

Heritage Committee Meeting held on March 18, 2008

This public meeting was conducted via telephone. The two locations in which this meeting was accessed are the Department of Wildlife's headquarters office and the Department's Southern Region Office, 4747 Vegas Drive, Las Vegas, Nevada 89108.

Attendees were as follows:

Department of Wildlife: Ken Mayer, Doug Hunt, Laura Richards, Dave Prather, Gabe Pincolini and Sandy Shavinsky.

Wildlife Heritage Committee: Pete Mori, Jim Jeffress, Jack Robb, Clint Bentley and Jelindo Tiberti.

Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioner: Ron Lurie.

Members of the public: Tom Smith.

Heritage Committee meeting minutes

Heritage Committee Chairman Clint Bentley called this meeting to order at 4:07 pm.

Ken Mayer explained to the Heritage Committee that helicopter N2FG had recent gear box failure and required \$40,000 to be repaired. Ken also explained that two approved FY08 Heritage projects, #08-14 Deep Creek habitat enhancement \$20,000 and #08-15 Trail Creek fish passage enhancement project \$20,100, could be funded by Question 1 bond funds and that the now available Heritage funds in the amount of \$40,100 could be used to fund this emergency helicopter repair. Laura Richards stated that the Question 1 bond work plan for these two projects was submitted to DCNR and was given verbal approval.

Ken Mayer also explained that the Department's current Air Operation's budget was going to be fully expended by the end of the fiscal year with its normal budgeted items and would not be able to cover the cost of this repair. The only two remaining options concerning this helicopter are one, to park it until July 01, 2008 and then repair, or two, submit an emergency Heritage project for FY08 and obtain the Heritage Committee approval to repair this helicopter.

Doug Hunt cited NAC 501.300, sub-section 3, which states that "If, at any other time of the year, the Commission determines that money is available to fund an additional project, the Commission may do one or more of the following: request, accept or approve applications at such time for conservation projects which are urgent and which present unique opportunities." Doug said this emergency Heritage project request was valid through NAC 501.300, sub-section 3.

Clint Bentley, Pete Mori, Jim Jeffress, Jelindo Tiberti and Jack Robb stated that they agreed this option was within the legal right of the Heritage Trust Fund Committee.

Ken Mayer and Doug Hunt stated that the emergency heritage project, #08-32 Essential Gear Box Repairs for NDOW Helicopter N2FG \$40,100, meets the Heritage guideline requirements as a valid Heritage project.

Clint Bentley, Jim Jeffress, Jelindo Tiberti and Jack Robb all stated for the record that they felt this emergency Heritage project request was within the parameters of the Heritage Trust Fund Committee, but felt the original intent of the Committee was not intended to reorganize already approved Heritage project funding to fund new emergencies projects. The Heritage Committee would prefer that in the future for such situations as the emergency N2FG helicopter repair that the Department try to use other funds for such issues.

Clint Bentley asked for a motion. Jim Jeffress motioned to use Question 1 bond funds to complete Heritage projects #08-14 & #08-15, while then utilizing the available \$40,100 to fund emergency project #08-32. Jack Robb seconded the motion. All committee members approved.

Clint Bentley adjourned the meeting at 4:23 pm.