

**Approved Minutes (Approved 2/6/15/)**

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Public comment will be taken on every action item after discussion but before action on each item, and is limited to three minutes per person. The chairman, in his discretion, may allow persons representing groups to speak for six minutes. Persons may not allocate unused time to other speakers. Persons are invited to submit written comments on items or attend and make comment during the meeting and are asked to complete a speaker card and present it to the Recording Secretary. To ensure the public has notice of all matters the Commission will consider, Commissioners may choose not to respond to public comments in order to avoid the appearance of deliberation on topics not listed for action on the agenda.

Forum restrictions and orderly business: The viewpoint of a speaker will not be restricted, but reasonable restrictions may be imposed upon the time, place and manner of speech.

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NOTE: Public comment allowed on each action item and regulation workshop items and at the end of the meeting.

Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners present for two day meeting:

Chairman Jeremy Drew	Vice Chairman Grant Wallace	Commissioner Chad Bliss
Commissioner Brad Johnston	Commissioner Karen Layne	Commissioner David McNinch
Commissioner Pete Mori	Commissioner Paul E. Valentine	Commissioner Bill Young

Secretary Tony Wasley	Deputy Attorney General Harry Ward
Recording Secretary Suzanne Scourby	

Nevada Department of Wildlife personnel in attendance during the two days:

Deputy Director Jack Robb	Chief of Operations Bob Haughian
Wildlife Staff Specialist Ken Gray	Conservation Education Division Administrator Teresa Moiola
Division Administrator Habitat Alan Jenne	Game Warden Captain David Pfiffner
Administrative Assistant 4 Kathleen Teligades	Game Division Administrator Brian Wakeling
Chief Game Warden Tyler Turnipseed	Conservation Educator 3 Tim Thomas
Administrative Assistant 3 Joanne Trendler	Natalie Pannunzio, Administrative Assistant 2
Management Analyst 3 Maureen Hullinger	Management Analyst 3 Kim Jolly
Christy Klinger, Biologist 3	David Catalano, Supervising Biologist 4
Wildlife Staff Specialist Cris Tomlinson	Chief of Wildlife Diversity Laura Richards
Wildlife Staff Specialist Mike Cox	Wildlife Staff Specialist Cody Schroeder
Wildlife Staff Specialist Matt Maples	Wildlife Staff Specialist Chet Van Dellen
Biologist 3 Bonnie Weller	

Others in attendance/two days:

Chairman Paul R. Dixon, Clark CABMW	Raymond Hodson, Eureka CABMW
Monty Martin, Systems Consultants	Stanley Zuber, Member Carson CABMW
Chairman Glenn Bunch, Mineral CABMW	Joe Barnes
Jana Wright, Clark County	Caron Tayloe

Lystra Pitts  
Corey Dalton, self/Nevada Falconers  
Donald Sefton, Systems Consultants  
Rex Flowers  
Robert Pohlman, Member Douglas CABMW  
Jeff Turnipseed, Nevada Bighorns Unlimited  
Stephanie Myers, Lee Canyon  
Michael Reese

Butch Tamblyn, Member Washoe CABMW  
Bailey Honea  
Walter Mandeville, Member Lyon CABMW  
Tom Cassinelli, Chairman Humboldt CABMW  
Lester Porter, Eureka CABMW  
Don Molde  
Lori Marker, self

Friday, Nov. 14, 2014 – 10:30 a.m.

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

Commissioners present: Chairman Drew, Vice Chairman Wallace, Commissioners Bliss, Johnston, Layne, McNinch, Mori, and Valentine. Commissioner Young absent at time of roll call.

CABMW Members Present: Paul Dixon, Clark CABMW; Glenn Bunch, Mineral; Stanley Zuber, Carson; Butch Tamblyn, Washoe; Raymond Hodson, Eureka; and Walt Mandeville, Lyon, and Bert Gurr, Elko.

- 2 Approval of Agenda – Chairman Drew – For Possible Action  
The Commission will review the agenda and may take action to approve the agenda. The Commission may remove items from the agenda, continue items for consideration or take items out of order.

**COMMISSIONER BLISS MOVED TO APPROVE THE AGENDA. MOTION SECONDED, MOTION PASSED 8 - 0. COMMISSIONER YOUNG ABSENT.**

- 3 Ted C. Frantz 2014 Awards - Secretary Wasley  
Wildlife Diversity Division Staff Specialist Chet VanDellen and Wildlife Diversity Division Biologist III Christy Klinger, will both be recognized for their accomplishments as 2014 Ted C. Frantz award recipients.

Secretary Wasley said the Ted C. Frantz Award is the Nevada Department of Wildlife's Employee of the Year Award. He said the award is named on behalf of Ted Frantz who was a fisheries biologist for the Department from 1951 to 1992. This year there are two 2015 recipients for the award: Wildlife Staff Specialist Chet Van Dellen and Biologist 3 Christy Klinger.

Secretary Wasley said for the past year, Chet was been very active and a leader in the Western Governors' Association (WGA) Initiative on Wildlife Corridors and Crucial Habitat. He has helped lead a team of GIS experts in the state wildlife agencies of the 16 western states of the WGA. This groundbreaking project was completed this December, and now many of the western states have a publically available mapping tool (or Crucial Habitat Assessment Tool–CHAT) that can be used to encourage energy development that minimizes impact to wildlife and protects important habitat and corridors. This effort provides a west-wide GIS internet tool that will provide users with the ability to view the western states at the landscape scale and visualize how those states prioritize habitat based on wildlife resource concerns. As Nevada's technical lead on the WGA CHAT project, Chet devoted hundreds of hours coordinating with other state wildlife agencies in the development of the CHAT. Chet was featured in and assisted the WGA with a national live webinar on the benefits of using CHAT for the energy industry. With the launch of Nevada's state-specific CHAT (NVCHAT), Chet's work was recognized in national news stories including a news article in the Washington Post. In the past year, Chet's GIS skills have also been instrumental in support of the development of the sage-grouse mapping effort, which required hundreds of hours of Chet's time coordinating with game biologists across the state. Chet also assisted the Game Division in refining and updating the big game hunt unit map. Chet has been indispensable to the Wildlife Diversity Division, NDOW and our conservation partners in the updating and modernizing of the GIS Section. He has provided outstanding technical assistance in the development of several hundred species occurrence maps and the 22 key habitats maps for the revised Wildlife Action Plan

(WAP), and also provided an extensive GIS analysis of priority focal areas for the revised WAP. Through Chet's efforts and outstanding technical GIS skills our agency has advanced in our ability to analyze data spatially, which will continue to contribute significantly to the advancement of wildlife management in our state. Chet provides GIS software and support to biologists across the state and across most of the Divisions. He is committed to excellence in his work and is a leader within the agency. Chet's professionalism, technical skills, enthusiasm and significant achievements accomplished this year embody the excellence of the Ted C. Frantz Employee of the Year award.

