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MEMORANDUM

June 1, 2020

To: Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners, County Advisory Boards to Manage Wildlife, and Interested Publics

From: Russell Woolstenhulme, Staff Specialist, Game Division

Title: **Review and Consideration of Possible Changes to Waterfowl Hunt Zones for 2021 - 2025 – Wildlife Staff Specialist Russell Woolstenhulme – For Possible Action**

Description: The Commission will consider recommendations and may choose to provide direction to the Department on possible changes to waterfowl hunting zones. The Pacific Flyway entertains changes to waterfowl hunting zones every five years, and potential changes must be noticed by July 1, 2020 to receive consideration. Any changes accepted by the Pacific Flyway will not take effect until the 2021 waterfowl seasons and would remain in effect until 2025.

Presenter: Wildlife Staff Specialist Russell Woolstenhulme

Summary:

A zone is a geographic area or portion of a State, with a contiguous boundary, for which independent dates may be selected for the regular duck season. A split is a designated break within a waterfowl season that breaks that season into two or more segments.

Waterfowl zone and split designations are regulated through federal waterfowl frameworks, and the Department can only recommend changes to those frameworks once every 5 years. The zones and splits are designed to distribute hunting opportunities and harvests according to temporal, geographic, and demographic variability in waterfowl and other migratory game bird populations. Once a zone and split option is selected during an open season, it must remain in place for the following 5 years.

Waterfowl Zone Recommendations

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Zone and associated split configurations are as follows:

- 1 zone, season can be split into 2 or 3 segments.
- 2 zones, Season can be split into 2 segments.
- 3 zones, Season can be split into 2 segments.
- 4 zones, no split allowed.

Timeframe:

The deadline for states to submit any proposed changes is July 1, 2020. A state's zone and split choices at that time would be effective from 2021 through 2025 and cannot be changed again for that time period.

Current Zones:

- Northeast Zone: Elko and White Pine Counties.
- Northwest Zone: Carson City, Churchill, Douglas, Esmeralda, Eureka, Humboldt, Lander, Lyon, Mineral, Nye, Pershing, Storey and Washoe Counties.
- South Zone: Lincoln and Clark Counties.

