



# Clark County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife

## MEETING MINUTES

Date: August 7, 2012  
Location: Overton Community Center  
320 North Moapa Valley Blvd.  
Overton, NV 89040

Time: 5:30 pm

Board Members Present: Paul Dixon, Chair      Michael J. Reese, Vice Chair  
Mike Pergola      Jacky Holt      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: August 1, 2012

### 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 Chairman Paul Dixon. A quorum was present.

### 2. Pledge of Allegiance

- Chairman Paul Dixon requested all stand and Brian Patterson led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

### 3. Approval of Minutes of June 19, 2012CCABMW Meeting - Action

- The Minutes of the Board Meeting held on June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2012 were approved unanimously.

### 4. Approval of Agenda for August 7, 2012– Action

- A motion was made and seconded to accept the Meeting Agenda as written with the addition of a brief intermission at 7:30 pm, and with the provision that item 13 D be discussed at this meeting, tabled, and revisited at the September meeting in Las Vegas. 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).

- Vice-Chair Reese announced that construction has started at the Clark County Shooting Park for a 500 Yard range, and for the Sporting Clay Course. Completion expected early September and November 1, respectively.
- Vice-Chair Reese also announced the Las Vegas Woods and Waters Club will have an Evening with Tony Wasley at Arizona Charlie's, Thursday, August 9, 6:00-9:00pm.

**6. Public concern of chemical poisoning in Lake Havasu and Colorado River system for mussels. Status and impacts to fisheries in that system. (Informational):** Jon Sjoberg Southern Nevada NDOW Fisheries Staff Biologist will brief the public on the fact and urban legend parts of this issue.

- Chairman Paul Dixon introduced this topic. Jacky Holt added context based on a discussion with a fisherman in Laughlin.
- Jon Sjoberg, NDOW Fisheries Staff Biologist, discussed events in Lake Mojave and the Colorado River waters down to Lake Havasu.
  - A major carp die-off in May-June 2009.
  - A change in the life cycle of Strippers in Lake Mojave that started about the same time as the appearance of quagga mussels.
  - The low presence of larval shad in Lake Mead.
  - A program being run by the US Bureau of Reclamation to reduce or eliminate quagga mussels from the power turbines in Hoover Dam. This involves injecting a very dilute bacterial compound specific to the mussels into the turbines and turbine inlets.

**7. NDOW 2012/13 waterfowl status report (Informational):** Russell Woolstenhulme NDOW Migratory Game Bird/ Furbearer Staff Biologist. A status of the waterfowl numbers and issues in Nevada will be discussed.

- Chairman Paul Dixon introduced this topic and Russell Woolstenhulme.
- Russell Woolstenhulme, NDOW Biologist, presented an overview of the current status of waterfowl populations and flyway resources.
  - Mallard populations are above flyway objectives.
  - Pintail populations are slightly below, however there are discussions in progress to raise the daily bag limit from 2 to 3.
  - Red Head populations are significantly higher than the objective.
  - Other species are also doing well.
  - Water availability can be a limiting factor. Water in NW Nevada is good.
- Russell asked Tim Wood , NDOW, to discuss the water status in the south, particularly the Overton area.
- Tim Wood stated that the water in the Overton Wildlife Management Area is dependent on the weather and local rivers. The waterfowl harvest last year was quite good. He is hoping for another good year.
- Russell also highlighted the Federal and State funds collected from sale of Duck Stamps and the organizations that work to improve wetlands for waterfowl.