Secretary Wasley said Christy Klinger is an excellent biologist with great attention to detail. She is always available to assist other field biologists both within and outside the Division. Recognizing that other field biologists do not fly well, Christy has stepped up and completed aerial surveys in her areas as well as for other field biologists throughout the state. She has also helped train new biologist on the survey methodologies. On her own, and beyond her normal duties, she also developed and completed a very comprehensive, raptor survey methodology and protocol for use among all of the state biologists. This protocol has been requested of and provided for use among other western states (CA, AZ). Her attention to detail has been recognized by federal agencies and project proponents. During development of local wind energy projects (Searchlight Wind) Christy was recognized for her inputs during the environmental review and development process relative to survey methodologies and protocol development, for bat and bird surveys related to wind energy projects (Searchlight Wind and others) in southern Nevada. These detailed inputs, leading to a much more thorough and comprehensive review and, ultimately incorporation into the final NEPA and EIS documents, minimized impacts to wildlife affected by the project. Christy has brought the Mine Claim Marker project (hollow plastic poles), which impacts all wildlife, but particularly birds, to the forefront. Her documentation and reporting of the impacts have led to national publications of the impacts of mine markers to wildlife. In addition, her field coordination efforts have led to significant removals of mine claim markers throughout the southern region and she continues to assist other regions as well. In addition to completion of the Aerial Raptor Nest Survey Protocol, Christy has also documented the expansion of the peregrine falcon breeding population throughout the southern and southeastern portions of the state. Nevada now has close to 70 territories. This is a feather in the cap for the State Wildlife Grant program. Christy consistently assists other divisions, especially the Game Division with aerial game surveys, and bighorn sheep trapping and relocation efforts. The Game Division has consistently commended her assistance to their programs. Christy's attention to detail is applauded by sister agencies, project proponents and internal divisions. She is reliable, works well with others, gets the job done efficiently and embodies the excellence of the Ted C. Frantz Employee of the Year Award.

- 4 Member Items/Announcements and Correspondence - Chairman Drew - Informational  
Commissioners may present emergent items. No action may be taken by the Commission. Any item requiring Commission action may be scheduled on a future Commission agenda. The Commission will review and may discuss correspondence sent or received by the Commission since the last regular meeting and may provide copies for the exhibit file (Commissioners may provide hard copies of their correspondence for the written record). Correspondence sent or received by Secretary Wasley may also be discussed.

(Commissioner Young arrived at 10:53 a.m.)

Commissioner Johnston said individuals from Yerington approached him to advise that they have observed a significant reduction in the turkey population in the Walker River corridor and management area. He said he wanted to bring that issue to the Commission and the Department's attention for evaluation of what is happening and look into transplant of turkeys from another state if an opportunity is there.

Commissioner Young stated he has letters from Retired Air Force Colonel James Davenport, a hunter who needed to turn in a tag due to a medical emergency he had before his hunt started, and the Department refused to let him turn in his tag. Commissioner Young provided the letters to NDOW and asked for an explanation of the process and that this matter be addressed with an answer to Mr. Davenport.

Chairman Drew requested that Commissioner Young work offline with the Department to get more background on that matter.

Chairman Drew noted that Monday was Veteran's Day and he thanked the veterans for their service. He welcomed and introduced new Commissioner Paul Valentine from Las Vegas. Chairman Drew said he would like people to notice that the Commission will be handling regulations differently, with the workshop split out at one meeting and then coming back for approvals at a second meeting. He said he knows that one CABMW missed the informational workshop and having that on their agenda, and he asked that the CABMW members present keep that in mind that the Commission is spacing regulation workshops and regulation adoption actions out, and if they see "workshop" on the agenda to place that on their agenda.

- 5 County Advisory Boards to Manage Wildlife (CABMW) Member Items – Informational  
CABMW members may present emergent items. No action may be taken by the Commission. Any item requiring Commission action will be scheduled on a future Commission agenda.

Paul Dixon, Clark CABMW, said at his CABMW meeting it was discussed that the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is doing Areas of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC) evaluations in Southern Nevada, and in response to that would like the Commission to possibly convene its Public Lands Committee for Spring Mountain and Mt. Charleston, related to trapping as that was how conceptual management plans were completed for Wildlife Management Areas (WMA). He suggested a conceptual management plan be done for that area to define use.

- 6 Approval of Minutes – Chairman Drew - For Possible Action  
Commission minutes may be approved from the Sept. 13, 2014, meeting.

Chairman Drew noted a correction on page 2 in the second motion. Correct unclear punctuation. He noted another correction on page 4, item 6 – add language that Commissioner Drew called for Commission discussion and public comment and there was none.

No public comment.

**COMMISSIONER YOUNG MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES WITH CHAIRMAN DREW'S CHANGES. COMMISSIONER VALENTINE ABSTAINED. MOTION PASSED 8 – 0,**

- 7 Nevada Department of Wildlife Project Updates – Secretary Wasley – Informational  
The Commission may choose to have project updates from miscellaneous projects.

Chet VanDellen, Wildlife Diversity Staff Specialist, provided information using PowerPoint on the Nevada Crucial Habitat Assessment Tool (NVCHAT) project. CHAT provides wildlife resource information to help guide effective development and conservation planning in Nevada. By providing information in a centralized and easy-to-use online format, NVCHAT empowers and encourages all users to plan for Nevada's future and preserve Nevada's wildlife heritage. The Nevada Department of Wildlife has partnered with the WGA and 16 other western states' wildlife agencies to develop CHATs across the west. NVCHAT is one part of a network of compatible, online mapping applications that present wildlife and habitat data to users in a clear and consistent framework that encourages ease of use, multi-state planning, and improved integration of wildlife resource priorities throughout the land use planning process. (PowerPoint presentation/exhibit file).

8 Special Incentive Elk Tag Arbitration NAC Issues – Eastern Region Biologist Ken Gray – For Possible Action

At the recent September Commission meeting, the Commission passed a motion to ask the Department to draft a new version of NAC 502.42283 that provides pursuant authority set forth in NRS 502.142 that the Commission shall appoint or serve as the arbitration panel, and have the discretion to set the procedure in which the arbitration proceeds under Commissions' authority. The draft NAC will be presented with possible approval by the Commission.

Eastern Region Biologist Ken Gray said this is the third time the Commission has discussed this draft NAC, and he said that the desire is move the process from a local panel concept to a Commission driven concept.

CABMW and Public Comment – None

Commissioner Johnston said since this matter most likely will be approved by the Commission, that on a future agenda the Commission will need to specify the procedure as noted in NAC 502, to have the procedures in place that the Commission would follow.

