

Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners - Legislative Committee Meeting

NDOW Headquarters, Conference Room B, 1100 Valley Road, Reno, NV

Legislative Committee Members:
Commissioner Daryl Capurro (committee chair), Gerald Lent, and Charlie Howell.

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DRAFT Minutes

Thursday, March 24, 2011 / Time: 8:00 am

Present: John Reed (WCAB), Don Mulde, Trish Swain (Trial Safe), Mark Hutchison (Critter Control), Heather Lackey (Carson Creature Catchers), Kim Toulouse (NDOW), Maureen Hullinger (NDOW), Katie Simper (NDOW)

1. Call To Order– Committee Chairman

Meeting called to order by Chairman Capurro at 8:00 a.m.

2. Public Comment Period

No public comment

3. Recommend Positions NDOW Tracked Bills of the 2011 Legislative Session - Action

The Committee will vote in support, neutral, or opposition of relevant legislation that is being tracked by the Department of Wildlife. Those positions will be recommended for the full Wildlife Commission to take at a future meeting.

(Support material is baseline for information, however additions or changes to that tracking list may be made as Session progress).*

Committee Chair Daryl Capurro went over the NDOW Tracking of legislative bills. See attached

Kim Jolly informed the Committee that there are new bills listed that the Committee will be seeing for the first time. Chairman Capurro asked Kim if the old list was what they already addressed. Kim stated yes most of them, and then she went over bills they have not yet heard and stated the Departments position for each.

- AB13, AB19 & AB37 no position
- AB64 new truancy bill: truant 9 or more times penalty to parents such as revoking their hunting privileges. oppose
- AB159 no position
- AB167 support
- AB217 no position
- AB307 no position
- AB322 hear
- AB329 water law terms definition of water consider
- AB342
- AB347 new deer tag allocation first come purpose discuss this
- AB359 AB365, & AB370 no position
- AB378 concerning health issues and law enforcement issue
- AB380, AB386 & AB389 no position
- AB402 tracking, no position
- AB403, AB405, AB413 & AB416 tracking, no position
- AB419 issues
- AB422 reviewing
- AB424 & AB428 tracking no position
- ACR3

- SB40 & SB 56 oppose commission voted
- SB102 amended and passed, Commission voted to support this
- SB108 as Capurro said increasing fees did not take a position on that pg 3
- SB226 heard March 30th will discuss today, have an amendment and public comment.
- SB287 tracking
- SB326 tracking no position
- SB359 & SB361 tracking
- SB362 concerns
- SB375 tracking and concerns
- SB377 tracking no position
- SCR1 passed committee level, 4 Commissioners voted to support, 5 commission voted to not support.

Kim Jolly also instructed Committee members that BDR's still active have chance to be introduced, the deadline is 3/28. Capurro asked Kim, of the BDR's left is there any we should be concerned with. Kim answered, BDR 50-850.

Chairman Capurro told the committee that they would be looking at the new ones today.

AB64 (Truancy bill)

NDOW and Commission concerned about the truancy issue on pg.45, #5 and #6. As a Department we are not commenting on the policy issues, focused only on the parts that pertain to wildlife. No fee for revoking license.

Chairman Capurro suggested that the Committee support amendments and the position taken by the Washoe Co. Public Defenders office.

Public comment:

John Reed Washoe CAB, don't understand how fishing and hunting got into this. Kids that hunt with their parents have less chance of truancy. Very troubling why was hunting and fishing targeted.

Commissioner Howell and Lent also agrees the Committee should support as amended by Public Defender, taking the hunting fishing license out of the bill.

Lent motioned, Howell 2nd the motion.
Passed vote unanimous.

AB322 (Commission / Dream Tag)

Kim Jolly explained how she and Maureen Hullinger (NDOW) interpreted the bill. Did not see it taking away commissions abilities, our understanding is that they still have to go through the season setting process.

Chairman Capurro replied that the dream tag section itself has taken all commissions ability. Additionally, the bill is very unclear and hard to understand; therefore, we should make it understood. It is an upfront issue and whoever does this would have to come up with some costs, upfront expenses without upfront income. This was a raffle and the tags would have to be bought from the department. Capurro repeated that he was unclear how they would go from this department to the new outfit. Not sure provisions provided in this bill accomplish anything. Capurro also wanted to know who set the fees?

Gerald Lent stated that – 501c3 has no money to come up, no reason to buy tags, and he felt it was a badly written bill.

Chairman Capurro stated he was also concerned that programs that have been developed by SCI will not plug in well with this because those programs deal with a lot of other issues such as bonus points etc. that this does not deal with.

