

Draft Minutes

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Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners' Meeting

Clark County Government Center
500 S. Grand Central Parkway
Las Vegas, NV 89155
Amended Agenda – March 8, 2010

Friday, March 19, 2010 – 9:30 a.m.

Call to Order, Introduction and Roll Call of County Advisory Board Members to Manage Wildlife (CABMW)
– Chairman Lent

Approval of Agenda – Action

Member Items/Announcements

County Advisory Boards to Manage Wildlife (CABMW) Member Items –

Public Comment Period

1 Appeal – Mr. Robert G. Wallin – Action
The Commission will hear an appeal from Mr. Wallin on the Department of Wildlife's denial of his 2010 Master Guide License.

2 *Item Deleted*

Workshop - Informational

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The Commission may adopt a regulation relating to waterways; requiring vessels to be operated at a reduced speed along a certain portion of the Colorado River.

7 Approval of Sponsoring Agency for Nevada Duck Stamp Art Contest - Chief of Conservation Education Kelly Clark – Action
The Commission is being asked to select a sportsmen's group to sponsor the annual Nevada Duck Stamp Art Contest for the 2011 and 2012 contests.

- 8 Reports – Informational
- A CABMW Reports on Mule Deer Overview Efforts Within Each County – CABMW Members
- B Bighorn Sheep Disease Update – Acting Game Division Chief Rich Haskins
- C Legislative Special Session Update – Secretary Ken Mayer
- D Nevada Department of Wildlife Budget Update – Deputy Director Patrick Cates
- E College of Agriculture, University of Nevada, Reno Update – Professor and Chair Kurt Pregitzer, Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Science
- F Wildlife Damage Management Committee – Commissioner Raine
- G All Gifts, Grants, Donations, and Bequests to Nevada Department of Wildlife Presented to Commission for Recognition- Deputy Director Patrick Cates
- H Trail Cameras – Chief Game Warden Rob Buonamici
- I Litigation Report – Deputy Attorney General David Newton
- J Department Activities/Leadership Team Notes – Secretary Ken Mayer

Saturday, March 20, 2010 – 8:30 a.m.

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Public Comment Period

- 9 Approval of Minutes – Action - Commission minutes from the Feb. 5 and 6, 2010, meeting.
- 10 Correspondence – Chairman Lent – Informational
The Commission will review and may discuss written items sent or received by the Commission since the last regular meeting and provide copies for the exhibit file.

Commission Regulations – Action

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- 15 Future Commission Meeting – Director Ken Mayer - Action
The next Commission meeting is scheduled for May 14 and 15, 2010, in Reno; and the Commission will review potential agenda items for that meeting. The Chairman may designate and adjust committee assignments as necessary at this meeting.

Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners present for two day meeting:

Chairman Gerald Lent	Vice Chairman Scott Raine	Commissioner Daryl E. Capurro
Commissioner Tom Cavin	Commissioner Howell	
Commissioner Michael McBeath	Commissioner Mori	Commissioner Grant Wallace

* Commissioner Bruce Kobrin - Absent

Secretary/Director Kenneth E. Mayer
Suzanne Scourby, Recording Secretary

Robert Whitney, Deputy Attorney General
David Newton, Deputy Attorney General

Nevada Department of Wildlife personnel present:

Deputy Director Rich Haskins
Chief of Conservation Education Kelly Clark
Joanne Trendler, Administrative Assistant 3
Chief Game Warden Rob Buonamici
Jon Sjoberg, Supervising Fisheries Biologist

Deputy Director Patrick Cates
Kathleen Teligades, Administrative Assistant 4
Program Officer III Maureen Hullinger
Jamie Wise, Administrative Assistant 2

Others in Attendance/Two Day Meeting:

Kensen Lee, self
Ken Wellington, Elko CABMW*
Daryl Harwell, Washoe CABMW
Brett Jefferson, Nevada Bighorns Unlimited
Paul Harris, Clark CABMW, Fraternity of Desert Bighorn
Michael Reese, Clark CABMW
Chris Torres, Eureka CABMW
Tom Cassinelli, Humboldt CABMW
Mark Jensen, USDA, Wildlife Services
John Hiatt, RRAS

Hal Shrum, self
Clint Bentley, self
Dr. Paul Dixon, Clark CABMW
Dennis Wilson, Nevada Bighorns Unlimited
Chad Bliss, Eureka CABMW
Gil Yanuck, Carson CABMW
Glenn Bunch, Mineral CABMW
Joe Bennett, USDA, Wildlife Services
Don Molde, self
Dearl Sneed, self

Friday, March 19, 2010, 9:30 a.m.

Call to Order, Introduction and Roll Call of County Advisory Board Members to Manage Wildlife - Chairman Lent called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

Roll call of Commissioners present: Chairman Lent, Commissioners Raine, Capurro, Cavin, Howell, McBeath, Mori, and Wallace. Chairman Lent said Commissioner Kobrin has an excused absence.

CABMW Roll Call: Paul Dixon, Clark; Paul Harris, Clark; Michael Reese, Clark; Daryl Harwell, Washoe; Gil Yanuck, Carson; Ken Wellington, Elko; Chad Bliss, Eureka; Chris Torres, Eureka; Tom Cassinelli, Humboldt; and Glenn Bunch, Mineral CABMW.

Approval of the Agenda –

COMMISSIONER RAINE MOVED TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED. COMMISSIONER WALLACE SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED.

Member Announcements –

Commissioner Raine said he has a question on the timeline for the Department's biennial budget, and what is the timeline for that and he asked how and when the Commission's input will be taken.

Deputy Director Patrick Cates said staff is starting the process and a timeline for work over the next few months. Staff will be working on performance indicators and breakout of budgets. The budget work will start in earnest now and pickup this summer. Deputy Director Cates said he would cover this later on the agenda on the budget update, and noted that the Department is under a mandate to split the NDOW budgets and have submitted its plan to the Budget Office and Governor's Office for review. He said he spoke to Commissioner Howell and the Finance Committee will review the budget which will be the start of Commission review.

Chairman Lent said he established a new Deer Restoration Committee and he announced the members: Commissioner Raine is the chairman of the committee, and is from Eureka; Wilde Brough of Elko; Cory Lytle of Lincoln; John Carpenter of Elko; and Big Game Biologist Tony Wasley has been selected as staff to the committee. He said he has charged the committee with providing him a report in six months or less and last December the Commission charged the CABMWs to help the Commission with this and some boards have been really active and he wants CABMWs to provide input and attend the committee meetings. He has handouts for the committee and the Commission. One handout is a study that was done on the North King's deer herd and is a very interesting scientific study, another is an article written by Director Ken Mayer on antler restrictions and whether that works or not, and that should be decided in discussions on whether we want trophy deer in Nevada or not. He said there are many other studies out there and another one may apply to deer management in this state and he asked

that Vice Chairman Raine insure that the committee have a copy of these and the CABMWs can also get this information by contacting him as well.

Commissioner Capurro said he attended the Washoe CABMW meeting and one thing brought up was make-up of the committee and they asked that Chairman Lent consider adding someone from Humboldt or Washoe Counties as makeup of committee leans heavily toward eastern part of the state and he understands the reasoning as largest herds are there.

Chairman Lent said he will leave that decision to the discretion of the chair of the committee.

Commissioner Raine said he has already scheduled and organized a meeting this Thursday with an agenda in Elko, as that location is central to where most people are located, and if anyone wants to show up or send your stuff in advance to him or Mr. Wasley to please do so as they can make copies of correspondence.

Commissioner McBeath said the committee is weighted heavily toward Elko, and Mr. Lytle is an excellent choice for the southern part of the region for the committee and would have liked someone from the Ely area as that is second largest part of state for deer herd and would echo what was stated in Washoe CABMW minutes.

CABMW Member Items -

Gil Yanuck, Carson CABMW, said to bring the Commission up to date on Fuji Park, it is looking good, the disabled fishing platform is in water, diversions done, and planting vegetation is going on and that is limiting factor as to when the park will open, as timing the opening with allowing the vegetative growth around the pond to grow and take hold so that it is not trampled in the first month or so. He said his board discussed wild horses and a joint letter was sent by Douglas and Carson CABMWs on wild horses to Bureau of Land Management (BLM), and they are still working on second gate at Spooner to allow hunter access with a Memorandum of Agreement with U.S. Forest Service, and a bi-county working group was established with Douglas and Carson CABMW to work together on the Mule Deer Restoration Committee charge.

Chairman Lent asked if Fuji Pond will be open year round and if the pond will be open in time for Free Fishing Day this year and if they have to feed the fish. He said this is a great project.

Mr. Yanuck said issues with water quality need to be solved before fish stocking begins and if the pond does not open in time for Free Fishing Day that they have thought of asking Governor Gibbons to declare a separate Free Fishing Day for Fuji Park.

Glenn Bunch, Mineral CABMW, said he advised the Commission last year that his board is having trouble with workman's compensation and his county comptroller. He has been told they will take \$132 per quarter from his budget and believes other CABMWs may face same issue and he wanted to advise the Commission of this problem. He was told the increase is due to claims by CABMW members and he asked who and why and was not given an answer.