**COMMISSIONER JOHNSTON MOVED TO APPROVE NAC 502.42283 AS DRAFTED. MOTION SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WALLACE. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

9 Commission General Regulation – Workshop – Public Comment Allowed

A Commission General Regulation 453, First Come First Serve Bonus Point Program Amendment, LCB File No. R113 - 14 - Management Analyst 3 Maureen Hullinger – Informational/Workshop/Public Comment Allowed

The Commission will consider a regulation relating to wildlife; regarding making an exception in the bonus point program and not have the loss of bonus points occur in the bonus point categories if the applicant is successful in the “first come, first serve” (FCFS) draw for a tag; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Tags in the FCFS draw are unissued tags which are remaining tags after the big game tag draw (i.e., the Main Draw) and the subsequent remaining tag draw. Currently, bonus points are reverted to zero for those species categories when an applicant obtains a tag for any of these draws. This regulation amendment would exclude an applicant from having their bonus points revert to zero on species categories if they obtain a remaining tag in the “first-come, first-serve” draw.

Management Analyst (MA) 3 Hullinger reviewed the white paper she provided as support material that offered three scenarios for potential changes to the bonus point process. She said hunters have provided comment over the past years that they are surprised when they lose their bonus points when they apply for hunts in remaining tag draws that they normally wouldn't and the Tag Allocation Application Hunt Committee (TAAHC) asked the Department to bring forth the regulation change in the administrative code so that someone obtaining a FCFS tag will not lose their bonus points.

Commissioner Valentine asked how many FCFS tags remain, and are there ever any leftover.

MA 3 Hullinger said for 2014 there were 612 FCFS tags across junior and archery buck hunts and the Department issued 495 tags. She said she would have to check whether or not all junior hunt tags were issued.

Commissioner Bliss said he is concerned that if this is passed that we may see be a big reduction in second draw applications because when people figure it out they may not apply for the second draw, which will put more applicants in FCFS, and we could end up with many tags.

MA 3 Hullinger said that is a possibility, as cow elk tags remained in archery weapons.

Commissioner Johnston said following Commissioner Bliss' comment, he asked if it could be possible to make this contingent on having applied in the first and second draws, to come back during FCFS and not lose bonus points.

MA 3 Hullinger said she would have to look at that, as main purpose is to get hunters in the field, and address public's concern of losing bonus point.

Chairman Drew said there is demand and some said with that demand they couldn't see why a bonus point would not be taken, because it is something they want. He asked for background from members of the TAAHC on the issue as that may be helpful.

Commissioner Wallace said as stated in background material, there is a misconception that these tags are less than desirable, as a tag is a tag. He said if we are filling all these anyway, he does not see what we are gaining.

Commissioner Johnston said he was a member on the TAAHC when this was discussed, and idea was that if FCFS tag is leftover, the question was how to get the tags to people who may not put in for a archery tag. He said they would be FCFS basis to get the tag and at the time Commissioner McBeath commented he would run out and buy a bow if this happens, and he does not know if additional people who would do that because they would not lose bonus point for any legal weapon hunt who would get the additional opportunity to get in the field. That was the thought process.

Former committee chair Jack Robb said that was exactly the thought, to increase hunter opportunity.

CABMW and Public Comment –

Stan Zuber, Carson CABMW, said their discussion focused on the fairness of this proposal compared to the hunter who applied for the same hunt in the draw and lost his bonus points. Their board felt that anyone who gets an antlered tag should forfeit bonus points if applicable, as they did not feel any tag is less desirable. If they didn't want to forfeit they didn't have to apply.

Walt Mandeville, Lyon CABMW, said the board discussed this quite a bit, and the idea of getting tags out is a management issue because biologists developed harvest to reduce herds, especially elk herds, and they felt elk tags should be available on FCFS and not lose their bonus points.

Bert Gurr, Elko CABMW, said Elko CABMW did not have a quorum and his comments are unofficial. He said the three or four folks present when they discussed this felt it was much ado about nothing. If you want a tag you put in and get opportunity to hunt, and you should not get a bonus point for that year for buck or doe hunt if you go for a FCFS tag.

Rex Flowers said he thinks there should be FCFS and not lose bonus points, and he said he was a member of TAAHC when this was heard and that this was really aimed at any legal weapon hunt and muzzleloader hunt people. He said he does not want to be discriminatory but has a problem with carrying this through the youth hunt, because for youth hunt 1107 they apply for the same tag in all hunts, there is no variation. Original focus was to introduce people to archery hunting who are otherwise any legal weapon and muzzleloader type hunters and not take away their bonus points. He said he has grandchildren who are youth hunters and if they apply for first go round and don't draw, no reason to put in for second draw, and they may as well wait for third draw and go to Elko that year and not lose bonus points.

Chairman Drew said he thought youth hunt is set-up whereby they only can draw a tag four times maximum as a youth hunter and asked if that would impact them.

MA 3 Hullinger said it would apply toward the maximum, as a tag is a tag.

Chairman Drew said this is a workshop and the Commission's inclination is to move this regulation forward to the next meeting as presented by the Department.

B Commission General Regulation 416, Shed Antlers, LCB File No. R155-12 – Chief Game Warden Tyler Turnipseed - Informational/Workshop/Public Comment Allowed

The Commission will consider a regulation relating to shed antlers; allowing a person to take shed antlers from the field during an open season and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

The regulation prohibits collecting shed antlers from the field from Jan. 1 – April 14, therefore allowing collection of sheds from the field April 15 – Dec. 31.

The Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners conducted workshops on Jan. 31 and March 21, 2014, and action was taken to approve the regulation on March 22, 2014 at the NBWC meeting. The regulation was heard before the Legislative Commission on June 23, 2014, and was deferred to the agency to add language to add an exemption for private landowners.

Chief Game Warden Turnipseed read the draft regulation on shed antlers as provided in support material with the exemption for private landowners. He said some comments from CABMWs received stated that if the shed antler falls off, at that time it is no longer wildlife, and is that shed considered property of landowner. He said wildlife itself i.e. deer, elk, etc...is property of State of Nevada, but once the antler is cast off is that shed antler property of the landowner, and that issue may need to be considered.

Commissioner Bliss said he questions if Commission has authority to tell a landowner who can be on his property to pick-up sheds, and prefers simpler wording in the regulation such as “sheds can be picked up at discretion of private landowner” instead of immediate family.

Chief Game Warden Turnipseed said he would agree that once antler is cast off it is no longer wildlife, and we may not have authority to tell the landowner when it can be picked up and landowner could do with it what they see fit, and language could be changed to “with exception on private land” or better language.

Commissioner Johnston agreed with Commissioner Bliss that there needs to be an exception for private land, something stating that shed antlers may be collected at any time of year, and asked what the penalty would be if the regulation were in effect.

Chief Game Warden Turnipseed said the penalty would be a misdemeanor but the bail description and demerit amount have not been specified yet and the Department would make recommendation to courts as to bail amount. He said at this time a violation would fall under three demerits.

Commissioner Johnston asked if someone collected shed antlers on private property without permission of landowner would that be a trespass violation.

Game Warden Turnipseed answered yes.

CABMW and Public Comment -

Paul Dixon, Clark CABMW, said he thought the whole purpose of this regulation was to prevent harassment of wildlife at certain critical times of the year when they are wintering and is almost a red herring to say shed not wildlife when cast off. He said he personally has problem with landowner being allowed to collect antlers on commercial scale on his private property as the issue was harassment and asked that be reconsidered during debates. Clark CABMW had split vote and dissenting vote was with exception of private landowner, they don't want it left to discretion of Department game warden whether cited for pick-up of sheds by say a child and they asked that specific language be added to the regulation as to how many shed antlers you could possess before a violation.

