

# **BOARD OF WILDLIFE COMMISSIONERS**

## **Wildlife Damage Management Committee**

### **Meeting**

**Nevada Department of Wildlife Southern Region Headquarters**  
**4747 West Vegas Drive**  
**Las Vegas, Nevada**  
**March 30, 2007**  
**2:00 p.m.**

## **MINUTES**

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### Committee members in attendance were:

Clint Bentley, Chairman – Commissioner  
James Jeffress - Commissioner  
David McNinch – Commissioner  
Mike Riordan – Commissioner  
Joel Blakeslee – Nevada Trappers Association

### Staff in attendance:

Craig Mortimore – NDOW staff to the Committee  
Ken Mayer – NDOW, Director  
Russ Mason – NDOW, Game Division Chief  
Steven Kimble – NDOW, Southern Region Supervising Game Biologist  
Tony Wasley – NDOW, Eastern Region Area 10 Game Biologist

### Others in attendance:

Kevin Lansford – Wildlife Services  
Darrell Sneed – Clark CAB

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### Agenda Item #1– Call to Order– Chairman Bentley

Chairman Bentley brought the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.  
Support material was distributed to the attendees: 1.) Agenda, 2.) FY2007 Plan update, 3.) budget sheets (2), 4.) Project 20 Summary Sheet

### Agenda Item #2 – Introductions – Chairman Bentley

Chairman Bentley asked the attendees to identify themselves. New Director Ken Mayer was introduced.

### Agenda Item #3– Approval of Minutes from the September 22, 2007 Meeting – Chairman Bentley - ACTION

The Chairman asked if there were any corrections or additions to the minutes from the September 22, 2005 meeting held in Eureka. There were none, he asked for a motion to approve the minutes as written.

COMMISSIONER RIORDAN MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES. COMMISSIONER MCNINCH SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Agenda Item #4 – Committee Member Items – Chairman Bentley

Commissioner Bentley asked for informational items from the committee members. No items were presented.

Agenda Item #5 – Public Comment (*Public is asked to limit their comments to three (3) minutes per speaker*)

Chairman Bentley asked for any public comment. There was no public comment at this time.

Agenda Item #6 – Update on FY2007 Plan projects – Craig Mortimore & Wildlife Services – INFORMATION

Mr. Mortimore explained that there were no new project proposals submitted by either the public, CABs or NDOW. NDOW mailed project solicitation letters to CAB chairmen dated January 8, 2007. Game Division Chief Mason also circulated a memorandum within NDOW that solicited projects from agency personnel. This was dated January 8, 2007 and was copied to Wildlife Services.

Mr. Mortimore provided copies of NDOW's report entitled: *Predation Management Plan Updates*.

Some discussion about raven removal efforts attendant to Project 19 occurred. It was decided that NDOW Ken Gray and WS Kevin Lansford will discuss implementation of raven removal actions delineated within the project proposal. Naïve

Agenda Item #7 - Amend FY2007 Plan to Include Project 20 - ACTION

NDOW biologist Pat Cummings presented an oral report about the status of bighorns released in the Virgin Mountains. Mr. Cummings had noted some mortalities among his telemetered bighorns. Upon investigation, it had been hypothesized that predation had been a factor. Wildlife Services had been notified and hunter Jim Buhler and WS Kevin Lansford conducted some ground investigation work, which Mr. Cummings participated in. The findings of the group surmise that lion predation was not a factor in these mortalities. It is possible that a preexisting pathogen may have affected the immuno-naïve release complement.

COMMISSIONER JEFFRESS MOVED TO TABLE THE INCLUSION OF PROPOSED PROJECT 20 AS AN AMENDMENT TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2007 PLAN. COMMISSIONER RIORDAN SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Mr. Mortimore addressed the committee that it would be prudent to have a contingency fund identified within the next and subsequent fiscal year predation management plans. This would facilitate mobilization of funds for emerging needs. The committee agreed that NDOW should identify this within the FY08 Plan.

Agenda Item #8 – Assignments and Agenda Items of the Next Meeting – Chairman Bentley - ACTION

Chairman Bentley addressed the committee that it is appropriate to seek out additional members for the committee. The original committee was comprised of several non-commissioners that have since resigned or retired from the committee. Mr. Blakeslee joined the committee in September and lends an excellent perspective to the group. The group was in agreement and the following actions were decided upon:

1. Prepare a letter to send to conservation organizations and county advisory boards, soliciting the nominations of persons that could serve on the committee. Mr. Mortimore is to draft letter and response form for Chairman Bentley's approval – early April.
2. Game Division to mail out the above – early April.
3. Mr. Mortimore to assemble letters of interest and compile a file for the seated members to review – May 7.
4. Committee to meet ½ hour before the May 11 Commission meeting to review applicants and prepare a recommendation to the Commission for them to appoint new members to the committee.
5. The new members first meeting will be the August meeting in Ely.

THE ABOVE WAS ARTICULATED IN THE FORM OF A MOTION BY COMMISSIONER RIORDAN AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MCNINCH. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Agenda Item #9 – Establish Date, Time and Location of Next Meeting – Chairman Bentley – ACTION

BY REFERENCE TO THE ABOVE ACTION, THE NEXT MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR 8:00 a.m. ON MAY 11 AT THE RENO HEADQUARTERS CONFERENCE ROOM.

Agenda Item #11 - Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 4:12 p.m.

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Submitted by:  
Craig Mortimore  
Staff to the Committee  
April 25, 2007