Tom Cassinelli, Humboldt CABMW, said his board has big concerns with Partners in Wildlife (PIW) desert bighorn sheep recommendation to close the Bares, as that is a double whammy to PIW hunters, with cutting tags from three to one in Bares which was sufficient to solve the problem as there are numerous sheep there as he was with PIW hunter last year and saw many sheep that should be taken. He feels that hitting them twice, and closure on Bares to PIW hunter but allowing Heritage tag hunter to go in and hunt, is a slap in the face to Nevada sportsmen. He said if we close areas to PIW hunters we should close them to Heritage hunters and if you drop the tag to one, the area should be closed to all special tags. In area like the Bares he thinks closure is unwarranted keeping PIW hunters out of there, although he feels the Commission is correct to take tags down to one and everyone at their meeting was unanimous in Humboldt County.

Chairman Lent said one idea coming out of that is to open it up to four or five resident tags in there now.

Mr. Cassinelli said you could probably put eight resident tags in although he knows there is a problem with hunter congestion which is why his board recommended split seasons to put more people in and if we don't harvest we will end up with the situation in the Rubies with dead sheep.

Commissioner Cavin said the Heritage tag will live with season closure as soon as rotation catches up, because PIW this year was just going online and will only be this year. He wanted to clarify that there may be some misinformation.

Mr. Cassinelli said he is not sure that is needed and we should look back into this and should look at areas and any place that has one tag and then we let Heritage and PIW in where a biologist recommended one and that is where our concerns should be and should look into this before next year.

Commissioner Raine said this will be on the May agenda and would be the perfect time to bring that up.

John Michael Reese, Clark CABMW and member of the Clark County Shooting Park, and wanted everyone to know the Grand Opening is scheduled for March 27 with 60 rifle and pistol spots to sight in rifles with max of 200 yards and is \$7 per day. He said NDOW has a hunter education center there and the Clark CABMW meeting will be there May 4 at 6 p.m.

Commissioner McBeath said he understands that Clark CABMW has to pay to use the facility for meeting space and would like to ask the Department why the CABMW has to pay to use county facility.

Deputy Attorney General (DAG) Newton said he was involved in negotiations on the user agreement with hunter education. He said the county has taken the position that unless the

event is open to the public they will charge and as hunter education classes are for the public, they will not charge; however, he was not aware of the CABMW being charged and has not had that discussion. He said earlier in the process they were much more open but as the budget crisis has increased in Clark County they have become more rigid in interpretation as to what is and what is not public education component.

Commissioner McBeath said charging is shortsighted as Clark CABMW members will attend as well as public at the facility and that gets the word out about the facility to sportsmen and would help generate ancillary revenues and would seem sufficient to cover the rent. He said members of the CABMW are putting up money for the rental fee themselves.

DAG Newton said he would follow-up with Clark County attorneys to see what is going on.

Daryl Harwell, Washoe CABMW, said he has three issues: Went to agency to get last year's physical duck stamp and found that accounting problem did not allow that and wanted the Commission aware of that; Washoe CABMW has designated a member to each of the Commission committees and asked that telephone conference capabilities be provided for the committee meetings so that their designee can listen; and their minutes note that Laurie Belli from Nevada Department of Transportation reported at their meeting on status of Washoe Lake water well problem and are looking at how to keep minimum water, and the new freeway through Washoe Valley is of concern, as it will affect the mule deer population as he has heard they may lower road or build tunnel to accommodate semi trucks through the valley when there is a wind advisory.

Chairman Lent asked if the Department is working on a wildlife corridor or is anyone looking at how this would affect deer migration.

Director Mayer said staff has been involved with Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT) on this issue and these are issues that have limited this mule deer herd as they are not able to migrate to their winter grounds.

Chairman Lent said to Mr. Harwell to have NDOW staff attend their meeting and discuss what they have negotiated as far as mitigation as NDOT is really working with wildlife and using bypasses.

Paul Dixon, Clark CABMW, said to the Commission that one thing on Commission agenda as a standing item has been wild horses and noticed wild horses not on this Commission agenda and he has talked with Commissioner Howell and they both believe that Commission needs to get active with Department for an education program to explain why the removal of horses is necessary. He said we mobilize the education effort when there is a round-up but we need to keep the effort up and have consistent program to get positive media blitz of what carrying capacity is and the necessity to round-up horses as the horses are as big a threat to wildlife as predators.

Chairman Lent said he agreed with Mr. Dixon and rather than at the Commission level would suggest the Department do that and knows the Department is doing some of that right now and would ask that they make recommendations to the Commission if a letter is needed or what the Commission could do. He said we may have to get some of the CABMWs involved and asked Director Mayer status of the lawsuit.

Director Mayer said Chief of Habitat Pulliam and Chief of Conservation Education Kelly Clark have been working on this outreach effort to let the public know the effect of wild horses on the habitat. He said as an update on the lawsuit that NDOW filed that a brief as intervener on March 17 in the lawsuit and his affidavit was signed and information provided for the lawsuit which includes a whole chapter on effect of wild horses on sage grouse, and staff reports from the air on wild horse numbers and not maintained by BLM. He said the Department wrote a letter, WAFWA wrote letter, and AFWA is working hard on this issue in DC.

Chairman Lent asked that letter be sent to CABMWs with good ideas and Department has good start on that.

Commissioner McBeath said series in Las Vegas paper was biased and pitted horses against ranches and did not mention wildlife or overwhelming support from environmental and sportsmen groups on this issue, and the series made it sound like habitat and range was in great condition but that was only due to record rainfall at that time. He said if you look at that habitat now, it is in the midst of a drought and impact of horses on that habitat. He said these groups do a great job of pushing the button and getting their side out to the press and we need to do the same. He said wild horses are incredibly damaging and they are doing a better job at beating us in the press and thinks that is the message of the CABMWs.

Paul Harris, Clark CABMW, said he has question about the Bares and to Commissioner Cavin he said he is aware of problem in the Bares with similar tag concentration to the McCullochs in years past because of quality of rams, and are you saying that we are closing the Bares next year, which is the best unit in the state. He said if so that will hurt the price of the tag when the hunter is told the unit is closed.

Commissioner Cavin said that is correct as the unit where the Heritage tag is harvested will cause that unit to be closed the next year.

Paul Harris, Clark CABMW, said that is incredibly short sighted, and that will diminish the Heritage tags as we are taking the tags down to one and this year the tag went for \$130,000, and now we will obviously get a lot less money when we tell the hunter a unit is closed. He asked if that is being done anywhere else.

Commissioner Cavin said it is being done here and is not static as the unit from where the Heritage animal was harvested will be closed.

Chairman Lent said not obvious we will have a reduction, at the last Commission meeting he read the statistics of trophy sheep and there is no reason to have a hunter keep pounding one

area and we have plenty of areas that have big sheep because our sheep program is so great and not obvious at this time that we will lose money if they can't go to the Bares.

Paul Harris, Clark CABMW, said he is active in the Fraternity and understands problem with Bares and limiting PIW hunters addressed it and limiting the Heritage tag hunter will affect the value of the tag and seems short-sighted, and we will see over time. Value this year will of course go up with one tag, and second bidder would have bought another tag for \$120,000 if there had been one available. If we still had two the tag revenue would be better.

Chairman Lent said as far as restricting areas, Idaho does some form of restriction with alternating their governor tags in different units.

Commissioner Raine said lot of this was discussed at the Commission's last meeting and he referenced the pages in the minutes and that there were fairly good answers in there.

Chairman Lent asked if Chad Bliss of Eureka could come to the podium as he had questions in regard to their last meeting, and while reading Eureka CABMW's minutes, he was offended by Mr. Goicoechea's comments in their minutes about the Commission dragging its feet and since Mr. Bliss was at the meeting, he should have advised Mr. Goicoechea that the Department has a working group of which Mr. Bliss is a member and the Department is working their tail off. He said they have a timeline when this will be done and Mr. Bliss did not bring that up to Assemblyman Goicoechea and for him to blast the Department and Commission, he would have hoped that Mr. Bliss would have jumped up and said that we are on schedule and would hope Mr. Bliss would have told him we have this timeline as when he makes these comments in a public meeting that offends the Commission and the Department.

Chad Bliss, Eureka CABMW, said Mr. Goicoechea is aware of the timeline and the games played at the beginning of which Chairman Lent is aware of also, and Mr. Goicoechea wanted the Commission to be aware of how important the SST tag is to the sportsmen of Nevada and he is aware of the working group and he in no way meant that the Department is dragging its feet. The Department's working group is working well. He said Mr. Goicoechea is tired of the games as he worked hard getting the legislation past as did the CABMWs and sportsmen groups and he wanted the Commission to know he is paying attention and does not want any more games played.

Chairman Lent said Mr. Bliss can take back to Mr. Goicoechea that the timeline states "Commission approved CGR February/March 2010," and that we are on schedule for the CGR as it is being heard at this March meeting as per the timeline. He said he has seen Mr. Goicoechea send legislation back in Carson City that was not right or did not meet his expectation and the Commission may do that if the regulation is not right as we are not going to approve something that is not what we want.

Chad Bliss said he thinks Mr. Goicoechea meant that there may be things that need to be fixed to make it work better in the future and he suggested that probably Chairman Lent should call

him as those are Mr. Goicoechea's comments not his. He wants it to go forward not just pass something that is negative and just wants the work to be done cooperatively.

Chairman Lent said the rest of the discussion of the Silver State tag can take place during the regulation workshop.