Butch Tamblyn, Washoe CABMW, said his board was against any exemption for landowners because if you shouldn't pick up antlers you shouldn't pick them up.

Rex Flowers said if cast off antler is no longer wildlife you should not be regulating it, and as to harassment of wildlife, there are plenty of laws already and do not need another regulatory action. He said the Department can enforce this with harassment laws already in place and he requested that this be struck down.

Commissioner Layne said she is concerned because when she reviewed the Lincoln CABMW Action Report they are now indicating that they don't support the regulation and have made other recommendations that the Commission may need to look at. She noted that Lincoln CABMW is the group that brought this forth

Chairman Drew said he understands her comment and that everyone received the Lincoln CABMW Action Report and that no member of the Lincoln CABMW could be present today, and that their recommendations are too much to incorporate today and the Commission will need to look at a different avenue if we go that route.

Commissioner Bliss said at a previous meeting Director Wasley mentioned that shed antlers were discussed at the Western Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies (WAFWA) meeting and he asked for an update on shed antlers and seasons.

Secretary Wasley said that WAFWA is a 17 member western regional group and at the last annual meeting, the Wildlife Chief's met and among the issues discussed, antler collection was an area of concern. Other states are dealing with shed antler regulations and there was a desire to have communication across state boundaries so one state does not create a burden for another, which is what Lincoln and White Pine Counties are asserting is happening due to regulations in Utah. He said he knows this issue will be discussed at further WAFWA meetings in January and July 2015 and although WAFWA has no regulatory authority, he knows the desire is to communicate and they will continue to discuss what works best. He said public comment heard earlier about the shed not being wildlife when cast off and wildlife harassment laws and said there is significant habitat destruction occurring and spreading of invasive species along with significant challenges of making wildlife harassment case stand court scrutiny. He said he realizes impact of issue varies around the state and this is viewed as a west-wide issue with significant ramifications to animal condition and habitat, and is receiving attention at national and regional meetings. He also noted that the Legislative Commission expressed their desire to see a clear exemption for private landowners.

Commissioner Johnston commented that after hearing public comment saying that there is harassment issue then why would you exempt private land from this regulation, and that came back from the Legislative Commission. The regulation that was initially adopted by the Commission had discussion about exempting private land from it, and that did not occur when it went to Legislative Commission, and then came back to Commission with the direction to create an exemption from private land.

Chief Game Warden Turnipseed said that is correct, that the Commission discussed private versus public land when regulation initially heard, and chose not to address that and then the Legislative Commission made that recommendation. He said to clarify a couple of points, as Director Wasley said, some of the issues have been other states having set season dates and then they come to Nevada when their home state season is closed; on the legal issue whether authority exists to regulate cast off antlers and regulating that activity, he discussed with DAG Ward, and neither is aware of case law but they know that other states are regulating the activity and could be assumed we have authority; relative to harassment, existing harassment laws are in place but they are for motorized vehicles. He said the current harassment regulations would not affect persons on foot or horseback.

Chairman Drew said for clarification that the discussion at the Legislative Commission was that they asked how this would be enforced on private lands, and the reply was that the Commission had discussed that and the intent of the Commission was that the regulation would not necessarily be applied to private lands; however, the Legislative Commission direction was specific that they want that in writing.

Secretary Wasley recalled the question being posed at the Fallon Commission meeting by Commissioner Mori as to what would happen if he picked up a shed antler on his private property. Chief Game Warden Buonamici answered that there is specific language in the regulation that states "to collect or hunt shed antlers," and that if you are picking one up on your property that does not meet the definition of "collecting or hunting shed antlers." He said based on the representation by the Department it was not viewed necessarily to have specific exemptions for private property based on that explanation. The Legislative Commission felt differently and wanted to see assurance in writing as part of the regulation that private landowners would not be cited for picking up a shed on their own property.

Chairman Drew asked if the discussion was specific to someone picking up a horn on their own property.

Secretary Wasley said it was an exemption for private property not exclusive to public lands - an exemption for landowners to pick up sheds on their property without concern for violating a regulation.

Chairman Drew said he is looking for direction and discussion on whether the Commission carries this forward as presented by the Department or if there are changes to make in this workshop to bring forward Commissioners' Johnston and Bliss' comments.

Commissioner Johnston said if we are going to move forward with this, then bring it out of workshop to take back to the public to hear again, and he said he would have the language as officially adopted and then just add the sentence "shed antlers may be collected on private property at any time during the year if permitted or authorized by the landowner."

Chairman Drew asked if that language meets the intent of the Legislative Commission.

Secretary Wasley said he believes so.

Commissioner McNinch said in using the terms "collect" versus "pick-up" and private landowner having right to pick up shed antler and not necessarily intent of "collection." He said in his mind if clarification needed we should use terminology of "collect." Perhaps definition of "collect" versus "pick-up" and allow private property owner to pick-up a shed antler versus collect them.

Commissioner Mori said the original question he asked was that there are times when sheds are in the way of the landowner and used example of hay corral and having to look for them otherwise you get flats. He said he likes language that Commissioner Johnston came up with as they came back to the Commission stating specifically that we add to it and his intent when we passed it the first time was to keep it as simple as possible and as we saw from the Lincoln CABMW different scenarios of licensing and a complicated deal that he is not sure he would be comfortable in going with. He stands on keeping it as simple as possible with private property exemption with the language that Commissioner Johnston came up with.

Chairman Drew said his inclination is to move this forward out of workshop to the next meeting, and realizes a vote could result in the regulation not being passed, but for sake of moving forward and from what he is hearing is that this will move out of workshop with language in blue as presented by Department and to strike basically the red language, and to add Commissioner Johnston's suggestion as a second sentence.

Commissioner Johnston reread the language he proposed: "Shed antlers may be collected on private property at any time during the year, if permitted or authorized by the landowner."

Chairman Drew closed the workshop on agenda item #9 B.

- C Commission General Regulation 454 (Temporary LCB File) - Firearm Carry During Archery Hunt - Chief Game Warden Tyler Turnipseed - Informational/Workshop/ Public Comment Allowed  
The Commission will hear a regulation relating to the carry of a firearm in the field while hunting under archery regulations.  
The regulation will change NAC 503.144 to allow the carry of personal protection handguns while archery hunting. This will be a temporary regulation that will require Legislative Commission approval to become permanent after the 2015 Session of the Nevada Legislature.

This regulation is in response to a proposed bill draft request from Nevada Assemblyman John Ellison and input from sportsmen to allow the carry of firearms while bowhunting for protection from potential criminal activity and wildlife attacks.