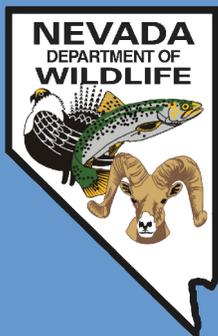
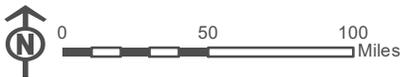
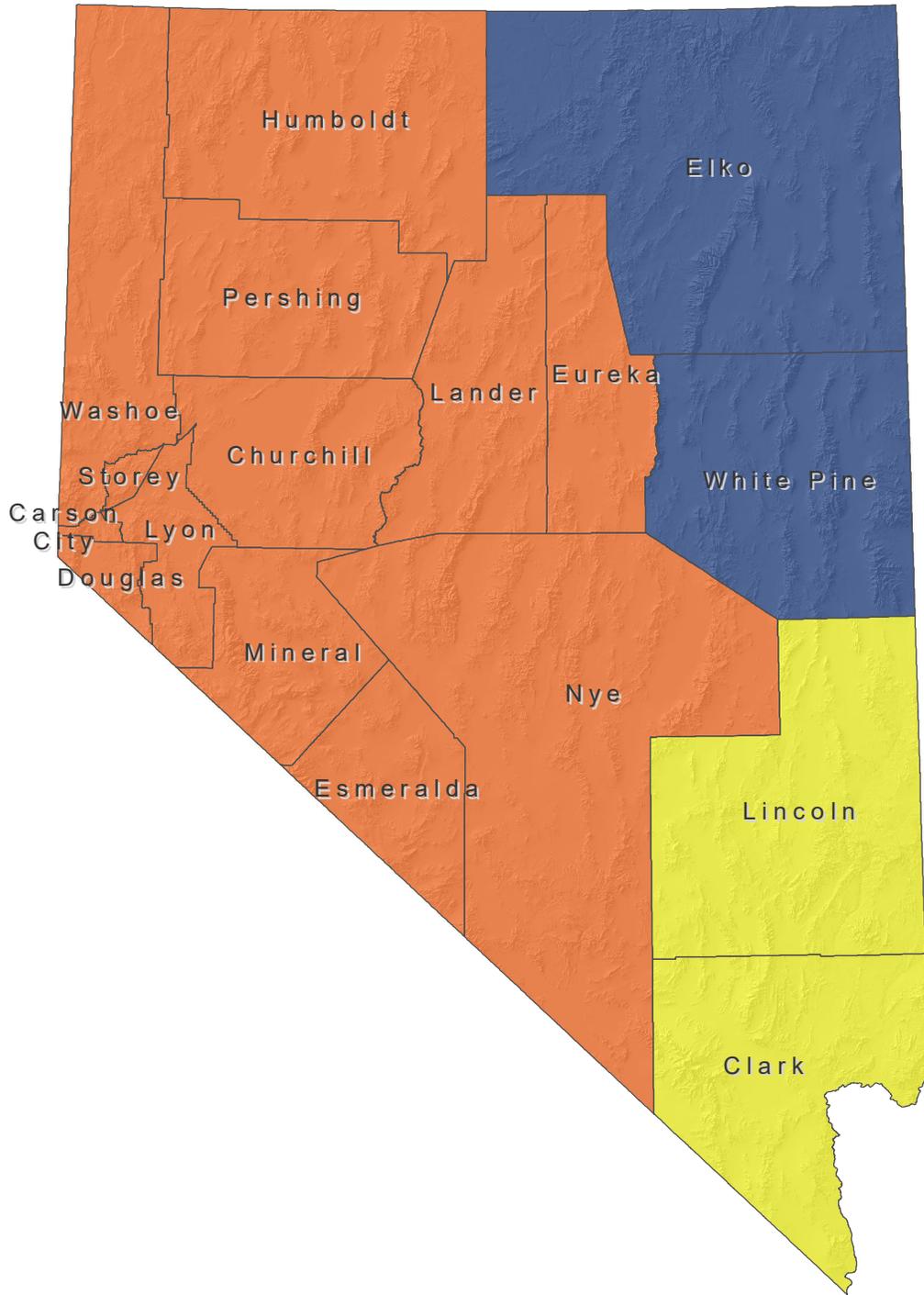
Proposed Zones:

- Northeast Zone: Elko, Eureka, Lander and White Pine Counties.
- Northwest Zone: Carson City, Churchill, Douglas, Humboldt, Lyon, Mineral, Pershing, Storey and Washoe Counties.
- South Zone: Clark, Esmeralda, Lincoln and Nye Counties.

Recommendation:

The Department recommends that the Commission **VOTE TO APPROVE WATERFOWL HUNT ZONE CHANGES AS PRESENTED FOR THE 2021 – 2025 WATERFOWL SEASONS AND DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT TO MOVE FORWARD WITH NECESSARY ACTIONS TO REQUEST ZONE CHANGES AS REQUIRED WITHIN FEDERAL FRAMEWORKS.**

