



Clark County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife

MEETING MINUTES

Date: June 19, 2012
Location: Pueblo Room, Clark County Government Center
500 Grand Central Parkway
Las Vegas, Nevada 89108

Time: 5:30 pm

Board Members Present: Paul Dixon, Chair Michael J. Reese, Vice Chair
Mike Pergola John Sullivan Brian Patterson

The agenda for this meeting was posted in the following locations;

- Nevada Department of Wildlife, 4747 West Vegas Drive, Las Vegas, Nevada, 89107;
- Clark County Government Center, 500 Grand Central Parkway, Las Vegas, Nevada, 89108;
- City of Henderson, City Hall, 240 Water Street, Henderson, Nevada, 89015;
- Boulder City, City Hall, 401 California Avenue, Boulder City, Nevada, 89005;
- Laughlin Town Manager's Office; 101 Civic Way, Laughlin, Nevada, 89028;
- Moapa Valley Community Center, 320 North Moapa Valley Road, Overton, Nevada, 89040;
- Mesquite City Hall, 10 East Mesquite Boulevard, Mesquite, Nevada, 89027.

Date: June 14, 2012

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1. Call to Order

- The meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm by Chairman Paul Dixon.
- Roll call of Board Members was performed by Stacy Matthews. A quorum was present.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

- Chairman Paul Dixon requested all stand for the Pledge of Allegiance. As no American Flag was available in the room, an image of the Flag was presented electronically.

3. Approval of Minutes of May 8, 2012 CCABMW Meeting - Action

- The Minutes of the Board Meeting held on May 8, 2012 were approved unanimously.

4. Approval of Agenda for June 19, 2012- Action

- A motion was made and seconded to accept the Meeting Agenda as written. Motion passed unanimously.

5. CAB Member Items/Announcements/Correspondence: Clark County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife (CCABMW) members may present emergent items. No action may be taken by the CCABMW. Any item requiring CCABMW action will be scheduled on a future CCABMW agenda.

CCABMW board members may discuss any correspondence sent or received. (CCABMW board members must provide hard copies of their correspondence for the written record).

- Mike Pergola reported on progress of the Lake Mead fish hatchery. He spoke with person in charge of the project who stated he was waiting for go-ahead from NDOW. Mike tried calling that person at NDOW with no success or call back. Chairman Paul Dixon will address this at the Commission Meeting in Elko.
- Chairman Paul Dixon stated he had heard earlier in the day that BLM has rejected the wind farm development plan for the Wilson Creek Wind Company.

6. NDOW Fisheries Division Update on the Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Program – Karen Vargas - (Informational): NDOW will provide an overview of the AIS program at Lake Mead and surrounding waterways in Southern Nevada.

- Chairman Paul Dixon introduced Karen Vargas.
- Karen Vargas, Aquatic Invasive Species Coordinator, Fisheries Division, NDOW, presented, via PowerPoint, an overview of the work being done by NDOW and other agencies, to combat and control aquatic plants and animals designated as invasive species that can have a devastating effect on ecology of Nevada's lakes and rivers. Some of the species she discussed include: Didymo, New Zealand Mud Snail, Curly Leaf Pondweed, Northern Pike, Silver Carp, Bighead Carp, Snakehead, Zebra Mussels, Asian Clams, Eurasian Milfoil, and Quagga Mussels. Of these, the Quagga Mussel infestation of Lake Mead and Lake Mojave is of primary interest in Clark County. In her presentation, she discussed the following:
 - For the Lake Mead National Recreation Area:
 - NW States and others want increased inspections and decontaminations performed on moored watercraft.
 - USFWS has allocated \$1 million for the effort. The funds will be targeted to: establish a Quagga Mussel Coordinator, provide for maintenance of Boat Wash Stations, provide Watercraft Inspection Training for Marinas, increase Outreach and Law Enforcement, and establish a Check in – Check out Database. These funds are also targeted for Navajo Lake in New Mexico and for Lake Powell in Utah.
 - NDOW's AIS Program consists of Education and Outreach with a special focus on Quagga Mussels, an AIS Management Plan, Early Detection Monitoring, Inspection and Decontamination Stations, and Increased AIS Enforcement, including development of Regulations (AB167).
 - The primary message of the NDOW AIS Education and Outreach program is "**CLEAN, DRAIN & DRY - Every Time & Everywhere!**"
 - It provides a uniform message to Public to: Inspect and Remove Debris from watercraft when exiting a contaminated lake or river, Clean with Hot Water Wash, Drain and Remove all Standing Water, Pull the Plug, and Let Dry for 5-7 Days (Depending on Weather Conditions).
 - The fight against Invasive Species is a coordinated effort of multiple agencies state-wide:
 - NDOW is addressing issues at Wildhorse, South Fork, Topaz, Chimney, Eagle Lake, Adam's McGill, Cold Springs, Hay Meadows, Indian Lakes, and Ruby Lake.
 - Bureau of Reclamation is working on Rye Patch, Lahontan, Pyramid, Lake Mead, Boca, Stampede, Donner and Prosser.
 - TRPA is focused on Lake Tahoe
 - NV State Parks is doing Lahontan Substrate Sampling

