

Heritage Committee Meeting
Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners
Nevada Department of Wildlife
1100 Valley Road, Reno, Nevada 89512

Meeting Location: Lovelock Community Center
820 6th Street
Lovelock, Nevada 89419

Committee Members: Commissioners Tom Cavin (chair), Scott Raine and Pete Mori

NDOW – Maureen Hullinger, Kim Jolly, Trudy Davis, Maryanna Enochson
Public – Jim Nelson (NBU), Greg Smith (NBU), Gerry Lent, Grant Wallace, Joe Bennett (USDA)

Thursday, June 25, 2009 - 2 p.m.

1. **Call to Order – Chairman Tom Cavin**
Called to order at 2:01 pm

2. **Approval of Minutes – Action**
Minutes are from the May 14, 2009 Heritage Committee meeting.
Raine made a motion to approve the minutes, but also wanted to include the summary of FY2010 Heritage awards project list with the minutes from the May 14, 2009 meeting, Mori 2nd the motion. All in favor, approved.

Raine also restated for this meeting a comment regarding a format of a project submission. Raine commented that applicants of future requests should take project #10-28- Fish Creek partnership, submitted by Joe Saval Company, LLC (Elisabeth Pugh) as an excellent example of a proposal.

3. **Member Items**
Committee members may present emerging items. Any item requiring committee action will be scheduled on a future Committee agenda.
Cavin commented on the John Zenz petition and that it will be discussed at the next meeting.

4. **Public Comment Period**
Persons wishing to speak on items not on the agenda should complete a speaker card and present it to the recording secretary. Public comment will be limited to three minutes for individuals and six minutes for persons representing groups or organizations. Persons are invited to submit comments in writing on the agenda items and or attend and make comment on the item at the committee meeting. Any item requiring committee action could be scheduled on a future committee agenda.
None

5. **Staff Report – Informational**

Status of new legislation pertaining to the Heritage program. Review of procedures for the selection of Heritage tag vendors.

M Hullinger – total of 10 vendors, 2 had 10% hold back on the bids. She reported that after contact with Deputy Attorney General (DAG) Bryan Stockton, she contacted both MN-WI FNAWS and Dallas Safari Club for clarification on the proposals and holdbacks. M Hullinger received an email from MN-WI FNAWS that they would honor 100% bid requirement if considered for the Desert Bighorn Sheep tag. Dallas Safari Club stated that the hold back was part of business to cover expenses and could not do the 100% bid to NDOW. Dallas did not qualify and the DAG confirmed. No late proposals. Therefore 9 qualified proposals.

Cavin asked M Hullinger a question regarding the legislative process and the Silver State Tag legislation and asked who would bring it forward now? M Hullinger commented that it could be brought forward by the Department, Commission, Chad Bliss or the public. She further commented that in NRS there are 15 tags for big game, 9 of which are currently utilized in the Heritage Tag program leaving 6 big game tags available for consideration for the Silver State Tag program or they could allocate them a different way.

6. **Commission Regulation CR 09-01/Wildlife Heritage Tag Vendors
Chairman Cavin - Action**

The Heritage committee will provide recommendations to the Board of Wildlife Commissioners for approval of game tag auction vendors for the FY2010 hunt year.

Cavin commented that this was the main focus of this meeting and was continued from the last meeting. Cavin read letters and comments into record from the minutes from previous meeting.

M Hullinger offered to read through the Heritage Tag summary sheet.

Cavin reported that the committee received additional letters, emails and notes from NBU, N NV Chapter of Safari Club International and MN-WI FNAWS and read them into the record. The committee also heard from Eureka, Washoe, Clark and Nye CABS which will be summarized as the committee goes through each species.

He also reported that staff provided the history of the heritage tag auction sales by organization and species to the committee.

- **Mule deer tag motion - Raine motion tag to the Mule Deer Foundation (MDF), Mori 2nd the motion. All in favor, approved.**

2nd Mule deer tag, delayed until later in the meeting.