Public Comment -

Paul Harris, Fraternity of the Desert Bighorn, provided handout on 2010 Spring Water Development Inspection and said they had 1.7 inches of rain in Las Vegas last year and have had more rainfall this year and this is a complete report on survey projects. He said these projects are approved by the Commission through the Heritage fund and thanked the Commission for their support and are working with individuals to keep track of water in the developments via satellite and make sure they are in working order.

Don Molde, said in keeping with the recent zest of the Commission for science, which is astonishing him, that he has some science, and has brought a copy of "Cougar Ecology and Conservation," a publication edited by Maurice Hornocker and Sharon Negri, that came out last year, and is a current compilation of mountain lion science to date, and he left two copies of the book, one for the Commission and one for Department.

Chairman Lent said to Mr. Molde to rest assured that the books will be read because any kind of science we are glad to get and he thanked Mr. Molde for the donation on behalf of the Commission and the Department.

John Hiatt said he does not agree with direction on predator control as it smacks of 1910 rather than 2010 and he wants the Department to collect as much information to evaluate effectiveness of the program. He suggested Heritage money be spent on habitat improvement projects for wildlife. On the issue of wild horses, it is difficult for Nevada, as groups not from Nevada, promote their agenda as they don't live here and in anagolus situation as smokers as horse proponents see the beautiful part but they don't care about rangeland damage and would recommend suing BLM to get to appropriate management levels, similar to what Wyoming did. He said legal action only way to solve over horse numbers in Nevada.

1 Appeal - Mr. Robert G. Wallin – Action

Chairman Lent said Mr. Wallin requested a continuance of his hearing, which he granted, and Mr. Wallin's appeal hearing will be at the Ely meeting on June 25 as the May meeting already has an appeal scheduled and he does not want to have to schedule a third day for the May meeting.

2 Item Deleted

Workshop - Informational

3 Commission General Regulation (CGR) 380, Application Amendment – Program Officer (PO) III Maureen Hullinger

PO Hullinger said the background on CGR 380 is that hunters contacted the chairman voicing an interest in being able to change or amend their hunt application after they submit online and this regulation is the result of that direction. She read support material providing background, initial guidelines, and the fiscal note as provided in Option 6 which was the Commission's preferred option and reviewed the regulation section by section, and noted CABMW comments on the regulation (exhibit file). She said the following CABMWs support the change: Lincoln, Clark, Eureka, and Carson. Elko CABMW opposed, Washoe CABMW had recommendation for Section 2, as they had concern with written withdrawal in Section 2, subsection 1. B, and would like that terminology identified as a timeframe and is doable. She said by submitting written request to Department if request received by Department on next Friday preceding the draw would handle Washoe CABMW's recommendation.

Commissioner Raine said he has a few questions along the line of Washoe County; what is difference in Section 2 item 2 and if something done in writing, and why would they not have the same privileges as electronic application.

PO III Hullinger said the original request was for online, we are using Utah's programming to save money, and language that you reject for two applications is being taken out.

Commissioner Capurro said no problem with Washoe CABMW suggestion but he needs clarification on Section 2. 1 (b) would read by "submitting a written request which includes the applicant's client number if the request is received by the Department by the Friday preceding the draw," and will that work if draw is on Monday.

PO III Hullinger said SCI said they felt they had sufficient time as long as it is the Friday preceding the draw, they do not feel that they would receive that many requests.

Chairman Lent asked if the Department or Systems Consultants would be able to guarantee that and could they incorporate Washoe CABMW's suggestion.

Monte Martin, Systems Consultants, said they could accommodate that and he would suggest language that stated "five days preceding" the draw for written request.

PO III Hullinger prefers "Friday, next preceding" as with five days if it falls on a holiday or Saturday and gives flexibility to the Department for other draws.

Public Comment on CGR 380 –

Tom Cassinelli, Humboldt CABMW, said vote at their meeting was to oppose this change. He said they feel everything is so easy now with technology and would rather keep things the same.

Gil Yanuck, Carson CABMW, said he and his board would commend Department staff for the manner in which these regulations were presented in support material.

John Reese, Clark CABMW, said he was dissenting vote on his board and when the draw started it was agreed that if you mess up your done, and now with technology changes there should be something in the software that would have allowed this. Some think the \$10 fee is excessive and believe that it is not fair.

Chairman Lent said he was the one suggested this and he can't figure out, frankly, why anybody would be against this, as you may change your mind or you made a mistake, and everyone should have chance to change their mind. He said from what he has seen is sportsmen are willing to pay if they can fix their mistake and the change will make the process more user friendly.

Daryl Harwell, Washoe CABMW, submitted that they have specific date for the written application and want sufficient time. He said another thing in their discussion is that when you pull an application and resubmit will there be a fee for doing that, as they support paying a fee if you put back in for the draw.

Commissioner Capurro said they would pay another application fee of \$10 under this situation when they resubmit their application. He talked to many people on both sides and if does not cause problems, then a fair deal to pay reapplication fee. If you don't charge for it, it would cost the Department money, as SCI still has to process the application.

Commissioner Raine said for tomorrow's action we will have the option to amend the regulation as decided by the Commission.

Commissioner Cavin said he would compliment staff on their presentation and the background information, as when regulations are sent to CABMWs without background information, regulations can be difficult to understand. His other comment is, although the change will cost \$12,000, it will pay for itself, and he did not see the programming costs as a big negative, as this will be a user friendly change for the sportsmen of the state.

Chairman Lent closed the hearing.

4 Commission General Regulation 354, Silver State Tag (SST) – Program Officer III
Maureen Hullinger

PO III Hullinger provided a copy of the regulation to the Commission with mark-ups of language changes, and she reviewed the support material to the regulation that was sent with the regulation (exhibit file).

Commissioner Cavin asked PO III Hullinger to review the fee structure as it is \$15 in here, and go over what it will cost if you actually applied for example for a sheep tag.

PO III Hullinger said \$15, plus \$10 application fee, and \$3 predator fee, plus if you are online and a resident the \$2 convenience fee and nonresident \$3.50 convenience fee, which is about \$30. She reviewed the CABMW comments: Lincoln recommended if you draw SST to allow the hunter to go through the regular draw process, to keep SST similar to Heritage tag; Clark, Elko, Eureka, and Carson CABMW, supported regulation as written, and Washoe CABMW recommended \$25 which would have the elk fee added.

Chairman Lent said he would comment that original bill had minimum of \$15 and maximum of \$50 and he was thinking more of \$20 - \$25 range and the season concurrent with the auction tags with a season September to January.

Commissioner Howell asked staff in their experience with the PIW what this tag might generate.

PO III Hullinger said not sure as people in waiting periods will get to apply, and the reason they put the fee at \$15 was due to the economic situation of the state and hope to promote participation.

Chairman Lent said it is a lifetime opportunity and will have value to sportsmen, and projections that Mr. Bliss had were significant and initially talked of a fee more than the minimum.

Commissioner Raine said early on it was discussed as part of the deal that auction tags would be kept at nine and was intent of bill and the other item is discussion of electronic application versus manual as we will exclude 12 percent of applicants by disallowing paper applications and did we want to exclude them and seems harsh.

Secretary Mayer said the Department is moving away from paper applications and toward internet only applications. Staff will provide that information to the Commission on what it costs to process paper. He said this is one way to get us there by requiring electronic applications only.

Chairman Lent said Utah has already gone paperless and staff can check with them on how the sportsmen are adjusting.

Commissioner Capurro said he recalled original number was a fee of \$25 and opportunity for this tag is worth something. If bighorn sheep or elk included this would be a cheap tag and would support \$25 that Washoe CABMW came up with and important to understand that with PIW you don't get a second shot and is opposed to that as wants to give as many sportsmen the opportunity to draw a tag.

Chairman Lent said to PO III Hullinger that she spoke of economic times in the state and keeping the fee down to \$15 but isn't the Department having tough economic times too.

PO III Hullinger agreed and provided information from Mr. Bliss on Commissioner Howell's earlier question as to PIW participation: In 2006, residents submitted 13,073 applications, and nonresident participation was at 23,095 for the PIW.

Chad Bliss, Eureka CABMW, said fee is \$15 and tried to leave at \$25 but with elk tag you have \$15 to Heritage, \$2 convenience fee, \$3 predator fee and \$5 elk damage and all of the fees bring the price to \$25. Deer is different and it would be \$20 or \$25 and the intent was to put all of the money into the Heritage Account but once you get in the middle of something there are so many things to consider. He wishes that we could put \$25 into that and is up to the group to determine what will work.

Commissioner Raine asked Mr. Bliss if the SST's original intent was to replace auction tags as that is how this originally came out.

Chad Bliss, Eureka CABMW, said it goes back to what Chairman Lent said about people changing their minds, when originally came up with idea it was 2005, and the idea was how could an average guy have one of these tags and once we talked to sportsmen, CABMW members and chairmen, and at the time people were saying if one for auction and one for this draw, that would be great and would not increase the number of tags, then at the last meeting some said they want it as additional tag and talking to people now, people are going that direction. He said at that time that was where majority of people went and although he came up with the idea, the sportsmen of Nevada came up with all the ideas behind it.

Commissioner Raine said those were the initial guidelines and has morphed into something else. He asked if working group came to consensus.

Chad Bliss, Eureka CABMW, said original intent was also for the entire \$25 fee to go in the Heritage account too. Personally he doesn't want to leave anyone out and have to look at what is best for Department and state, and going paperless may leave people out as he knows people who do not have a computer, and does not want anyone to be left out. The working group was in agreement.