- Seasonal Inspection & Decontamination Stations have been proposed for Lahontan, Rye Patch and Wildhorse Reservoirs. Lake Tahoe's Inspection & Decontamination Program requires Mandatory Inspections and Stickers. Lake Mead Decontamination Stations are operated by the Marinas.
 - Aquatic Invasive Species Bill (AB 167), passed by the Legislature and signed by the Governor in 2011 provided NDOW with the: Authority for Watercraft Inspection, Authority to Decontaminate a Vessel Leaving an Impaired Body of Water and Entering Another Body of Water in the State. It also established penalties for knowingly introducing AIS into Nevada's Waters, and provides for an Annual AIS "Sticker" Fee for Motorized and Non-Motorized Watercraft.
 - A new Proposed Regulation (R048-12) has been submitted to the Wildlife Commission for their action at the June Commission Meeting. That regulation spells out the "Clean, Dry & Drain" in detail. It proscribes that boaters remove/kill all visible AIS on vessel, inspect, clean, drain & dry vessel and equipment, drain all water when leaving an Impaired Body of Water, High Pressure Hot Water Wash, and Allow vessel to dry completely.
 - An Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention Fee (NRS 488.536 & R049-12) has also been proposed. It would establish an annual AIS Sticker to offset the costs of inspections and enforcement. The proposed fee schedule is:
 - Resident Non-Motorized Watercraft: \$5.00
 - Non-Resident Non-Motorized Watercraft: \$10.00
 - Resident Motorized Watercraft: \$10.00
 - Non-Resident Motorized Watercraft \$20.00
 - If approved, the AIS Sticker will be implemented as an annual sticker as of January 1, 2013. Vessels required to have the Sticker include: motor boats, canoes, sailboats, kayaks, and dinghies. Not Included: Water/Beach Toys (inner tubes, air mattress, and water skies), float tubes, and paddleboards.
7. **Southern Nevada Outdoors Coalition – (Informational)** – Board Member John Sullivan will give status update on this organization.
- Tabled until future meeting due to time constraints.
8. **Fraternity of the Desert Bighorn Sheep presentation - (Informational)** –President Paul Harris will talk about: 1) Desert Bighorn Sheep status in Nevada, 2) What the Fraternity has done since its inception in 1964 to increase the number of big horn sheep in Nevada, and 3) the importance of additional funding to our mission.
- Chairman Paul Dixon Introduced Paul Harris, President, Fraternity of the Desert Bighorn.
 - Paul Harris, presented, via PowerPoint, an informative overview of the history and accomplishments of the Fraternity of the Desert Bighorn. In his presentation, he highlighted that the Fraternity was founded in 1964 as a non-profit, conservation oriented organization of Sportsmen dedicated to improving habitat through construction and maintenance of Water Developments. Thus far, the Fraternity has constructed or assisted in the construction of, and now maintain, 115 Water Development Projects to benefit Desert Bighorn Sheep as well as 60 other species that live in the Southern Nevada Mountains. He noted that the capacity of these projects is over 780,000 gallons of water. Additionally, the Fraternity works directly with NDOW, US Fish and Wildlife and BLM to identify water development sites and to construct the projects. It also assists NDOW in trapping and reintroducing Desert Bighorn into historic habitat or augmenting

existing herds. He showed a list of twelve areas where reintroductions took place and nine areas where augmentations occurred.