Chief Game Warden Turnipseed reviewed the regulation relating to the carry of a firearm in the field while hunting under archery regulation as provided in support material. He said that the background is that the Humboldt CABMW approached him about this issue a few months ago regarding being allowed to carry a handgun during archery hunts for personal protection if they encounter a marijuana grow, and a wildlife attack issue. He said he understood the concern and he recommended that they use the CABMW process to bring a regulation forth to the Commission; however, they had not taken action, and subsequently sportsmen in Elko approached Assemblyman Ellison with concerns of wildlife attacks during archery hunts. Assemblyman Ellison was going to use the legislative process to enact the change; however, the Department recommended the issue be brought to the Commission. Chief Turnipseed said the intent of the regulation is for personal protection, and have to define difference between a personal protection weapon and hunting weapon. He said there is not a clear definition of handgun, and he reviewed NAC 503.142 which essentially defines a hunting weapon. Specifically, Subsection 5, 503.142 defines a handgun used for hunting, and that states that larger revolver rounds are legal to hunt big game and other modified guns. His intent with using that wording for the archery regulation is that it defines a hunting weapon and 503.142 would not allow a .44 magnum with a eight inch barrel that you could shoot a deer at 200 yards with.

Chairman Drew said a question came up at a CABMW meeting that he attended about a pistol with a barrel longer than four inches as it would potentially be exempt depending on the caliber under 503.142 (a) or (b). If you had a handgun with a five inch barrel does not necessarily mean it is out, as long as cartridge matches description of (a) or (b).

Chief Turnipseed said Chairman Drew is correct.

Commissioner Layne said she has issues on many levels, and her understanding is that the purpose of the regulation is concern from archery hunters concerned with meeting up with marijuana growers and the archers want to protect themselves from the marijuana growers. She asked if will we then have a nice firefight out there, and she can't picture this whole issue, and are we saying that is what we want to do.

Commissioner Young said as a former police department member, these situations occur and marijuana grows occur in Southern Nevada in the Spring Mountains, and he said he could find numerous articles denoting these cartel situations where they do have guns.

Commissioner Layne said if that is the case, why allow archery hunters in those areas. She said we make the assumption that this is for self-protection but what is to say that the archers knowing the animal wounding rate who may not bring that animal down and need to use a handgun to finish the animal. As we talk about sportsman, she has a hard time fitting this in and there may be other ways, and if situation is that bad and is known, maybe we need to be concerned with what we are allowing in those areas.

Chairman Drew said there is probably just a difference of opinion here, as he himself has archery hunted in the past and he does not handle a pistol as much as a bow, and said he is more lethal with archery tackle than he ever would be with a handgun. He said it is a little bit apples to oranges and hates writing regulations to lowest common denominator, and he did discuss this with a person who came across a marijuana grow, that person was very shaken by the experience. Chairman Drew said he completely

understands the intent and is not here to talk about people's moral character and let's stick to the regulation.

Commissioner Bliss asked if a person has a Concealed Carry Weapon (CCW) permit and is authorized to carry - which law will override.

Chief Game Warden Turnipseed said the CCW issue does not totally apply but other states do allow you to carry during archery season with a CCW, and regardless if you carry in the open, the Second Amendment guarantees right to bear arms; however court cases have determined that you must follow the archery regulations as the hunt is a highly regulated activity that you chose to participate in and states can regulate whether you are allowed to carry during the seasons and does not differentiate between open or concealed carry. Chief Game Warden Turnipseed said Commissioner Young is correct that there are marijuana grows out there and unfortunately the timing of grows maturity is during the August archery season when they harvest and that is when the cartel members are out there. He said there was an incident a few years ago with BLM employees being held hostage with long-guns while checking a riparian area, and the cartels pick remote areas with water which are the same areas that archery hunters hunt.

Deputy Director Robb said Assemblyman Ellison called him regarding this regulation and he said if caliber restriction included in the regulation that Assemblyman Ellison will proceed with a Bill Draft Request (BDR).

Commissioner Layne said Assemblyman Ellison will chair the Assembly Natural Resources Committee and the Commission will have to decide if we want to address this issue or the legislature, and this will not be the last of the proposals facing the Commission, as we can be assured there are other issues associated with these during the legislative session and the Commission needs to decide what we are going to do. She said it concerns her to see that this is happening and wanted to express that concern.

Chairman Drew said his comment is that this body needs to conduct its business independent of what the legislature may or may not do. He said he knows it was listed on the agenda citing Assemblyman Ellison and he has the authority to do whatever he feels is appropriate as a legislator but that should not dictate how we do our business, this is something that other individuals and CABMW members felt strongly about and that is how he is approaching this. Chairman Drew said we need to approach it as a Commission and what happens in the legislature, let the chips fall as they may.

Commissioner Johnston said he himself owns handguns and that he is not a firearms expert, and when he read the definition in NAC 503.142, he did not know what handguns he could or could not take as a archery hunter. He said he likes to keep things simple and his view after hearing the comment about what the legislator may do, is that if you allow people to take a handgun into the field during archery season, it should be the handgun they have or that they want to take, and has the utmost confidence that the archers who put in for archery hunt are doing it because they are archery hunters who want to use their bow and challenge of that, and are not carrying handgun to get away from concept of archery hunt. He said he supports allowing a sidearm into the field by an archery hunter and would permit any handgun as the archery hunters are not going to abuse that, and there maybe a couple who do but does not want to deny the right to the majority because of what a couple people might do.

Commissioner Young said he agrees with Commissioner Johnston 100 percent but with exception of eight inch barrel and any scoped guns.

CABMW and Public Comment –

Paul Dixon, Clark CABMW, said in regard to calibers, that there could be a twist with restriction of calibers, because if you are warden in field and hunters have to have certain handgun caliber, the warden will have to check that person and that can escalate issue with person in the field. He said although not discussed at his meeting, he personally agreed with Commissioner Young on barrel length restriction, as those size handguns are not for personal protection. He said that they had dissenting votes with similar

view as Commissioner Layne, to keep archery hunt pure and not allow any guns into the archery hunt and is a risk you take.

Butch Tamblyn, Washoe CABMW, said his board was against having a handgun in the field, as archery purist would not take handgun and for amateur there might be easier way. As far as personal protection, Washoe County does not have any water for a grow.

Cory Dalton said he fully supports handgun for protection and he is a falconer and situations can be worse for falconers as they have nothing for personal protection. He said he has encountered rattlesnakes, badgers, coyotes, mountain lions and other hazards. Falconers are not allowed to carry a handgun and nothing more unnerving than an encounter animal without any protection, and he would like the regulation amended to include falconry as the birds are very expensive and they also have time and money invested in bird.

Lystra Pitts, of Nevada Bowhunter Association, said they support allowing a handgun, and that having the ability to break the law is not the same as breaking the law. Arrow wounds do not look like handgun wounds, and wardens can easily identify that. Modern archery equipment is more accurate than a handgun. He said archers are usually alone in the field and he said a female archer had an incident with men out in the field, and a handgun would have provided her with personal security. Mr. Pitts said the caliber language is confusing, as what does it matter the caliber as you are already breaking the law. He said surrounding states allow firearms carry: Idaho, Utah with CCW, Arizona and Oregon. He said they also support agenda item 17 A, as he will not be present tomorrow.