Commissioner Capurro said for the record he had read minutes from Eureka CABMW and comments by Mr. Goicoechea whom he knows quite well, and the comments surprised him. He also was surprised at what was said and that Mr. Bliss did not jump in as he knows full well what the legislative process is, and the legislation became effective either July 1 or October 1, and we are already at the point where we have a regulation much quicker than on most other issues, and comments made here were unnecessary and hopes for an apology from Mr. Goicoechea the next time he sees him. He knows staff and others have been working hard to bring regulation into being since law was passed, and since then a Special Session just occurred which makes Legislative Counsel Bureau come to a halt, and nobody has been dragging their feet and resents that. He realizes Mr. Bliss has put a lot of work in this and let's work together on adopting regulation and stop pointing fingers. He said Mr. Bliss himself recognized that regulatory process would not allow for 2010 and everyone looking for 2011 and if that is the case we have obligation to adopt the most complete regulation and does not agree with passing a regulation and coming back to clean up, and that is what we are discussing today suggestions from staff and others in respect to this regulation. He again said he was surprised that Mr. Bliss did not say something in regard to comments by Mr. Goicoechea.

Chad Bliss, Eureka CABMW, said he would respond that the legislative process was totally new to him when he started, and the processes we went through as well, and people he thought would be on our side and whom ended up not being helpful was frustrating to him and others. He can't speak on behalf Mr. Goicoechea those are Mr. Goicoechea's comment and should be addressed to him. He said he did not have full confidence that we still had the Commission's support as conversations he had with Chairman Lent and others, did not give him confidence that this would go forward, and he knows the past is past but may have a problem with forgetting what happened.

Chairman Lent said we are discussing the regulation and whether you trust us or not, the regulation is on our agenda and the Commission must take action. He said Commissioner McBeath has comments on the regulation.

Commissioner McBeath said with respect to written application can he ask what opportunities are there for someone who has only submitted written applications to switch to electronic. He knows you can go to the library but can you go to Department office as in rural areas may not have public access to computer and would hope max effort made to accommodate those without ability to use computer.

PO III Hullinger said computer kiosk has been discussed and could be considered.

Secretary Mayer said in his mind he would have staff have help customers and the other is ability to take credit card which is state's problem not the Departments.

Chairman Lent said the Commission will be taking action on the regulation tomorrow and he would like Mr. Bliss to go back to Mr. Goicoechea with the working group's

timeline and show him that the Commission is on schedule and that the Department is doing everything they can and trust that Department and Commission are keeping to the schedule and will vote on regulation.

Mr. Bliss said Chairman Lent has said that several times to him now, and he said those are Mr. Goicoechea's comments and he again would suggest that Chairman Lent talk to him as he is fully aware of what has happened in the past and he is happy with the Department. He can't speak for Mr. Goicoechea, and again suggested that Chairman Lent and Commissioner Capurro talk to Mr. Goicoechea.

Chairman Lent said he does not need to do that as we are in schedule.

Tom Cassinelli, Humboldt CABMW, thanked everybody that has worked on this as they have done tremendous job for the sportsmen and also PO III Hullinger for her work on this and would like to go to the fees. Humboldt CABMW was the first county to try to drop the fees on PIW and worked with Commissioner Ford to do that, and he was skeptical himself that the \$10 fee would bring in enough revenue and records show you can make more with lower fees than higher. He believes sticking to \$15 fee and Humboldt CABMW was in support and thanked the Commission and suggested getting information from SCI on what happened when fees were lowered for the PIW tag.

Mr. Gil Yanuck, Carson CABMW, supported what Mr. Cassinelli said and agreed that PIW revenue increased. Second thing with eliminating paper applications and going to online that those without credit cards could use Pay Pal tied to their checking account as that would provide opportunity for folks without credit cards. He said for the SST he does not believe in taking tag from auction tags as they are tremendous source of income and every time we talk about quotas and limits and adding or taking one tag and when we talk to biologists they usually say taking one more has no biological impact, and need to think long and hard on taking a source of income by removing one auction tag, and would like to see the fee kept at \$15 for SST and again not detract from auction tags that we provide to various organizations.

Paul Harris, Clark CABMW, said he would echo everything that Mr. Yanuck said, and supports lower amount for SST as will bring more revenue with a lower amount. To Commissioner Raine, Heritage tags bring tremendous amount of money, and does not believe in eliminating Heritage tag for desert bighorn sheep to allow one for SST.

Chairman Lent said if we do make more money with SST it could eventually replace the Heritage auction tag but that has not been decided.

Paul Harris, Clark CABMW, asked Commissioner Raine that when the Commission discussed eliminating the Heritage desert bighorn sheep tag down to one didn't you say one of the reasons for doing that was so you could have a SST for desert bighorn sheep.

Commissioner Raine asked DAG Whitney is he is off agenda by responding or should I bring it up in public comment tomorrow.

DAG Whitney said it may be better to respond during public comment tomorrow.

Paul Harris, Clark CABMW, asked if his question would be addressed tomorrow.

Commissioner Raine said he would make a note of to bring it up tomorrow.

5 Commission General Regulation 381, Crayfish Regulation – Chief Game Warden Rob Buonamici

Chief Game Warden Buonamici said CGR 381 is a prohibited list of wildlife in Nevada except under certain conditions and a scientific name changes on pages 2, 3, 5, 6 and 7. On page 7 for crayfish they recommend striking the word “Ambaridae.” On page 8, Section 3 (a) change to allow Zoological Association of America as a recognized institution to accommodate individuals who are members.

Commissioner Raine said will the regulation make it illegal to transport crayfish.

Chief Game Warden said this species of crayfish is not the common crayfish.

Supervising Fisheries Biologist Jon Sjoberg said regulation is basically clean-up of prohibited species of crayfish and other changes are for taxonomic names and prohibited species.

Commissioner Raine said he wanted to make sure common crayfish are not included in this.

Mr. Sjoberg said it does not.

6 Commission General Regulation 382, Colorado River Regulation – Supervising Fisheries Biologist Jon Sjoberg

Supervising Fisheries Biologist Sjoberg said this proposed regulation adds one water to NAC 488.455 for flat wake regulation and on page 2 the water is described as the Boy Scout Lagoon and the change is for boating safety as water is very shallow and that backwater is being managed as conservation area for protected native fish species.

7 Approval of Sponsoring Agency for Nevada Duck Stamp Art Contest - Chief of Conservation Education Kelly Clark

Chief of Conservation Education Clark said this is the sole application for the sponsorship and was submitted by the Nevada Waterfowl Association who have sponsored the contest since 1999.

Daryl Harwell, Nevada Waterfowl Association, said the group has moved the contest to November from April so that you can purchase the stamp at the same time as you buy your license.

COMMISSIONER RAINE MOVED TO APPROVE NEVADA WATERFOWL ASSOCIATION AS THE SPONSOR FOR THE 2011 – 2012 CONTEST. COMMISSIONER MCBEATH SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION PASSED 7 – 0, MOTION CARRIED. CHAIRMAN LENT DID NOT VOTE (COMMISSIONER KOBRIN ABSENT).

8 Reports – Informational

A CABMW Reports on Mule Deer Overview Efforts within Each County – CABMW Members

Ken Wellington, Elko CABMW, said that the deer Highway 93 bypass is being worked on, and his mule deer committee did not recently meet; however, they have been directed to work on recommendations with Department to initiate, and the Board's mountain lion subcommittee met and came up with three recommendations to be referred to the Wildlife Damage Management Committee.

Gil Yanuck, Carson CABMW, read bi-county working group on mule deer summary of meeting (exhibit file). The group will be small group of interested persons who share Carson Range deer herds, operate with no quorum, and not make decisions or recommendations, rather plan to gather facts and bring information to our respective boards and ask for information from NDOW and land management agencies. He said the next meeting will probably be in Douglas County and they will be inviting Washoe CABMW to participate.

Daryl Harwell, Washoe CABMW, said Washoe CABMW has a subcommittee and talked of many different factors and feel water in Washoe will be primary concern and he has notes to provide to Commissioner Raine's Mule Deer Restoration Committee, and they made recommendation to get together with Carson and Douglas CABMWs, as all share the same deer herd in this region. He said again that the composition of the committee concerns Washoe CABMW.

Chairman Lent asked if Washoe CABMW looked into California dumping lions.

Daryl Harwell, Washoe CABMW, said they looked into it, and again, no predator control by California and Washoe County, is tough for predator control as difficult to track lions with no snow and have to track them on horseback.

Paul Dixon, Clark CABMW, said Commission asked him what Clark CABMW is doing to restore herds in Southern Nevada and now have CABMWs out forming coalitions and heard from others today that they are concerned with representation on Mule Deer Restoration Committee and as the Commission beat on him to do more to restore herds in southern Nevada, he sees no representation on that committee of southern part of state, and he would recommend that membership be expanded and as the Commission is talking two sides, and would like the Commission to reconsider expanding the committee.

Chairman Lent said CABMW input important and for the CABMW members to attend the committee meetings as that is where the information will be digested and does not see that making the committee larger would help.