- In closing his presentation, Paul pointed out that Nevada is the driest State, and that Clark County is the driest County in Nevada. Paul stated that a Desert Bighorn will require a gallon of water each day that the temperature reaches 100 degrees. He also shared that the cost to construct a new Water Development is approximately \$35,000, and the cost of Annual Inspection and Maintenance Flights of these Water Developments is approximately \$26,000. As a non-profit organization, 100% of the money taken in by the Fraternity goes directly to benefit wildlife in Nevada.

9. Southern Nevada Guzzler Project Status: - (Informational) –Fraternity of the Desert Bighorn President Paul Harris and WHIN President Bill De Juncker.

10. Public Comment: Members of the public who wish to address the Board may speak on matters within the jurisdiction of the Clark County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife. No action may be taken on a matter not listed on the posted agenda. Any item requiring Board action not on this agenda may be scheduled on a future agenda. Public comments on posted agenda items will be allowed at the time the agenda item is considered before the Board takes any action on the item. Comments will be limited to three minutes. **NOTE: Please complete the Public Comment Interest - Card and submit to Chairman Dixon.**

- Chairman Paul Dixon opened the floor for Public Comment. Vice Chair Reese read the submitted Public Comment Interest Cards.
- Tanya Harrah from Mountain Springs had her dog caught in a trap while bike riding. Her dog was attracted to the remains of 4 dead coyote pups. The trap was hidden and had been placed by a den and appeared to be less than 50 yards off the road.
- Steve Brittingham noted that he also had a dog caught in a trap. He was camping in Max Canyon when the dog was caught. Took dog to emergency vet with trap. Vet bill was \$1300. Trap was set too close to public campground.
- Stephanie Myers reiterated that there have been many incidents of dogs being trapped. She had encouraged Tanya Harrah and Steve Brittingham to attend this meeting to tell their stories. She added that her organization is in the process of fine-tuning their input to the Trapping Committee.
- Lorrie Brittingham works for the Forest Service. Has had many calls from public regarding dogs trapped, horses injured, or riders thrown from horses because of traps. She has observed traps set on obvious trails near a wilderness campsite where children can be injured.
- With no more requests from attendees, Chairman Paul Dixon closed Public Comment.

11. Discuss & make recommendations regarding the following Action Items from the Board of Wildlife Commissioners Agenda May 11th and 12th, 2012 and items brought forth by the Clark CCABMW and public for discussion. CCABMW agenda & support materials are available upon request to Stacy Matthews (702) 455-2705 or smatthews@ClarkCountyNV.gov

- A. Nomination of candidates for Wildlife Commission– (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)** - Per NRS 501.171 the Clark CABMW should send the governor a short list of potential candidates that he should consider when filling the two wildlife commission positions that are up for appointment from Clark County this summer (Sportsman and General Public). All members of the public that wish to be considered for recommendation will be given the opportunity to speak to the Clark County Advisory Board at the meeting. **(FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)**

NRS 501.171 Appointment and qualifications of members; officers.

