

**STATE OF NEVADA
BOARD OF WILDLIFE COMMISSIONERS**

Commission Policy Number --

Number: P---

Title: **Wolves**

Reference: NRS 501.100, 501.105, and 501.181.

Effective Date:

POLICY

It is the policy of the Commission to establish policies and adopt regulations necessary to the preservation, protection, management, and restoration of wildlife and its habitat.

PURPOSE

1. All wildlife, including, all wild animals, wild birds, and fish within the State of Nevada are hereby declared to be the property of the State of Nevada and shall be preserved, protected, perpetuated, and managed.
2. Nevada's law and policy includes providing Nevada citizens (and others permitted by law) continued supplies of such wildlife for hunting, fishing, and trapping.
3. The Wildlife Commission has the authority, power, and duty to administer and carry out the State of Nevada's wildlife policy consistent with state law.
4. Wildlife management under this policy includes maintaining healthy populations, balancing predator and prey relationships, providing hunting opportunities for game species, and addressing conflicts between wildlife and people.
5. The heritage, culture, and custom of the people of Nevada have significantly developed as a result of the absence of the wolf from the State, and the development of recreation, hunting, and ranching have benefited from the absence of wolves.
6. Scientific data shows gray wolf predation is a primary cause of mortality in ungulate populations and domestic ranching operations.
7. There are no data to suggest that historically there ever was a resident wolf population in the State, along with none or very limited wolf habitat in the State.
8. It is the policy of the Commission to oppose a permanent population of wolves in Nevada and since in 1974 the gray wolf was listed under the Endangered Species Act (ESA) and protected as an endangered species, it is the objective and intent of the Commission to pursue all legal options to restore full state authority and control over the management of wolves in Nevada by listing them as an unprotected species.

This policy shall remain in effect until amended, repealed or superseded by the Board of Wildlife Commissioners.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF WILDLIFE COMMISSIONERS IN REGULAR SESSION, , 2011.

Chairman Scott Raine
Board of Wildlife Commissioners