Chad Bliss, Eureka CABMW, said at their last meeting they located springs that needed rehab work and got additional maps printed. He said they talked to water right holders and individuals on board with trimming trees on springs. The biggest task after talking with BLM was the Environmental Assessment (EA) and they were surprised how expensive that is and have to be careful when doing these projects to stay small with projects so as not to go to Environmental Impact Study (EIS) stage as that is bigger and more expensive and need to figure out the acreage under the EA. They then went to their county commission and requested \$40,000 from the county commissioners to implement the program and if we get that money could use as matching funds in the future to grow and get these main EIS done, and the county did grant them \$40,000 to get program started. In April will have a special meeting and will invite White Pine County to participate and May meeting is quota setting stuff and next step is to involve permittees on the ground, BLM, sportsmen and all will sit down together and get full agreement.

Chairman Lent congratulated Mr. Bliss for his board being so proactive and is refreshing to hear.

B Bighorn Sheep Disease Update – Acting Game Division Chief Rich Haskins

Deputy Director Haskins said Big Game Biologist Mike Cox and Peri Wolff have advised him of status of bighorn sheep and reported that bighorn sheep are still dying and treatment continues. As of March 17 there have been 94 confirmed bighorn sheep mortalities and that does not include all the mortalities as we do not see them all. Staff is estimating 60 to 80 percent die-off in East Humboldts and 50 percent in the Rubies at this time. He said the die-off is still a west wide phenomenon and vets are not sure what it is. Biologists are going to capture sheep on Mt. Moriah that were marked and released from East Humboldts and take samples from them to see how they are doing but have no results at this time from that effort. He said they are continuing treatment with the antibiotic Draxxin.

Commissioner Raine asked if this means sheep densities have caused this and is there something that should be addressed during the quota setting.

Deputy Director Haskin said Peri Wolff will attend the May meeting to provide further information on that.

Chairman Lent said heard testimony today that the Bares have population that may be ready for die-off and asked if the Department is studying that.

Secretary Mayer said complicated issue with many unknowns such as does domestic livestock play a role, does predisposition to the disease occur, and is there a threshold that we start worrying and move animals. He said we will have a better definition in May and need to ask if the Draxxin is saving the sheep to be productive and fit.

Chairman Lent said he sat through the two day WAFWA seminar at the Wild Sheep Foundation and is familiar with the bighorn problem in other states, and some states are culling the diseased sheep and Nevada is being very proactive.

Deputy Director Haskins said as far as quotas for tags, most bighorn sheep hunters know what is going on, but there is an element of hunters who don't know, and we need to manage those expectations.

PO III Hullinger said staff included information on the die-off in the "what's new" section of the Hunt book and an advisory will pop up online to let hunters know what is going in those units.

Commissioner Capurro said we had die-off in same area about 15 years ago and lost about 80 – 90 percent of the herd. And if the sheep survive is their DNA going to contribute to the illness in their offspring and is troubling as we don't have the answers now or we would be doing something more. Die-off also makes predators move in too.

Deputy Director Haskins said predator control is being done on both areas.

Chairman Lent said the pictures of the diseased sheep show how damaged they are and every state is doing something and we are doing what our biologists think is best.

Deputy Director Haskins said the states are all working together by sharing equipment and information.

C Special Legislative Session Update – Secretary Ken Mayer

Secretary Mayer said during the Special Session the Department looked at all of its accounts for flexibility to try to move money around within our restrictions. He said one solution from a business perspective and to provide flexibility was the application hunt

fee reserve of \$10. The \$10 is charged to provide funds to revamp or change the system, and he asked Deputy Director Cates to explain further how the fee is used.

Deputy Director Cates said the application hunt fee has been dedicated to hunt application system and the contract costs about \$1 million and the fee generates about \$1.5 million with a reserve over \$2 million and we proposed broadening the use of the fee for the Nevada Wildlife Data System and to pay for staff costs administering those programs and that would of helped cover cuts, and help if they had swept our General Fund, which fortunately did not happen.

Secretary Mayer said this shift, frees up \$1.6 million license dollars in the first year, and stepping back that should have been allowed long ago. The legislative requirement is very stringent.

Commissioner Capurro asked when System Consultants (SCI) contract is up, how much do we pay per application.

PO III Hullinger said currently paying \$5.32 per application and we just renegotiated the contract for the third time last December with one more renegotiation period before the contract goes out to Request for Proposals.

Commissioner Howell said how many applicants on original bid.

PO III Hullinger said SCI got first contract in 1993 for three years and the contract went out to bid again and have not had competitor since then, and that may because they do administration and program maintenance.

Commissioner Capurro said he was on tag application committee in 1993, and remembers that we actually had four bidders interviewed for the contract and three bids were for mainframe computers, much like the state had, and SCI came in with desktop application. He said interesting history to how that happened.

Commissioner Cavin asked when we says "funds are obligated reserve" is that Commission Policy.

Secretary Mayer said the NRS was changed during the Special Session. He said the Department was challenged by Governor's Office and legislature, to look at existing budgets for flexibility to find funds.

Commissioner Cavin said if we are paying \$5.32 for an application fee and dealing with SST and application fee, could we get a pledge that gap between application fee of what we change and what we get, could the difference between cost and fee go to the Heritage Account.

Secretary Mayer said NRS would have to be changed as \$10 fee is going to this reserve which can only be spent on certain things, and have provided flexibility to pay for Department costs in running the draw.

Commissioner Cavin said he is disappointed with process of doing that during Special Session as Commission tries to do everything in open meetings, and with that big of a change happening overnight, not that it did not have to be done, but after all these years of charging \$10 and being frugal.

Chairman Lent said he was there when the Commission raised the fee to \$10 and stipulation at that time was that the increase only be used to enhance computer draw and put new programs on board. He opposed the increase as money not needed at that time.

Commissioner Raine said one question, was this NRS change proposed by NDOW.

Director Mayer said NDOW proposed the change through administration of Governor's office.

Commissioner Raine said promise of NDOW was excess fee used for application fee and keeping it from going up and seems that we have broken that trust and cheated applicants because all this time we tell them we are using the fee for application and rules changed without any input from the Commission and turns our promises and NDOW promises into lies. He said the Commission did not have input, and that is very frustrating, as the application fee was never intended as funding source and if we can go back and make application fee \$5.32 and not use it as funding source, we should call it what it is.

Director Mayer said he thinks the Commission misunderstood what was done and he restated that the Department will use the funds for the administration and implementation of the draw, the money will not be funneled off to do something else such as water developments or nongame work. NDOW was using sportsman's dollars from license fees so essentially they were paying twice, once for the application fee and other costs, and now we will still have a reserve to fix the system or do something different.

D Nevada Department of Wildlife Budget Update – Deputy Director Patrick Cates

Deputy Director Cates provided a spreadsheet to the Commission with detail of grants for nongame work to show the match and he reviewed the accounts (exhibit file). He said almost all is from General Fund allocation or Question 1 bond funds, and noted the few items that use license dollars – bull trout assessment, Lahontan cutthroat trout, because they are game species, and Lake Mohave habitat enhancement, as this benefits game species. Other than those three projects no sportsman's dollars are being used.

Deputy Director Cates said the benefit is \$1 million invested in non sportsman's dollars and getting \$3 million in federal funds and that is plan for grants for this fiscal year.

Commissioner McBeath asked where the Department is at with the General Fund reduction, and will we lose federal match.

Deputy Director Cates said the General Fund reduction after the Special Session has been reduced from a high of \$1.6 million including Tourism funds to \$712,000. He said the potential to lose federal funds is there. He advised the Commission that the Department has a letter of intent from the legislature to split our budgets and has presented a plan to the Budget Office and would like to review this matter with the Commission's Finance Committee.

Chairman Lent said that would be appropriate.

E College of Agriculture, University of Nevada Reno Update – Professor and Chair Kurt Pregitzer, Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Science

Secretary Mayer said Dr. Pregitzer is here today at the Commission's request as he can provide the overview on the potential closure of the College of Agriculture.

Professor Pregitzer said he is chairman of the Department where the wildlife program resides. He said the president and provost of the University of Nevada, Reno have proposed to close the College of Agriculture and eliminate two departments. Currently, there are five Departments within the College of Agriculture: Animal Biotechnology, Resource Economics, Human Nutrition, Biochemistry, and Natural Resources and Environmental Science. The two Departments proposed for closure for cost savings measures are Animal Biotechnology and Resource Economics. The three remaining Departments will be reorganized within the College of Science, and his Department would be under the Biology Department. There are some other proposals and one is that the Main Station Farm and meat packing operation be closed. The proposal is on the webpage and there is a process to be followed and as part of that each Department has to respond in writing by March 26 and then two weeks later the College prepares a written response, and then the proposals will be decided on. Again, the Natural Resources and Environmental Science Department is not slated to be eliminated rather reorganized within the College of Science.

Chairman Lent said he thought the state constitution requires the colleges, and the legal requirements, for the status of the College.

Dr. Pregitzer said he could not speak to that question but would say that the university's legal counsel would be researching that.

Chairman Lent said his biggest concern with the propose is that the University is where we recruit employees for wildlife, and secondly he is opposed to the sale of the Main Station, as that is a wildlife refuge area in Reno and one of the last remaining wetlands, and by closing it down, it will be sold to investors and someone else tried to sell it before and lost their job. He is opposed to closure of the Main Station as that is last wildlife sanctuary in Reno area and he worked there himself for five years.