- *A county advisory board to manage wildlife shall submit written nominations for appointments to the Commission upon the request of the Governor and may submit nominations at any other time.*

- *After consideration of the written nominations submitted by a county advisory board to manage wildlife and any additional candidates for appointment to the Commission, the Governor shall appoint to the Commission:*
 - *One member who represents the interests of the general public; and*
 - *Five members who during at least 3 of the 4 years immediately preceding their appointment held a resident license to fish or hunt, or both, in Nevada.*
- Chairman Paul Dixon noted that as the terms of Commissioners Shrum and Howell will end this summer, the CCABMW would like to submit recommendations of nominees. He asked for anyone interested in being considered to raise their hand.
- Robert Gaudet, President, Nevada Wildlife Federation, stated that he has been a resident of Nevada for 43 years, has been an angler and instructor for NDOW for over 20 years, and has been a hunter education instructor for 10 years. Seeking appointment as either Sportsman or General Public.
- Rachel Andersen stated that she was born in Idaho and had been raised to hunt and fish, always conservation minded. She was President of the Fly Fishing Club in college where she also served as a guide and instructor. She was named Recreation Woman of the Year in college along with other accolades. Seeking appointment as either Sportsman or General Public.
- Kensen Lee, served on the CCABMW from 1997 thru 2003, during which he served on two Commission Committees on the Youth Hunt and Applications. He is also a volunteer Hunter Education Instructor. Seeking appointment as either Sportsman or General Public.
- Ryan Werner, Secretary of WHIN, added an endorsement for Rachel Andersen and for Chairman Paul Dixon.
- Chairman Paul Dixon noted that he had submitted his name for appointment to the Commission in response to requests from others at the State level. He has enjoyed his tenure as Chairman of the CCABMW and would be happy to continue that, but feels he could make a difference as a member of the Commission.
- Commission Chairman McBeath noted that Ron Lurie has been nominated, as has former Sheriff Bill Young. Both are seeking appointment as either Sportsman or General Public. John Hyatt, a strong conservationist, has been nominated for the General Public position. He further stated that he has heard that the Governor is likely to appoint a non-sportsman to the General Public position.
- Chairman Paul Dixon noted that Diane Orgill, former head of the Animal Foundation, has also placed her name in nomination for the General Public position.
- Brian Patterson asked for clarification on what the CCABMW has been requested to submit given that eight names have been offered.
- Chairman Paul Dixon answered that all eight names should be submitted as people interested in serving, and that the Board should offer recommendations on a select few.
- After general discussion and recommendations on the number of candidates' names to be submitted, inclusion of women, etc., Chairman Paul Dixon asked the Board to discuss.
- John Sullivan recommended the list consist of the five people who are in attendance.
- Vice-Chairman Reese stated that he feels that Clark County would be well represented by any of the five in attendance. He recommended submitting three names for Sportsman and two for General Public.

- A motion was made to submit Kensen Lee, Paul Dixon, and Robert Gaudet for the Sportsman category, and Rachel Andersen and Ron Lurie for the General Public category. Motion passed 4-0 (Chairman Paul Dixon recused himself from the vote)
- B. FY 2013 County Advisory Board Budget Requests – (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION) -** A review, discussion and recommendation to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners to approve the Clark CABMW budget request for FY13.
- Chairman Paul Dixon explained the reason for this agenda item: to indicate that the Budget for the CCABMW was submitted and it included funding request for the administrative and secretarial support provided by Clark County Air Quality in the person of Stacy Matthews. No action to be taken at this meeting.
- C. Duck Stamp Request– (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION) -** A review, discussion and possible recommendation to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners to approve, deny or otherwise modify the projects submitted for funding from duck stamp funds.
- Chairman Paul Dixon introduced this topic. In doing so, he summarized many of the proposed projects requesting funds from the Duck Stamp Account.
 - Brian Patterson noted that about a third of the budget was going to the Fallon Wood Duck Project.
 - Chairman Paul Dixon responded that there are Federal funds covering about 2/3 of the overall project costs.
 - Commission Chairman McBeath went into more detail on the project objectives, etc.
 - Motion was made and seconded to approve the proposed projects as written. Motion passed unanimously.
- D. Upland Game Stamp Request – (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION) -** A review, discussion and possible recommendation to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners to approve, deny or otherwise modify the projects submitted for funding from Upland Game stamp funds.
- Chairman Paul Dixon introduced this topic. In doing so, he summarized many of the proposed projects requesting funds from the Upland Game Bird Stamp Account.
 - Paul Harris asked what percentage of the project requests were for Sage Grouse. Chairman Paul Dixon answered about 30%.
 - Motion was made and seconded to approve the proposed projects as written. Motion passed unanimously.
- E. Commission Regulation 12 - 06 Seasons, Bag Limits and Special Regulations for Upland Game Birds, Rabbits, Wild Turkey, Furbearers, American Crow, Mourning and White-Winged Dove, and Falconry Seasons for Upland Game Birds and Rabbits for the 2012 and 2013 and 2013 and 2014 Seasons – (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION) -** A review, discussion and possible recommendation to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners to approve, deny or otherwise modify regulations for seasons, bag limits, and special regulations for upland game birds, rabbits, wild turkey, furbearers, American crow, mourning and white-winged dove, and falconry seasons for upland game birds and rabbits for the 2012 and 2013 and 2013 and 2014 seasons.
- Chairman Paul Dixon asked Kensen Lee to discuss the recommendation he sent out regarding season dates for the spring turkey hunt at Overton.
 - Kensen Lee discussed his experiences during the last few seasons and the numbers of mature and immature toms he observed at various times. His recommendation is to