Kim Jolly explained to the Committee that they also had questions regarding this bill. Two of these were the fact that anyone could participate in the sale of the tags and that no hunting license is required until the end.

Charlie Howell stated that we already deal with non profits, this bill proposes a new nonprofit, open for fraud and we have no idea what they are auctioning the tag for.

Chairman Capurro commented that the 501c3 organization is still in the mix and that he has never seen a bill with a named single source vendor. The Department would outline the RFP. Additionally, Senate Bill 359 will impact what is done here. Another issue is qualifications of the conservationist member of the commission, which is me and I do qualify. I fail to see reason to make change or propose what is in section 4.

Public Comment: John Reed Washoe CAB, the language ambiguous. Washoe CAB is reluctant to support because this bill takes advisory groups out of the loop.

Don Molde, Reno, personally don't see problem very vague who might qualify, in favor of tightening up the issue regarding the appointment of the Director. The NDOW Director is an unclassified employee at the discretion of the Governor. This would not preclude commission from sending recommendations. Sounds like a good change.

Charlie Howell moved that commission oppose bill as written in its entirety. Gerald Lint seconded the motion, passed unanimous will report as a committee recommendation.

AB329 (Wildlife Water)

Committee in favor, just watching this one.

AB347 (Deer Tags)

Chairman Capurro explained to the Committee that this is a new bill. His concerns are with the mechanics of the bill. Want to avoid a situation that they could end up having unless this bill is defined. Ex. you could have 500 hunters hunting in the same area. Watching this one.

Gerald Lent supported the concept of this. We have lost 67% of our deer tags, this bill attempt to bring in revenue and help bring back our deer herds. He would approve if sage grouse were included in this with the deer adding a sunset provision to add sage grouse for 25 thousand and the rest to be split for habitat development and predation.

Charlie Howell commented that he was in support of this bill, need to bring deer herds back, and we need to be proactive in protecting sage grouse. This bill does that, also this bill provides money for habit concerns. I don't feel the Department would have any problem selling these tags. Supports this bill.

Chairman Capurro likes concept but believes it still needs a lot of work. Committee supports concept of the bill but not the particular language of the bill.

Kim Jolly stated that she sees problems with the first come first serve issue.

Public comment: None

Gerald Lent made the motion to include sage grouse with the deer for use of the money. Sunset in for 4yrs. Charlie Howell second the motion
Approved unanimously.

SB226 – Trapping

Public comment: Trish Swain, Trail Safe, discussed amendment that added pest control industries and informed the committee that they all agreed to this amendment. She also explained to the committee that the amendment also included Clark County. Chairman Capurro asked why Clark County was included since they did not really have congested areas. Ms Swain answered, because Clark County wanted to be included. Additionally, Chairman Capurro asked Ms Swain why

they went through the legislator when this should have been done at commission level and department level. Swain stated that they had tremendous public support, it is a public safety issue and they were not sure if the Wildlife Commission was the right route to take. Swain also stated that they are not trying to stop trapping throughout the state just in the congested areas.

Chairman Capurro stated that the problem he sees is in the language set and that the Committee would not support this bill as long as the Department has concerns.

Kim Jolly, NDOW, stated that they have to oppose this; however, if this bill does move forward the Committee would need to address the necessary exemptions.

Chairman Capurro motions to oppose the bill as written with understanding that the Committee will readdress when the Department has addressed any changes.

Public comment: Mark Hutchison (Critter Control), representing the pest control industry, suggested that they develop some amendments to the rules. He handed out copy of the letter from the pest control parties. Everyone looked at it and everyone agreed.

Gerald Lent motioned to oppose the bill as read until the Department insures them that they support it.

Charlie Howell seconded the motion. Motion passed

SB359

Gerald Lent stated that they should keep an eye on this bill

AB424

This bill raises the level of gifts from 10 thousand to 125 thousand, and grants from 100 to 225 thousand.

Kim Jolly, NDOW, instructed the Committee, when the Department receives a gift or grant they have to do a work program. Trust fund is to speed up that process. This does not help this but it does raise the limit.

Kim Jolly, also told the Committee that AB378 (Carcass bill) will be coming up for hearing and it is important that they keep a watch on it. Capurro commented that this bill had a good concept but could be a health issue. Chairman Capurro stated that the Committee will keep track of this bill and that he thought the Department should follow SB359.

4. Future Committee Meeting – Chairman *

The committee will set a date, list topics, location and time for the next committee meeting.
Next meeting – at the call of chair

5. Adjourn*

Gerald Lent motioned to adjourn
Charlie Howell seconded it.

Meeting adjourned 10:00 AM