Professor Pregitzer said he would comment that the University of Nevada, Reno (UNR) has strong history of providing professional employees to NDOW and hopes that continues and recognizes that and hopes the identity of the Department is preserved and have a healthy relationship with NDOW. In regard to Main Station that is out of his territory and understands that is a hotly contested piece of real estate in Reno, knows various proposals are out there such as a Conservation Easement, and what UNR administration does will remain to be seen. However, he does not have authority to speak to that issue and knows it is on people's minds.

Commissioner Capurro said he has two brothers who graduated from the College of Agriculture at UNR and talked to them, and the question is to the land grant status that requires College of Agriculture, and is this reorganization a way to get around that. Secondly, with respect to the Gund Ranch, which was acquired from the BLM with stipulation that if character of ranch changed the land reverts back to BLM. He questioned how ranches will be run without degree program, and just does not see how they will get around the land grant status.

Dr. Pregitzer recommended that he contact Provost Mark Johnson directly as he is very familiar with land grant institutions and can't speak to constitutionality of the question. He said his Department trains wildlife professionals and range managers for the Nevada landscape. The proposal is to transfer agricultural interests into his Department and again would encourage them to contact the Provost as now is the time to comment on what has been proposed while the process is underway. He said the Board of Regents will eventually decide if Code of Universities is being followed.

Commissioner Raine said he is a graduate of UNR and what properties are up for sale.

Professor Pregitzer said the current proposal is just to close Main Station and is not aware of plans for sale of property.

Chairman Lent said Nevada constitution states certain colleges must exist and does not know how they will get around that, and he heard this will be decided next month.

Dr. Pregitzer gave timeline to the Commission and said the matter will ultimately be decided by the Board of Regents in June.

Chairman Lent said he would like to see this Board oppose the sale of the Main Station and would like this issue on the May agenda. He has heard Chinese investors have a proposal, and if that is true we will lose that natural wildlife habitat. Chairman Lent said he would like the Commission on record as opposing that sale.

Commissioner McBeath suggested the opposition be broader and may be in our best interest to have something bigger in scope and include the partnership relationship.

Chairman Lent said land is trust for agricultural interests and there may not be family members left but does not know.

Commissioner McBeath said the issue warrants investigation as legal issues should be looked in and may be mechanism to allow someone else to carry on the agreements made.

Chairman Lent agreed with Commissioner McBeath.

F Wildlife Damage Management Committee – Commissioner Raine

Commissioner Raine said the committee met yesterday, March 18, 2010, and the next meeting is scheduled for May 7 at 2 p.m. and will be teleconferenced. He said they reviewed project progress and looked at projects for continuance next year. The regulation passed by the Commission to allow pursuit of animals across unit boundaries was effective and gave more flexibility to the program than previous years and hope numbers show that, and had discussion of emergency fund of \$20,000 which was used in East Humboldts for lion control on the sheep population. He said basically reviewed projects and will discuss budgets at the May meeting in Reno.

G All Gifts, Grants, Donations, and Bequests to Nevada Department of Wildlife Presented to Commission for Recognition – Deputy Director Patrick Cates

Deputy Director Cates reported on new donations: \$40,000 from Bowhunting Preservation Alliance to fund archery coordinator in Clark County; receipt into Heritage Account from Pershing County Chukars Unlimited for \$6, 910 from auction of antelope tag; and noted the report submitted in support material. He apologized to the Chairman and Commission for not having the template for the recognition award at this meeting but the Special Session put that on back burner but will have a template of the award for the next meeting.

Chairman Lent said he understands that some people don't want to be recognized and that is fine, but for those who do, the award will be appropriate.

H Trail Cameras – Chief Game Warden Buonamici

Chief Game Warden Buonamici presented a Power Point presentation, the same presentation as made at the February Commission meeting, on trail cameras and hunting blinds, (exhibit file).

Commissioner McBeath said it bothers him with what people are doing on guzzlers and building barriers as we spend a lot of money putting guzzlers in and should restrict that activity.

Chief Game Warden Buonamici agreed as the barriers impact wildlife and precludes wildlife access to water.

Chairman Lent said he would like a regulation to define water developments and use.

Chief Game Warden Buonamici said the more serious issue is water development barriers although trail camera use is important.

Mike Reese, Clark CABMW, said trail camera has capability to send photos to PDA and does that solicit poaching after the season. He also brought up using a camera to monitor a trapline and using a PDA and computer to monitor trail camera usage.

Daryl Harwell, Washoe CABMW, representing himself, said blinds are normally used by archery hunters and is the only way to get some big game species and he would recommend different language for blind. He brought up point that some may use trail cameras to hunt mountain lions and the idea of no camera for 60 days may not work as that season is year round.

Commissioner McBeath said he would ask that something be brought back to the Commission similar to how they handled muzzleloader.

Chief Game Warden Buonamici said regulation has to be related to hunting for Department authority.

Tom Cassinelli, Humboldt CABMW, said using cameras in this manner is no different than flying and should go to Record Book Committees with this and addressing blinds. Some hunters putting their name in several blinds and agreed with Commissioner McBeath that need to get something done as animals not being able to get to water which is purpose of guzzlers.

Chairman Lent said he does not know how to solve this but if you have antelope kids they need to drink several times a day and can show you a guzzler in Sheldon that has blind every year made out of plywood.

Tom Cassinelli, Humboldt CABMW, said spring sources are also a problem with single spring as just as important to wildlife as water development.

Secretary Mayer said speaking as a sportsmen that he has spent a fair amount of time in a blind and if done right you should not obstruct wildlife away but you can by placement of your blind use it to funnel wildlife which can keep animals away from water.

I Litigation Report – DAG Newton

DAG Newton said he had nothing to add to the report in support material.

Commissioner McBeath asked about the brief on the Salazar action.

DAG Newton said that is correct.

Secretary Mayer said he sent an email to DAG Nguyen to provide him with the complete filing as well as his affidavit which has the biology in it, and will forward that to the Commission. He said she did an outstanding job assembling the brief.

J Department Activities /Leadership Team Notes – Secretary Ken Mayer

Secretary Ken Mayer reported that reports have been back logged and staff will try to be timely in sending reports now that Special Session is over.

Meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

Saturday, March 20, 2010

Call to Order, Introduction and Roll Call of County Advisory Board Members to Manage Wildlife (CABMW) – Chairman Lent called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m.

Roll call of Commissioners present: Chairman Lent, Commissioners Raine, Capurro, Cavin, Howell, McBeath, Mori, and Wallace. Chairman Lent said Commissioner Kobrin has an excused absence.

CABMW Roll Call: Mike Reese, Clark; Paul Dixon, Clark; Glenn Bunch, Mineral; Gil Yanuck, Carson; Chad Bliss, Eureka; Chris Torres, Eureka; Daryl Harwell, Washoe; Tom Cassinelli, Humboldt; Ken Wellington, Elko; and Paul Harris, Clark.

Member Items –

Commissioner Howell said the Commission passed Heritage projects last year that did not get funded and would like to propose at May meeting that we vote on transferring that money into predator management fund for next year, in other words that would be \$112,000 to use for predator projects for next year.

Commissioner McBeath said he would have to look at statute as there are requirements on the Heritage account.

Chairman Lent said he could look into that and if allowed the item could be on the agenda.

Commissioner Mori said something to look into, is if we want to use that money for predator work, and not sure of regulation, but NDOW had submitted options to use that Heritage money and would work if we do not want to have that money revert back to the account.

Chairman Lent said that could be put on an agenda as an option.

Commissioner Raine said he read memorandum on emergency budget actions sent from the Governor's Office to eliminate travel not core to mission and asked how does that affect the Department.

Deputy Director Cates said travel was reduced in conjunction with the memorandum and most of our travel is in-state for field work and law enforcement, and in regard to overtime we are careful with approving overtime, and are in process of putting revisions to overtime policy which will be changed to having the Director approving the overtime/comp time or his delegate.

Secretary Mayer said we have re-evaluated travel across the board and supervisors are to insure that travel that does happen is core to the mission. Budget office is going to implement new overtime process and he will be delegating approval to Division Chiefs and monthly summaries of overtime will be reviewed.

Commissioner Raine asked if this is affecting the Department.

Secretary Mayer said the Department fared well overall as the agency has dedicated funding and have cut back in some places, but of course some programs have been affected such as nuisance wildlife calls in Clark County.

Chairman Lent asked as we are self-funded, do the travel and overtime rules apply.

Secretary Mayer said they do apply to us as does the hiring freeze does, but there is a mechanism to fill positions depending on funding source.

CABMW Member Items –

Paul Dixon, Clark CABMW, said two comments, and relating to his comment yesterday on horses, today two segments on the news this morning relating to wild horses, one was a story on how many died during the round-up. He suggested a horse committee to work with NDOW and the CABMWs and would nominate Commissioner McBeath to chair the committee as he has a lot of passion there. He said it was brought up by Commissioner Raine and that there was a memorandum on travel and overtime and asked that the CABMWs receive the memorandum.

Chairman Lent said he just read in the Clark CABMW minutes and read that the board had an Open Meeting Law (OML) complaint and asked the disposition of the complaint.

Paul Dixon, Clark CABMW, said that was resolved last November, and in the minutes they discussed the Elko CABMW OML complaint.

Daryl Harwell said Washoe CABMW has assigned a member to attend each of the Commission's committees: Rex Flowers, Mule Deer; Glen Copeland, Wildlife Damage Management Committee; Daryl Harwell, Administrative Procedures Regulation Committee; and Rick Smith, Heritage Committee. Mr. Harwell asked the chairs of the committees to provide teleconference facilities so that they can participate.