increase the number of tags per hunt from 3 to 4 and reserve the fourth tag on the last hunt of the season for a non-resident. He also is requesting that the season for the Heritage Turkey Tags open the Saturday preceding the opening of the first Turkey season.

- Mike Reese asked if opening dates for chucker, similar to the September 1st date for Dove, could be fixed to a date rather than day of the month (e.g., last Saturday in September).
- Karen Layne asked if the Bobcat, Kit and Red Fox season dates were the same as last year.
- Bobcat season will be the same as last year. Kit and Red Fox seasons start a month earlier than they did last year.
- Tracy Truman added that the Bobcat and Grey Fox live in the same general area, different from that of the Red Fox or the Kit Fox. Thus, the season for the Grey Fox must be the same as that of the Bobcat, and the Red and Kit Fox seasons can be different from the Bobcat.
- Tracy Truman offered his recommendation that the Board recommend approval of the proposed season dates for furbearers, especially Bobcats, citing statistics on the kitten to adult female ratios over the past several years, and the trends in the population estimates.
- Ryan Werner, Secretary, WHIN, added his recommendation to adopt the proposals from NDOW. He further requested additional sealing dates particularly for mountain lion.
- Motion was made and seconded to approve the proposed season dates and quotas as written with the exception of Turkey in Moapa Valley, where the recommendation is for 1 non-resident and 3 resident tags season 1, and 4 resident tags each for seasons 2 and 3, and make the season dates for California Gambel's and Mountain Quail and Chukar to be October 15 through February 1. Motion passed unanimously.

F. Commission General Regulation 408, Aquatic Invasive Species Decontamination Regulations, LCB File No. R048-12 – (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION) - A review, discussion and possible recommendation to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners to approve, deny or otherwise modify a regulation relating to aquatic species; providing requirements for decontamination of certain vessels and conveyances; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

- Motion was made and seconded to table this item and take no action at this time. Motion passed unanimously.

G. Commission General Regulation 409, Aquatic Invasive Species Fees Relating to Vessels, LCB File No. R049 – 12 – (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION) - A review, discussion and possible recommendation to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners to approve, deny or otherwise modify a regulation relating to aquatic species; establishing the amount of the aquatic invasive species fee required for certain vessels; specifying the manner in which an aquatic invasive species decal must be displayed on certain inflatable vessels; setting forth the required lettering, size and color of each aquatic invasive species decal; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

- Motion was made and seconded to accept the fees proposed by NDOW. Motion passed unanimously.