Chairman Drew said this is a workshop and the Commission will need to provide staff direction to move forward.

Commissioner Johnston said after hearing public comment during the workshop and Commissioner Young's comment, he would propose that the proposed language in Subparagraph 4 (b) read as follows starting with Subsection 4 where it begins "unlawful" and continuing in (b) "carry in the field any scoped handgun or a handgun with a barrel length of 8 inches or more."

Discussion - CCW permit.

Chairman Drew closed the workshop on temporary LCB file CGR 454 and said the Commission will carry the regulation forward to the next meeting with the wording suggested by Commissioners Johnston and Young.

#### 10 Commission Regulations Adoption – For Possible Action – Public Comment Allowed

- A Commission Regulation 15 - 02 Taking of Raptors for Falconry for 2015 - 2016 – Wildlife Diversity Administrator Laura Richards – For Possible Action  
The Commission will consider and may take action to approve the 2015 - 2016 season dates, species, quotas, limits, closed areas, application procedures and deadlines, and take for raptors for falconry.

Wildlife Diversity Chief Richards reviewed the regulation as submitted in support material and she said that Commission Regulation 15 – 02 has the support of the falconry community.

Commissioner Layne asked on the applications for permits for 2013 and 2014 if there are numbers for permits issued.

Chief Richards said she can obtain that information from License Office as not all with a permit take birds, so the number is usually less.

CABMW and Public Comment – None

Commissioner Bliss said he would like to comment on how much he appreciates both the Department and falconers working together, he appreciates that very much.

**COMMISSIONER BLISS MOVED TO APPROVE CR 15 – 02 TAKING OF RAPTORS FOR FALCONRY 2015 - 2016. COMMISSIONER MCNINCH SECONDED THE MOTION. COMMISSIONER LAYNE ABSTAINED AS SHE WOULD HAVE LIKED THE INFORMATION REQUESTED BEFORE VOTING. MOTION PASSED 8 – 0, ONE ABSTENTION, COMMISSIONER LAYNE.**

B Commission Regulation CR 15 - 03 Noncommercial Collection of Reptiles and Amphibians for 2015 - 2016 – Wildlife Diversity Administrator Laura Richards – For Possible Action  
The Commission will consider and may take action to approve the 2015 - 2016 season and limits for noncommercial hobby collecting of live, unprotected reptiles and amphibians.

Chief Richards reviewed the noncommercial collection of reptiles and amphibians regulation as submitted in support material, with no changes proposed.

**COMMISSIONER BLISS MOVED TO APPROVE CR 15 – 03 NONCOMMERCIAL COLLECTION OF REPTILES AND AMPHIBIANS FOR 2015 – 2016 AS PRESENTED BY THE DEPARTMENT. MOTION SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MCNINCH. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

11 Public Comment Period

Caron Tayloe, Washoe County resident representing herself, thanked NDOW for the CHAT presentation and that the ability to assess wildlife habitat can be shared. She attended State Water Engineer meetings and they do not include wildlife and when she asked that they consider wildlife in their decision-making, she said one person told her that “wildlife was protected.” She said there was no consideration for take of water from wildlife. She said regarding #9 C, the firearm carry during archery season, that she has family members who belong to the NRA, and that she has learned through involvement with Trail Safe and from attending these meetings, that not all sportsmen are honorable as those present or on the Commission. She said she is concerned with sportsmen taking firearms in the field and knows from her own work with law enforcement and DEA that a handgun will not protect you against cartel persons in the field. Ms. Tayloe said she understands where Commissioner Layne is coming from and where Commissioner Young is and understands that.

Jana Wright requested during tomorrow’s agenda during the informational reports where public comment is not allowed, that during the Director’s Report an update as whether or not videoconferencing will be continued be provided, and she asked where people can see the reports in the Predator Management Plan.

Stephanie Myers, Lee Canyon, said in regard to Mr. Dixon’s comments on a conceptual management plan for Spring Mountains that she hopes the Commission will embrace that idea, as there are 2 million visitors to Mt. Charleston every single year. She said it is easy to identify the persons who trap on the Spring Mountains but not so easy to identify are people concerned about the issue, and the largest group is that population in and near Las Vegas who have no idea that trapping is allowed in this century. She hopes that everything is done to identify and notify people to participate in the plan.

Meeting adjourned at 1:33 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 15, 2014 - 8:30 a.m.

12 Call to Order, Roll Call of Commission and County Advisory Board Members to Manage Wildlife (CABMW) – Chairman Drew

Chairman Drew called the meeting to order and conducted roll call of the Commissioners present: Chairman Drew, Commissioners Wallace, Bliss, Johnston, Layne, Mori, Valentine, and Young. Commissioner McNinch absent.

CABMW Roll Call: Bert Gurr, Elko; Paul Dixon, Clark; Glenn Bunch, Mineral; Tom Cassinelli, Humboldt; Stan Zuber, Carson; Robert Pohlman, Douglas; Lester Porter, Eureka; and Butch Tamblyn, Washoe.

- 13 Approval of Agenda – Chairman Drew – For Possible Action  
The Commission will review the agenda and may take action to approve the agenda. The Commission may remove items from the agenda, continue items for consideration or take items out of order.

CABMW and Public Comment - None

**COMMISSIONER WALLACE MOVED TO APPROVE the AGENDA AS PRESENTED, MOTION SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BLISS. MOTION CARRIED 8 – 0. COMMISSIONER MCNINCH ABSENT.**

- 14 Member Items/Announcements and Correspondence - Chairman Drew - Informational  
Commissioners may present emergent items. No action may be taken by the Commission. Any item requiring Commission action may be scheduled on a future Commission agenda. The Commission will review and may discuss correspondence sent or received by the Commission since the last regular meeting and may provide copies for the exhibit file (Commissioners may provide hard copies of their correspondence for the written record). Correspondence sent or received by Secretary Wasley may also be discussed.

Chairman Drew said the two regulations trap visitation and demerits that went to the Legislative Commission were deferred until after the 2015 Legislative Session. They will not be in place and are not in effect.

- 15 County Advisory Boards to Manage Wildlife (CABMW) Member Items - Informational  
CABMW members may present emergent items. No action may be taken by the Commission. Any item requiring Commission action will be scheduled on a future Commission agenda.

No CABMW items brought forward.

- 16 Fiscal Year 2014 - 2015 Big Game Release Plan Amendment – Wildlife Staff Specialist Mike Cox - For Possible Action  
Department staff are requesting to amend the Fiscal Year 2014 - 2015 (through June 2015) Big Game Release Plan to add a California bighorn augmentation for the Massacre Rim in Washoe County.

Game Staff Biologist Mike Cox said he is proposing one amendment to the Big Game Release Plan to add the Massacre Rim California Bighorn Augmentation, which is to take the place of the existing Coleman Rim Augmentation that currently exists and was approved in the FY2014-2015 Big Game Release Plan, but due to a summer 2014 wildfire to portions of the Coleman Rim, we are not able to conduct the bighorn release into the Coleman Rim until post-fire vegetation recovery occurs.