Chairman Lent said the Department had trouble with the phone system at various offices and he has directed the chairs of the committees to make the arrangements to allow participation.

Tom Cassinelli, Humboldt CABMW, said he would like the Commission to revisit as discussed yesterday, Heritage tags and closures, and would like that on the June agenda. He said there are some areas that should be closed and the Bares is a unit that he does not believe should be closed and to take a harder look at that, and he knows he was a proponent of this when this started and is an overcrowding issue more than an over harvest and need to use the Department's information. He said the attorney at the last meeting said they could not split the season and remembers that it was discussed that in the off season you could adjust the season and that was one of the conditions when we switched to the two-year season. He asked to still look at closures for special tags as there are places that need it and places that don't.

Chairman Lent said that was correct that was an agenda problem and that the Commission had wanted to discuss split seasons.

Paul Harris, Clark CABMW, said yesterday he talked about the SST and got a little off the agenda and he and Commissioner Raine spoke at lunch, and would look for input from the Commission as to when SST implemented, that we are not going to lose the Heritage tags that we already have, as 15 are allowed and traditionally use nine, and with next year having eight as one desert bighorn has been cut. He asked if the intention is when we have a SST next year and is the intent of the Commission to sweep other Heritage tag and use them as SST tags.

Chairman Lent said he cannot comment on what the Commission will do in the future.

Commissioner Raine said he can say from a previous meeting when a whole different Commission voted on the petition for the SST, that his intent is to keep true to intent which had universal support then and today, is that we have nine tags we are using and use some for auction and some for SST. His personal intent is nine tags, this year to have eight, make it nine, and that was well expressed at the last meeting.

Commissioner Capurro said tag situation was sold to Commission and legislature that there are nine tags and did not anticipate increasing the number from nine to 15 and was directly testified to by the proponent and now to come in and say we didn't really mean it, defeats the purpose, and information given on estimates on money to be made from the SST draw was indicated that you could make more money off SST than made off Heritage tags. He said inappropriate to discuss number of tags this year for next year, but background is the Commission was told it would be nine and people concerned with number of special tags being continually added to the system.

Paul Harris, Clark CABMW, said SST is the tag that anyone can draw not just people with money.

Commissioner McBeath said legally the Commission can issue up to 15 tags for special hunts and the make-up of Commission will change and each Commission will have the ability to determine the make-up of the tags that go out, and the Commission can divvy up the tags the best way based on input from CABMWs.

Chairman Lent said if the SST pans out and we make \$250,000 per tag, it will be a money situation, and then go to auction and make \$60,000 instead of \$250,000. He asked would you be opposed to giving the tags to the residents as SST tags.

Paul Harris, Clark CABMW, said Chairman Lent just said money issue and completely agrees, but it totally confused him why the Commission took one desert bighorn sheep tag worth \$100,000 from the state away. He said he is here for wildlife, and that is why we are here today. He said we are talking about a desert tag being taken off the table for reasons unbeknownst to him, and understands why the tag number is at nine but talking about different system now where any hunter can put in for a SST and elk would be a fantastic tag.

Commissioner Mori said his intent in supporting the reduction in Heritage on the desert bighorn sheep was based on adjusting potential overharvesting of trophy rams out of one unit and had nothing to do with consideration of substituting a Heritage tag for a SST and that is where he stood in support of that.

Commissioner Wallace said he would reiterate what Commissioner Mori and Commissioner McBeath said and depending on make-up of Commission there could be 15 tags and personally hopes it never gets to that, wants to see what helps all sportsmen of the state and if we can give opportunity to residents and nonresidents as same opportunity as someone who bought a

Heritage for a ton of money and hopes it works out. He said a lot of people he talked to do not like the giveaway tags and sportsmen may be upset and does not know how to solve the overcrowding and overhunting, and not perfect answer to any of this. He said the reduction was to eliminate congestion and overhunting, and then to hear information it was not as overcrowded as portrayed, bothers him.

Gil Yanuck, Carson CABMW, said he would have to go back and look at transcript of testimony to understand comments about intent and interpretation of someone else's intent. The Supreme Court interpret intent all the time, nevertheless if you have charitable organization that use Heritage tag as fund-raising event and can raise x amount we should not turn that away. He said they talked to biologists to see if one more tag would make a difference or upset herd balance, and we constantly hear the Commissioners talk of Heritage fund as primary source for funding for projects where we don't have federal match or predator projects. He said it is a dichotomy of deciding which side to be on and to turn away \$40,000 or \$50,000 may not be the right decision right now.

Chairman Lent said he stands as the sportsmen representative on giving the tag to sportsmen rather than a special interest group for auction he will vote to give it to a sportsmen rather than a special interest group if we are not raising enough money.

Gil Yanuck, Carson CABMW, said the SST was a great idea as a poor man's Heritage tag and agrees with that, but at same time can't forget the groups who raise money for wildlife, and the Commission needs to not forget what the special interest groups do for the state when there is an emergency such as a helicopter that needs repair and we turn to those organizations when we need money.

Chairman Lent said he has been told by several organizers that they don't need the auction tag for their fundraising events it helps but not the sole draw for their events.

Public Comment Period – None

9 Approval of Minutes – Action

Commission minutes from the Feb. 5 and 6, 2010, meeting.

Commissioner Raine said he had corrections to the February minutes, page 34 where Commissioner Raine said to "suspend the rules to go to items #12 and #13 and continue with item #9" and also motion passed unanimously. Also, on page 37 last motion, the second did agree to the amendment to the motion, and on page 51 agenda item #8 was actually agenda item #7.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AS AMENDED BY COMMISSIONER RAINE. COMMISSIONER RAINE SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 7 – 0. CHAIRMAN LENT DID NOT VOTE.

10 Correspondence – Chairman Lent – Informational

Commissioner Cavin said he has letter from BLM Ely office for an EA on Clover Mountain and Tunnel Springs Wilderness and public comment period is open until April 15, 2010, and wanted that brought to everyone's attention.

Commissioner McBeath said the letter Commissioner Cavin is talking about is one of a series that has come out, and would recommend to CABMWs that they monitor the BLM's website as Ely district has a map of the state and shows all the EAs and other projects.

Chairman Lent said his correspondence is as follows: Email from hunter that the wild horse round-up interfered with his hunt and Mike Dobel responded well; email from a David Cantor of Winnemucca that if you turn 65 having a draw for old guys, as that works well for youth hunt and should work for old guys; email on bonus points from Kent Burroughs regarding maximum bonus points would receive percentage of the big game tags such as 25 percent and maybe something the CABMWs could discuss and bring someone in from Systems Consultants and may put on agenda for discussion; email from Brandon Fordin to Elko County Commission stating member Ken Wellington was not at the March meeting and responded to him to check with the Department secretary as they keep a record; email from Director on Eastman's poll on out of state hunters and satisfaction survey, and just attitude survey and is nothing to brag on and anyone who responded is disgruntled anyway and no data beyond it, and just window dressing and think Nevada has it worse, and poll says not to vote for your own state and not much bearing on what is going on in this state. He said the Elko paper had notice to volunteer to count sage grouse and asked what kind of training do they receive and are they supervised.

Director Mayer said the volunteer coordinator conducts training before they go out on the lek and they get up at 3 a.m.

Chief of Conservation Education Kelly Clark invited and encouraged the Commissioners to participate in a lek training and a count, as is a great and beautiful experience.

Chairman Lent continued with correspondence received: A letter from someone with a ranch in Unionville about disease outbreak in mule deer with feces on their back and he said it was from alfalfa and was told to contact the Department to investigate.

Secretary Mayer said the term is scours and is very common at this time of year and deer in captivity get scours, and depends on what they are eating and will have the Department's vet call him.

Chairman Lent said he received an email from Jim Ornellas about lawsuit Pennsylvania has, United Sportsmen's Group, and suing with injunction to save our public land deer hunts and requesting all antlerless deer hunts on public land be stopped, and suing for mismanagement of deer and making the herd go down and is one of the reasons he formed the Mule Deer Restoration Committee to make sure we don't get sued for mismanaging the deer herd.

DAG Newton said staff asked that he remind the Commission to provide correspondence to the Department for the exhibit file.

11 CGR 380, Application Amendment – Program Officer III Maureen Hullinger

PO III Hullinger said yesterday the Commission discussed CGR 380 in its workshop and that Washoe CABMW recommended a language change for Section 2 (1) (b) and read the changes to clarify the submission, "by submitting a written request to the Department which includes the applicant's client number if this request is received by the Department on the Friday next preceding the draw," and the change was discussed with the contractor.

Daryl Harwell, Washoe CABMW, said they picked a date and understands that discussions came up with a certain date which would be the Friday.

Commissioner Raine said he does like the change proposed by Washoe CABMW with a definite date.

COMMISSIONER RAINE MOVED TO APPROVE CGR 380 LCB FILE NO. R155-09 AS AMENDED AND READ BY STAFF. COMMISSIONER CAPURRO SECONDED THE MOTION. (IN SECTION 2 (1) (B) AS RECEIVED BY DEPARTMENT BY FRIDAY PRECEDING THE DRAW). MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 8 – 0 WITH CHAIRMAN LENT VOTING.