H. Commission Regulation 12 - 03, 2013 Wildlife Heritage Amendment #1, Wildlife Heritage, Silver State, Partnership in Wildlife and Heritage Tag Vendors – (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION) - A review, discussion and possible recommendation to the Nevada

Board of Wildlife Commissioners to approve, deny or otherwise modify vendor recommendations to the Commission for the 2013 tags.

- Chairman Paul Dixon reminded everyone of Kensen Lee's recommendations for Turkey Heritage Tags: one for WHIN and one for Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation. He also reviewed the list of Heritage Committee Recommendations for all Heritage Tags.
- Bill Halvorsen recommended that the Turkey Heritage tag not go to the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, but instead go to an organization that spends all their moneys in the State of Nevada.
- Paul Harris clarified that 100% of the moneys from the sale of the Heritage Tags comes to the State of Nevada, not to the organization facilitating the sale.
- Bill DeJunker, WHIN, agreed with Bill Halvorsen and stated that WHIN would be happy to have two Turkey tags to offer for sale.
- Ryan Werner, Secretary, WHIN, noted that WHIN had a turkey tag in 2009, but their Banquet was in June. They have now moved their Banquet to March in hopes of having another Turkey tag.
- Vice-Chairman Reese attended this year's Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation Banquet. He agrees that WHIN would be a better choice for the Turkey tag than Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation.
- Commission Chairman McBeath asked if WHIN had applied as a vendor for the Heritage Committee. If not, Chairman Paul Dixon will hand-carry paperwork to Heritage Committee meeting on Thursday.
- Kensen Lee reiterated his recommendation that the wording on the Heritage Turkey Tags be amended to state that the tag is valid from the Saturday preceding the opening date of the season.
- Motion was made and seconded to accept the 2013 Wildlife Heritage CR 12-03 recommendations as written with the exception that the wording for the Wild Turkey tags be the same as the other Heritage tags: valid from the Saturday preceding the start of the general season, and that the two unallocated 2013 Wild Turkey tags be given to WHIN. Motion Passed unanimously.

I. Heritage Project Recommendations- (*FOR POSSIBLE ACTION*) - A review of heritage proposals, discussion and possible recommendation to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners and the Heritage Committee of our ranking of these proposals.

- Chairman Paul Dixon introduced this topic.
- Paul Harris, President, Fraternity of the Desert Bighorn, voiced his frustration with the apparent inequality between Heritage spending for projects in Northern Nevada versus Southern Nevada. In particular, he argued a case for 100% funding from Heritage Funds for Inspection Flights in Southern Nevada given that NDOW uses their own helicopter for inspection flights in the North.
- Motion was made and seconded to recommend adjustment of the funding of the proposed Heritage projects so that projects 13-16 thru 13-19 are fully funded at 100% and that project 13-15 are funded at the full \$22,336 since Fraternity of the Desert Bighorn is funding the remaining costs.
- Motion passed unanimously.

J. Recommendations for Changes to the Big Game Post-hunt Questionnaires. PART 1:- (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION) – Vice-Chairman Mike Reese will lead a discussion to determine if additional information should be collected on the “Big Game Post-hunt Questionnaires” This is the first of several discussions that will be had by the Clark CABMW and it will focus on deer harvest information.

- This item will be added to the agenda for the next CCABMW Meeting.

12. Authorize the Chairman to prepare and submit any recommendations from today’s meeting to the Commission for its consideration at its June 22nd and 23rd 2012 meeting in Elko. (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)

- A motion was made and seconded to authorize the Chairman to prepare and submit recommendations from this meeting to the Commission. Motion passed unanimously.

13. Nevada Trappers Annual Board Meeting Summary – John Sullivan (Informational)

- Due to lack of time, this item was not presented.

14. Wildlife Trapping Committee Meetings in Las Vegas Summary – Ron Lurie (Informational)

- Due to lack of time, this item was not presented.

15. The next Clark County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife meeting is scheduled for August 7th, 2012 in Overton, Nevada to support the scheduled Wildlife Commission meeting on August 10th and 11th in Winnemucca, Nevada.

16. Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at 8:59 pm.