- **Antelope tag motion - Mori motion tag to the Pershing County Chukars Unlimited (PCCU), Raine 2nd the motion. All in favor, approved.**
- **Antelope tag motion - Cavin motion tag to the MDF, Raine 2nd the motion. Mori no, Cavin and Raine yes. Motion carries.**
- **Elk tag motion - Mori motion tag to the Nevada Bighorns Unlimited (NBU), Cavin 2nd the motion.**
There were comments from the public Jim Nelson and Greg Smith of NBU that were difficult to hear.
Vote - All in favor, approved.
- **Elk tag motion - Raine motion tag to the MDF, Mori 2nd the motion. All in favor, approved.**

Interim listing of the allocation of the tags by the committee was provided by staff.

- **Nelson Bighorn Sheep tag**
Jim Nelson NBU spoke about their banquet and how they hoped to work with WSF to maximize dollars. He pointed out the total dollars generated by their organization and WSF in the hand out provided. Mori voiced concerns about MN-WI FNAWS hold back and then changing their mind to meet the NV requirement of 100% and that considering the performance of NBU he would stand with NBU. Raine spoke on MN-WI FNAWS and that it would be good to get new blood and additional publicity.

Nelson Bighorn Sheep tag motion - Mori motion tag to the Wild Sheep Foundation (WSF), Raine 2nd the motion.
Vote - All in favor, approved.

- **Nelson Bighorn Sheep tag –**
Mori commented that a point should be made that a hold back is not allowed so that there is no confusion in the future. Raine had additional comments regarding the opportunity for publicity for a sheep tag with MN-WI FNAWS.

Nelson Bighorn Sheep tag motion - Mori motion tag to the NBU, Cavin 2nd the motion. Raine no, Mori and Cavin yes, motion carries.

- **California Bighorn Sheep tag**
NBU member spoke about their organization. 2 million dollars for the Heritage fund over the years. Spoke about their 30th year banquet and to consider awarding them the Calif. bighorn sheep tag. Cavin commented, recognized and thanked the vendors for all their work with raising funds. Mori made a comment about the

extra effort on the additional correspondence from NBU and also being present at the meeting. Raine commented the groups, WSF and NBU, were roughly equal but one already had two premium tags and that WSF was ahead in figures on California bighorn sheep tag.

California Bighorn Sheep tag motion - Raine motion tag to WSF, no second, motion dies.

Mori motioned for California sheep tag to NBU, Cavin 2nd the motion. Raine no, Mori and Cavin yes, motion carries.

Cavin read the number of requests for turkey tags, 4 original requests for 5 turkey tags into the record. Cavin included an impromptu request from PCCU at the last meeting for the fifth turkey tag.

- **Two turkey tags motion - Raine motion two tags to Wild Turkey Federation Las Vegas Strutters Chapter, Mori 2nd the motion. All in favor, approved.**
- **One turkey tag motion - Raine motion tag to Wild Turkey Federation Silver Sage Reno, Mori 2nd the motion. All in favor, approved.**
- **One turkey tag motion - Raine motion tag to Safari Club International (SCI) Northern NV Chapter, Mori 2nd the motion. All in favor, approved.**

Cavin requested staff to read back what had been allocated so far during the meeting.

- **Mule deer tag motion - Raine motion tag to SCI, Cavin 2nd the motion. Mori no, Raine and Cavin yes, motion carries.**
- **One turkey tag motion - Raine offers tag to Wildlife and Habitat Improvement of Nevada, if they decline, tag offer will go to PCCU. Mori 2nd the motion. All in favor, approved.**

7. Future Committee Meeting - Chairman Cavin - Action

The committee will set a date, location, and time for the next committee meeting.

The main focus of the next meeting will be the concern that John Zenz brought before the commission regarding Heritage tag holders and PIW tag holders ending up in the same unit to hunt and the impact on the biology. Next meeting will be a possible phone conference in late July.

Meeting adjourned at 3:27 pm