CABMW and Public Comment - None

Jeff Turnipseed, representing Nevada Bighorns Unlimited (NBU), said NBU will contribute financially and with manpower to assist with this project.

**COMMISSIONER YOUNG MOVED TO APPROVE THE DEPARTMENT'S STAFF REQUEST FOR 2015 RELEASE PLAN TO ADD A CALIFORNIA BIGHORN SHEEP AUGMENTATION TO THE MASSACRE RIM IN WASHOE COUNTY AS PRESENTED BY MR. COX. MOTION SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BLISS. MOTION PASSED 8 – 0. COMMISSIONER MCNINCH ABSENT.**

17 Commission General Regulations Adoption – For Possible Action – Public Comment Allowed

- A Commission General Regulation 435 - Archery Disability Permit and Cleanup, LCB File No. R107 - 14 - Conservation Education Division Administrator Teresa Moiola – For Possible Action  
The Commission will consider a regulation relating to hunting; authorizing the Department to issue an archery disability permit to a person with a permanent disability; revising the definition of “longbow” for certain purposes; revising the circumstances under which a person may use a crossbow to hunt a big game mammal or a bow to hunt a game mammal or game bird; authorizing a person to use a scope permit during a type of hunt that is restricted to bows; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

This regulation was previously heard by the Commission during the workshop at the September 2014 Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners Meeting. The Commission discussed how the regulation will allow for the use of crossbows in archery seasons for hunters with specific disabilities and clarifies archery equipment legal for any bow hunter in an archery season. The language has been updated to reflect changes requested by the Commission allowing a person with certain permanent disabilities preventing them from using traditional archery equipment, use of a crossbow. The language change clarified the definition of disabled.

Chief of Conservation Teresa Moiola said the Commission requested to amend the language in CGR 435 and she read the section from the prior meeting clarifying the definition of permanently disabled: “Permanent disability means a disability which prohibits the person from manually drawing and holding at full draw a bow that complies with the provisions of subsection 2 of NAC 503.144.”

Commissioner Bliss disclosed that he is a member of Nevada Outdoorsman in Wheelchairs.

Commissioner Layne asked if the language change is broadening the applicability.

Chief Moiola said the physician must certify that the person is disabled and the person has to meet the criteria and the certification is not taken lightly and a physician would not do that just for hunting.

Commissioner Bliss asked if after yesterday’s workshop on firearms being allowed during the archery season if the language on page 7 Section 5, 4 (2) reads “it is unlawful for any person to carry in the field any firearm while hunting under archery regulations” needs to be addressed by the Commission.

Chairman Drew said he believes that what we do today is specific to the permanent disability and if we are to adopt the regulation heard in workshop yesterday that would update this exact chapter.

CABMW and Public Comment – None

**COMMISSIONER WALLACE MOVED TO APPROVE CGR 435, ARCHERY DISABILITY PERMIT AND CLEANUP, LCB FILE NO. R107-14, AS PRESENTED. COMMISSIONER YOUNG SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION PASSED 8 – 0, COMMISSIONER MCNINCH ABSENT.**

- B Commission General Regulation 439, Water Ski Towable Device, LCB File No. R108 - 14 - Staff Game Warden David Pfiffner – For Possible Action  
The Commission will consider a regulation relating to watercraft; to clarify what is considered a towed device behind a vessel or restricted areas closed to water skiing for public safety in high use areas, narrow channels or certain bodies are not large enough to accommodate the activity. The regulation will clarify what types of devices towed behind a vessel are prohibited in water skiing restricted areas, such as high use areas, narrow channels, and in certain water bodies too small to accommodate the activity. The Commission heard this regulation in workshop on Sept. 13, 2014. The Commission recommended as presented with no changes.

Game Warden Captain David Pfiffner said this regulation updates language to include newer towable devices as it previously encompassed water skis.

CABMW and Public Comment – None

**COMMISSIONER BLISS MOVED TO APPROVE WATER SKI TOWABLE DEVICE, LCB FILE NO. R108 - 4, AS PRESENTED. COMMISSIONER WALLACE SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION PASSED 8 – 0, COMMISSIONER MCNINCH ABSENT.**

- C Commission General Regulation 444, Laughlin Fishermen's Access, LCB File No. R086 - 14 – Staff Game Warden David Pfiffner – For Possible Action  
The Commission will consider a regulation relating to watercraft; that will prohibit swimming or bathing around a dock or boat ramp or using a dock or boat ramp to swim or bathe; and docking a vessel or otherwise trespassing in a prohibited area at Laughlin Fishermen's Access.

The regulation addresses safety concerns of people swimming and/or bathing in a heavily congested boating area. The regulation will reduce potential injuries which may include prop injuries, vessel collisions and trauma injuries incurred by vessels striking swimmers and bathers in the launch area. The regulation will also prohibit trespassing or docking in prohibited areas, allowing the area available for emergency vessel use at Laughlin Fishermen's Access. The Commission heard this regulation in workshop on Sept. 13, 2014. The Commission recommended as presented with no changes.

Game Warden Captain David Pfiffner said this regulation is safety and the intent is to prohibit use by bathers and swimmers the law enforcement docking area at Laughlin Fisherman's access.

CABMW and Public Comment – None

**COMMISSIONER YOUNG MOVED TO APPROVE CGR 444, LAUGHLIN FISHERMEN'S ACCESS, LCB FILE NO. R086 - 14. COMMISSIONER WALLACE SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION PASSED 8 - 0, COMMISSIONER MCNINCH ABSENT.**

- D Commission General Regulation 449, Tannery/Taxidermist, LCB File No. R111 - 14 – Chief Game Warden Tyler Turnipseed – For Possible Action  
The Commission will consider a regulation relating to taxidermy; authorizing a taxidermist who receives a taxidermic item from another taxidermist to maintain certain records in lieu of maintaining a record of the number of the tag, seal or permit for the taxidermic item; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

The regulation clarifies the licensing requirements for tanneries by including the activities licensed as a taxidermist and will reduce the amount of record keeping a taxidermist must complete when receiving hides, pelts or other wildlife parts from another taxidermist. The regulation was requested through a petition to the Commission. The Commission heard this regulation in workshop on Sept. 13, 2014. The Commission recommended as presented with no changes.

Chief Game Warden Turnipseed said CGR 449 was discussed during a previous meeting's workshop and the intent is to streamline record keeping for tanneries.

CABMW and Public Comment – None

**COMMISSIONER JOHNSTON MOVED TO APPROVE CGR 449 AS PRESENTED BY CHIEF GAME WARDEN TURNIPSEED. COMMISSIONER WALLACE SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION PASSED 8 – 0, COMMISSIONER MCNINCH ABSENT.**

18      Reports – Informational

- A      Bear Committee Report – Committee Chairman David McNinch and Game Division Administrator Brian Wakeling  
The Game Division will present the status of recent activities by the Bear Committee and progress towards the three-year comprehensive review of black bear harvest through regulated harvest in Nevada.