- 8. OHV registration (*Informational*):** Chairman Dixon will provide an update on the implementation of the new OHV registration program being implemented. See web site [www.nvohv.com](http://www.nvohv.com).
- Chairman Paul Dixon read through a list of questions from members of the Public regarding Off Highway Vehicles and new or changing regulations.
  - As of July 1, 2012, all OHVs will need to be registered and have a Nevada OHV sticker (\$20 fee or \$100 fine). There is a grace period for registration of OHVs purchased before July 1, 2012 that ends July 1, 2013. Any OHV purchased after July 1, 2012, must be registered within 30 days.
  - The website, [www.nvohv.com](http://www.nvohv.com), is under construction, so not all information is available there yet.
- 9. Falconry Status Update (*Informational*):** Chairman Dixon will provide an update on the pending falconry regulations.
- Chairman Paul Dixon read a brief write-up from Laura Richards, NDOW Wildlife Diversity Division Chief.
    - NDOW will be presenting plans for aligning Nevada Falconry regulations with revised Federal regulations at the next Wildlife Commission meeting.
    - Nevada will have until 2014 to have revised regulations approved by the US Fish and Wildlife Service.
    - The proposed revised Nevada regulations will be submitted to the Commission at an upcoming meeting. Approved regulations will be submitted to the Legislative Council. The revised regulations are to be submitted to the US F&S in early 2013.
- 10. Southern Wildlife Disease Update (*Informational*):** Chairman Dixon will provide an update on wildlife disease in Nevada.
- Chairman Paul Dixon read a summary from Perry Wolf, NDOW Veterinarian, regarding:
    - A parasite infecting Mule Deer making them lose hair.
    - A bacterial pneumonia infection of Rocky Mountain Bighorn Sheep. The bacteria is carried by domestic sheep but are not affected by it. When infected, Rocky Mountain Bighorn Sheep get pneumonia and a large percentage die.
    - Perry is looking for people to collect lung and liver samples of harvested Bighorn Sheep to help build a database of genetic samples.
- 11. Wild Horse Update (*Informational*):** Brad Hardenbrook (NDOW) will provide an update on the status of wild horse issues pending in Nevada.
- Chairman Paul Dixon introduced Brad Hardenbrook.
  - Brad discussed the latest actions being taken by BLM and other agencies for management of the wild horse herds in Nevada.
  - The horse herds in every horse management area are over the AML (Appropriate Management Levels). Horses in Red Rock are twice the AML. Burros in Red Rock are three times the AML. In some areas, the herds are as much as six times the AML.
  - Brad highlighted some programs to help reduce the herd sizes and concentrations, such as leasing pastures, etc. He also discussed projects to restore springs damaged by horses and livestock, and new horse guzzlers where springs have been fenced off.
  - In response to questions, Brad described the process for surveying herd populations.

**12. Wildfire Update (*Informational*):** Brad Hardenbrook (NDOW) will provide an update on wildfires that have occurred in Nevada this fire season, the primary wildlife species affected by those fires and what rehabilitation efforts are being or will be implemented in the burned areas.

- Brad gave a summary of wildfires. It has been a light year so far. Only about 100,000 acres have burned in Nevada.
- Currently there is a large fire in Humboldt County affecting Sage Grouse habitat and in two days had burned about 54,000 acres.

**13. Discuss & make recommendations regarding the following Action Items from the Board of Wildlife Commissioners Agenda August 10th and 11th, 2012 and items brought forth by the Clark CCABMW and public for discussion. Public comment will be taken on all “action” items.** CCABMW agenda & support materials are available upon request to Stacy Matthews (702) 455-2705 or [smatthews@ClarkCountyNV.gov](mailto:smatthews@ClarkCountyNV.gov).

The final Commission agenda & support materials are available at <http://www.ndow.org/learn/com/mtg/index.shtm>

**A. Commission Regulation 07 – 07, Amendment #10, Overton-Key Pittman Hunter Reservation System – Tim Woods (NDOW) will discuss amendment details (*FOR POSSIBLE ACTION*)** – A review, discussion and possible recommendation to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners to approve, deny or otherwise modify an amendment to a portion of Commission Regulation 07- 07 to address issues of concern related to the current method of awarding duck hunt reservations at the Overton Wildlife Management Area and Key-Pittman Wildlife Management Area.