12 CGR 354 – Silver State Tag – Program Officer III Maureen Hullinger – Action

PO III Hullinger said yesterday the regulation was reviewed and she presented questions and answers on sections with language changes, and noted that Lincoln CABMW wanted in Section 1 Subsection 3, page 1, that successful SST applicants be eligible for subsequent draws.

Chairman Lent asked if fee is \$15.

PO III Hullinger said the proposed fee is \$15 and Washoe CABMW had alternative recommendation to increase SST fee to \$25 in addition to \$3 predator, elk and

convenience fees. She pointed out again in Section 3, if adoption of application amendment, that section would be deleted as obsolete.

Gil Yanuck, Carson CABMW, said speaking for himself that he would like to keep fee at \$15 and would be better for everyone to leave at \$15.

Daryl Harwell, Washoe CABMW, speaking for himself, said when we discussed this, the fee started at \$25 and would like to keep it at \$25 without adding on the other fees, but seeing the added on fees would keep it at \$15 as it is close to \$25 with the fees.

Commissioner Cavin said when discussed at CABMW meetings did they realize the fee was approaching \$25 with the other fees or did they think it was \$15.

Daryl Harwell, Washoe CABMW, said they thought it was a flat \$25 and did not add the other fees on and after yesterday's discussion he cannot speak for his board but for him personally, sees with the fees that it is near \$25.

Commissioner Capurro said he was at the Washoe CABMW meeting and discussion that \$25 was to go to Heritage fund and that was discussion he heard, and what your proposing yourself, as CABMW position was unanimously in favor of \$25 for Heritage.

Daryl Harwell, Washoe CABMW, said discussion did not cover the added on fees that would be on top of \$25, they thought it was a flat fee of \$25 which would go to Heritage. He said he cannot speak for the other members.

Commissioner Capurro said the CABMW position was for \$25 for the fee.

Commissioner McBeath said Lincoln CABMW had alternative suggestion and would like to hear how other CABMWs feel about it but they didn't have the suggestion at their meeting.

Mike Reese, Clark CABMW, representing himself said to keep price low and affordable for Nevada hunters.

Tom Cassinelli, Humboldt CABMW, said he is representing himself as they did not vote on the money portion at their meeting. He said as he mentioned yesterday with the PIW that Humboldt CABMW with the PIW proposed \$25 and Commissioner Ford said \$10 and thought it would not make money and turned out to be one of the smartest things the Commission did as it really took off and knows we will pick up more sportsmen if fee is lower and believes that is the Commission agenda to give the most to people of state and nonresidents to get premium tag and long way to showing support to sportsmen of the country.

Chad Bliss, Eureka CABMW, said speaking for himself, his suggestion is to meet in the middle, for the elk tag the total amount out of pocket is \$25 as written with \$15 to

Heritage, \$5 to elk damage, \$2 to application, and \$3 to predator. He said any of the other species would be \$15 to Heritage, \$2 for application, \$3 to predator, and except for elk, move to \$25 and be equal you would gain \$5 for any species but elk, and meet in middle and this is about average hunter. He said we have to worry about what is coming out of their pocket and goal is to incorporate everyone we can and make as much money as we can for the Heritage Account so that we can do great projects across the state, and when things turn around we can change the fees.

Secretary Mayer said what he is suggesting is to take \$25 and what the Department does is subtract mandatory fees and whatever is leftover goes to Heritage Account. From a marketing perspective if you have a \$15 fee and then they go online and incur all the other charges we will be answering a lot of questions and we are prepared to do that but not sure if we can do that technically .

Commissioner Capurro said he likes the idea, especially with what Secretary Mayer said, and is willing to go along with flat fee as \$15 is too low and makes sense to tell them it is a flat \$25 or \$26, and we are not talking about little bit of money, as the difference between \$15 and \$25 is \$150,000, so that is a large amount of money.

Commissioner Cavin said for the record we have to work the number backward and in order to get \$15 to Heritage we have to come up with \$16.50 in the law to the Heritage.

Chairman Lent said he would comment that if someone drew a trophy elk tag last year and they draw this for \$15, that is ridiculous, and who is to say the economy will not change back and if everyone is out of work may be we need to tie the fee to the CPI for the future. He said we have hunters brainwashed and trained to know we have fees, and all we have to do is say \$25 plus fees, as portion direct into Heritage and some to Department, and there will not be a big misunderstanding, just say \$25 plus fees and have different fees for elk. Hunters know as they already pay the fees for applications. He said to advertise as what it is, and to sell a desert bighorn tag for \$15, will not be a problem for hunters or confusing to the hunters.

Commissioner Capurro agreed with Chairman Lent's comments that it is ridiculous to say a trophy sheep is worth \$15 and does not see that much fall-out if the fee is higher with getting these trophy animals, and does not think \$15 plus fees is sufficient for a trophy animal.

Tom Cassinelli, Humboldt CABMW, said we are getting off track as we all know the tag is worth more and remembers PIW discussion and had friends who were dismayed with the \$10 because it diminished their opportunity to draw a tag with more people in the system. The lower you go, the more people will apply, and getting more people into the system is where you will make your money, and if it doesn't, then raise it. The first year is to get people involved and we make tremendous money off the PIW.

Paul Dixon, Clark CABMW, said there are two issues to the regulation and value in there that this does not have to be set permanently as the fees can be changed as they are administrative and would just have to go to the Commission. The price can always be changed, is more important to pass the SST regulation.

Gil Yanuck, Carson CABMW, said when proposal first came up and fee was talked of at \$25, everyone on their board knew that was the total and the premise was to get people involved, and agrees with Chairman Lent that the tags are worth way above the fee, but the special deal was to give everyone the best deal of their life, and please do not mess this up. He said the majority of the people that this bill was designed for was hunters in Nevada for \$25.

Paul Harris, Clark CABMW, said with the PIW they have to pay the sheep tag and isn't this the same, as if you win it, you still have to pay, and missing point that if you do draw the tag you pay for the tag for what it costs. He would be in favor of a \$20 fee to keep it lower.

Commissioner Raine said he is in the \$15 fee range as that seems most reasonable.

Commissioner Capurro said he disagrees with being able to draw two tags in one year as proposed by Lincoln CABMW and is opposed. He likes for example a \$20 fee plus applicable fees and is a negotiated figure.

Commissioner Cavin said he does not necessarily agree with Lincoln CABMW but this could be amended later as a change to go back to the CABMWs to see if consensus; however, he is not in favor at this time and the option was considered in the working group. He said the \$20 gets us to the \$25 ballpark as discussed in legislation and will vary with the elk.

Commissioner Wallace said likes to have sportsmen opportunity and he likes the \$15 to keep it like CABMWs prefer to have it as low as we can get it.

COMMISSIONER CAPURRO MOVED TO ADOPT LCB FILE NO. R196-09 CGR 354 WITH CHANGES PROPOSED BY STAFF BUT WITHOUT LINCOLN COUNTY RECOMMENDATION AND FEE STRUCTURE BE \$20 PLUS FEES. MOTION SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HOWELL. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 8 - 0 WITH CHAIRMAN LENT VOTING.

Commissioner Cavin said that he would like to thank Chad Bliss for bringing this forward, and Mr. Bliss deserves a huge thank you for all the travel, driving and the hours and hours he put in to get this done.

Chief Game Warden Buonamici said the regulation was discussed yesterday with a change to page 7 to delete under (2) crayfish the word "Ambaridae." He said yesterday he omitted mentioning a proposed change to page 9 to add wording for Section 4 (b), delete "health" in front of certificate and add "of veterinary inspection."

Secretary Mayer said this language was not discussed in yesterday's workshop.

Chairman Lent said he has been advised that changes Mr. Buonamici just stated cannot be voted on, as not in regulation that was noticed, or discussed in the workshop. The Department's staff withdrew the changes to page 9.

COMMISSIONER RAINE MOVED TO APPROVE LCB FILE NO. R176-09 CGR 381 WITH THE CHANGES AS PRESENTED IN PRESENTATION AND THE CHANGE READ PREVIOUSLY BY MR. BUONAMICI ON PAGE 7. COMMISSIONER CAVIN SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 8 – 0. CHAIRMAN LENT VOTED.

14 CGR 382, Colorado River Regulation – Jon Sjoberg – Action

Supervising Fisheries Biologist Sjoberg had nothing further to add from yesterday's workshop.

Public Comment – None

COMMISSIONER RAINE MOVED TO APPROVE CGR 382 AS PRESENTED IN SUPPORT MATERIAL. COMMISSIONER CAPURRO SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 8 – 0. CHAIRMAN LENT VOTED.

15 Future Commission Meeting – Secretary Mayer – Action

Secretary Mayer said the next meeting is scheduled for Reno on May 14 and 15, and will be the quota setting meeting, following that meeting will be the Ely meeting on June 25 and 26, 2010, to set and revise upland game and furbearer seasons and limits.

Commissioner Cavin said he may have a conflict on May 15 and will let Chairman Lent know his attendance.

Chairman Lent thanked the CABMWs for participating and he appreciates the CABMWs who come up the first time and make their comments.

Meeting adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

A videotape of the meeting is available for viewing on the NDOW website at ndow.org.

Note: The minutes are a summary of the meeting. At the Department of Wildlife headquarters in Reno is a complete record of the meeting, including recordings; and all the exhibits received/referenced during the meeting. The record is available upon request for review.