Nevada Current Waterfowl Hunt Zones

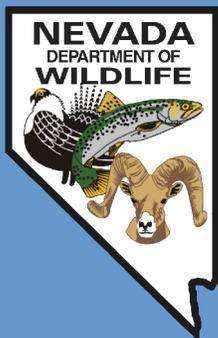
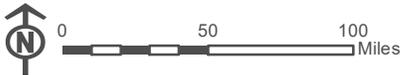
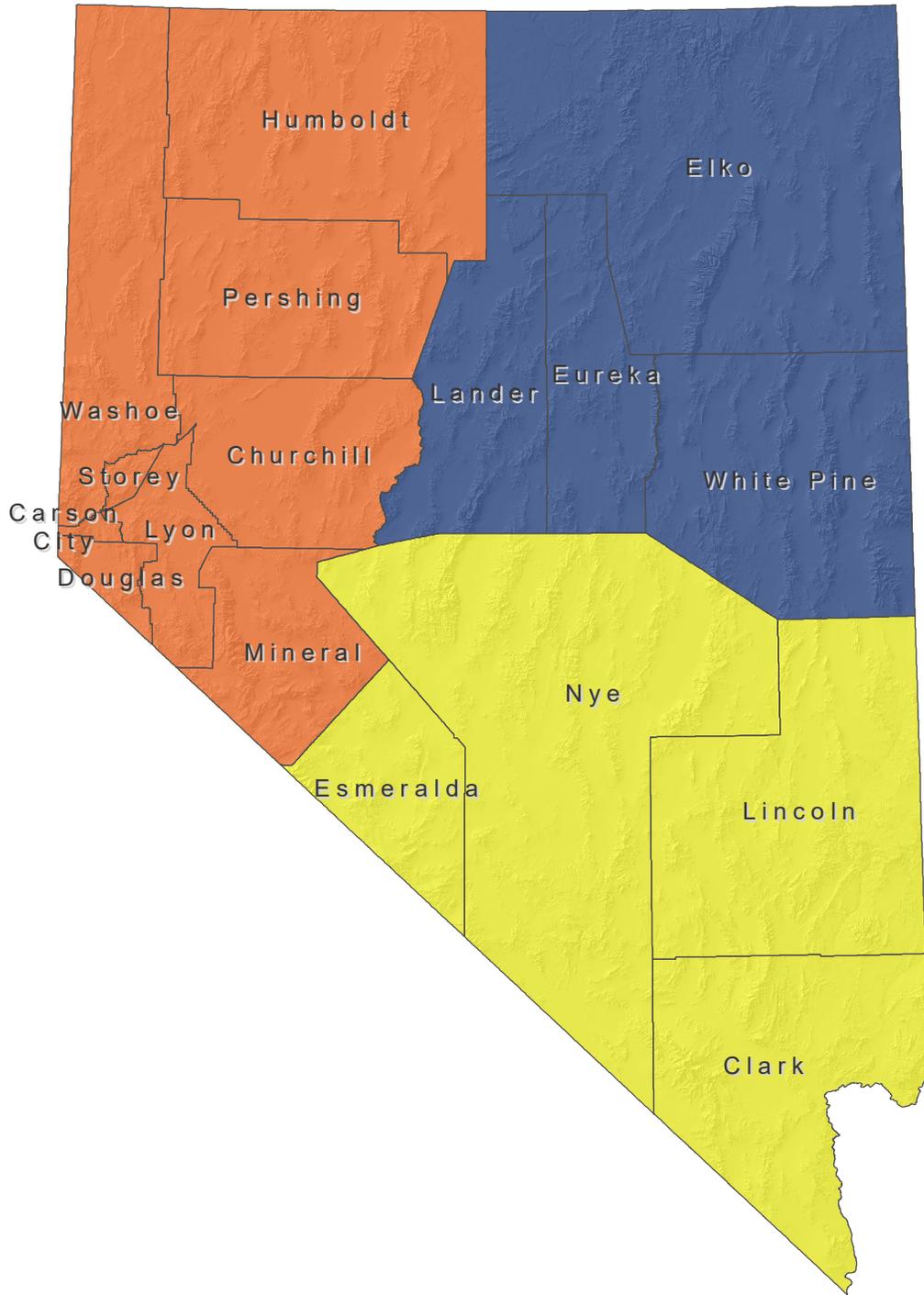


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Projection: UTM Zone 11 North, NAD83

Nevada Proposed Waterfowl Hunt Zones



Proposed

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