- Chairman Paul Dixon noted that this item and #13-B has been combined on the revised Commission Agenda, so the Board will vote on recommendations for both items a one time.
- Chairman Paul Dixon opened discussion of the current hunter reservation system used for Dove season and its applicability to duck season.
- Various arguments were raised:
  - Lack of licensure, no fees.
  - Dove applications are one per hunter; duck blinds are for up to four hunters.
  - Large numbers of out-of-state hunters, animal rights activists, etc.
- After discussion, a motion was made and seconded to utilize the existing Dove draw system for Ducks with the additional restrictions that each person, or valid representative, shall have a current license, duck stamp and HIP number at the time of the draw, otherwise they are not allowed to draw. Motion passed unanimously.

**B. Commission Regulation 12 – 07 – Migratory Waterfowl (*FOR POSSIBLE ACTION*)** – A review, discussion and possible recommendation to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners to approve, deny or otherwise modify regulations for the management of migratory waterfowl. These recommendations comply with the proposed regulations framework for 2012-13 late and early hunting seasons on certain migratory game birds established by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. The Commission may also adopt changes to public hunting limited on Wildlife Management Areas and designated state lands.

- Russell Woolstenhulme provided some corrections to the materials documenting the proposed dates and bag limits.

- There were requests from the attendees to set the start of both goose and duck seasons to be the same throughout Clark County.
- There was extensive discussion regarding non-hunters in hunt areas during waterfowl and turkey seasons.
- Tim Wood, NDOW, agreed that non-hunters can be a problem in the Overton WMA. He had even seen county employees' by-passing barricades going into hunting areas.
- Heather Luis, Las Vegas Hunter Retriever Club President, noted that her Club is very respectful of the hunting schedules established for the Overton WMA.
- There was more discussion regarding dedicated areas for dog training vs. hunting areas and multi-use areas.
- John Sullivan noted for the attendees that the type of discussion held at this meeting is the precise reason the Board was created: to allow the interested members of the Public to voice their concerns and opinions in a forum that will help influence future directions of wildlife management and resources.
- Chairman Paul Dixon offered to moderate a meeting of interested parties before duck season to resolve issues between hunters and dog trainers, etc.
- There was discussion about start dates for goose and duck seasons.
- Motion was made and seconded to set the youth hunt date for the Southern Zone including the Moapa Valley portion of the Overton WMA for one day October 20, 2012, and set the duck and goose hunts to open November 3, 2012 for the Southern Zone and the Moapa Valley portion of the Overton WMA. Motion passed unanimously.
- A second motion was made and seconded to set the opening date for all other waterfowl species to also be November 3, 2012 for the Southern Zone and the Moapa Valley portion of the Overton WMA. Motion passed unanimously.

**C. 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.

- A motion was made and seconded to table this item until the next meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

**D. Trout stocking in Lake Mead. (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)** Clark CABMW member Mike Pergola will lead a discussion and develop recommendations to get the Lake Mead Hatchery reopened and trout stocking reestablished in Lake Mead. These recommendations will be sent to the Nevada Wildlife Commission and NDOW.

- Chairman Paul Dixon opened the floor for public comment on this topic.
- Comments included:
  - The hatchery needs to be opened, there are no trout and it has hurt the economy.
  - The hatchery has not been used in the past four years because the water temperature from the current intake is fifteen degrees warmer than is needed to raise trout efficiently, and if trout were able to be raised there, they could only be released in Lake Mead because of the quagga mussel infestation.

- Mike Pergola, having done considerable research, voiced his opinion that with a concentrated effort the hatchery has the potential of generating more money for the State of Nevada than all of hunting. He proposed that this item be added to the next CCABMW meeting agenda so ample time can be spent addressing this issue.
- Chairman Paul Dixon stated that this item will be on the next meeting agenda.
- A motion was made and seconded to table this item until the next meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

**14. 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.**

**15. Authorize the Chairman to prepare and submit any recommendations from today's meeting to the Commission for its consideration at its August 10th and 11th in Winnemucca. (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.

**16. The next Clark County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife meeting is scheduled for September 18th, 2012 in Las Vegas, Nevada to support the scheduled Wildlife Commission meeting on September 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2012 in Las Vegas, Nevada.**

**17. Adjournment**

- Meeting adjourned at 9:23 pm.