bureau.

### **16. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Smith adjourned the meeting at 10:33 p.m.

**AS APPROVED BY THE WASHOE COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE IN SESSION ON MARCH 19, 2009.**