Game Division Administrator Brian Wakeling provided a PowerPoint presentation (exhibit file) on the recent activities of the Commission's Bear Committee. The Committee last met on October 23, 2014, at which the Committee reviewed the draft Three-year Comprehensive Review of Black Bear Harvest through Regulated Hunting in Nevada. The comprehensive review document is a product of the committee that will be submitted for Commission review and does not constitute a Department report. He said the committee plans to meet on Dec. 17, 2014, with plans to finalize the comprehensive review report. The Committee intends to provide recommendations for the Commission to consider as part of final report during the February Commission meeting. The Committee will ask the Commission to approve the Three-year Comprehensive Review report and forward on to the Nevada Legislature following approval.

- B      Predation Management Fiscal Year 2014 Report – Game Division Administrator Brian Wakeling  
The Game Division will present the status of the 2014 Predation Management Report. Per Commission Policy 23, the Department shall prepare an annual Predation Management Status Report (Status Report) detailing results of the previous fiscal year's projects. This status report shall be presented at the last Commission meeting of each calendar year.

Game Division Administrator Brian Wakeling provided a PowerPoint presentation (exhibit file) briefly reviewing the status of the projects included in the 2014 Predation Management Report. Mr. Wakeling provided the Commission with the status of 11 predator management projects initiated under the Predator Management Plan for fiscal year 2014, but noted that ongoing work was being conducted under the fiscal year 2015 plan. Total expenditures during this period was \$509,156.48.

Administrator Wakeling noted that the predator staff biologist position had been vacant since the retirement of the last biologist in spring 2014, but Pat Jackson has been recently hired to fill the position.

Chairman Drew said with NDOW staff changes and committee assignments he anticipates that the process delineated in Policy 23 will be followed.

- C      Updated Mapping for the Cold Creek Area of Clark County – Chief Game Warden Tyler Turnipseed  
As directed by the Commission at the September meeting, Chief Game Warden Tyler Turnipseed will report on development of more detailed mapping of the Cold Creek area including residences and designated roads and trails. Mapping may be used to develop trapping offset areas at a future meeting. No action may be taken.

Chief Game Warden Turnipseed showed maps of the Cold Creek area on the screen, and he read section on Cold Creek and said this would not apply to residences in Cold Creek.

Chairman Drew appreciated the update from the Department and said the he will have to go back to coordinate with Commissioner McNinch on what resulted from Trapping Committee and Legislative Counsel Bureau to determine where to proceed.

Commissioner Layne said the issue is that everything discussed and resolutions passed did not include this area but there is recognition to deal with this area/township.

- D      Application Hunt 2014 Draw Report – Don Sefton, Systems Consultants  
Systems Consultants will present an interim annual report of the 2014 Big Game Draw.  
Information is presented in tables and charts and includes interim application, license and tag fees and counts as well as bonus point and client statistics for the draws already completed this year.

Don Sefton of Systems Consultants provided an extensive report PowerPoint report on the 2014 Big Game Draw (exhibit file).

- E      Overview of Nevada Department of Wildlife's Mining Program - Habitat Division Administrator Alan Jenne  
A power point presentation will be presented on the Department's mining program.

Chief of Habitat Alan Jenne provided a PowerPoint presentation on the Department's mining program (exhibit file). He said the program was established by the regulatory authority created under NRS 502.390 for Industrial Artificial Pond Permitting (IAPP), funding is generated by IAPP related mining assessment fees and federal grants funded with sporting good excise taxes. The program is managed within NDOW's Habitat Division, made up of one staff specialist and three and a half mining biologists, project-related technical review and mitigation design work supported by entire Department. Chief Jenne said annual MAF revenue approximately \$250,000, program costs: Staff roughly \$500,000 per year, mining-related environmental projects supported by Nevada Mining Association are around \$250,000+ per year, costs previously covered by MAF (25 percent) and federal grant (75 percent); now 100 percent MAF to minimize sportsmen subsidies. Issue is the account balance quickly depleting. Chief Jenne concluded his presentation summarizing planned program improvements: New permit application and use of consistent language, online, geospatial database to monitor/report permit applications, inspections and compliance. Update internal program policy and procedures to fit existing and emerging trends in technology.

- F      Sage-grouse Update – Secretary Wasley  
Secretary Wasley will provide an update on the status of sage-grouse.

Secretary Wasley said Eastern Region Game Biologists spent considerable effort in placing wing barrels in strategic locations to collect hunter harvested sage-grouse wings. Units 076, 079, 081 and 152 were open last year to sage-grouse hunting but were closed this year due to poor performing populations. The number of wings collected within the region was 632 which represented a 13 percent increase over the number collected last year but was 44 percent lower than the record number of wings collected in 2005. Only 29 wings were collected from the O'Neil and Snake units in 2014. In contrast, 250 wings were collected from these two units in 2005. The number of wings collected in White Pine County was double of what it was last year and was 53 percent higher than the number collected in 2005. The 2014 wings will be analyzed soon to determine chick production and nest success. One hundred thirty-three sage grouse wings have been collected to date from White Pine units. The previous modern-day high count was 107 wings received in 2010. Compared to 2013, data from wing envelopes show 52 percent more hunters, substantially higher hunter days, 77 percent more birds harvested and 81 percent more birds observed. The Butte/Buck/White Pine unit accounted for 82 percent of the wings received. The 18 wings received this year from the Schell/Antelope unit were up 450 percent from last year's sample. No wings were received from the Steptoe/Cave unit. The current sample from White Pine units contains 1.3 chicks/hen. Last year's final total sample was 66 wings with 2.1 chicks per hen. Warm, dry weather during most of this year's season probably contributed more towards the higher harvest than the three consecutive years of positive population trend. He said planning efforts for Greater Sage-grouse continue with state's adoption of integrated sage-grouse model with map of sage-grouse distribution declared complete, and ongoing process will evolve as data gathered. The state has said the conservation credit is open for business, and BLM is working with state to include key components of state plan GIS and most critical component is conservation credit. Recently, the Gunnison sage-grouse population in Colorado was listed as threatened and many persons discouraged by that. He said Colorado felt they had done everything possible to insure protection of that population in the future and that they have 95 percent of habitat protected with long-term conservation easements. He said the Gunnison population is very similar to bi-state population that we share with California in size and similar threats. He said we are still waiting

to hear from the USFWS on bi-state population as to whether it will be listed for its protection, we are optimistic that it doesn't, as differences are the local area action plans and the \$46 million financial commitment made by federal and state agencies toward implementation of the Action Plan. Secretary Wasley said he will have opportunity to meet with USFWS next week and this is an item that will be discussed. He said the Action plan we have the Service determined is adequate, and expect to hear something in the next five to six months and believe we have met the bar to preclude a listing.

Chairman Drew said he would add that there have been informal meetings on a Reid/Heller bill. The two Nevada Senators are interested in introducing a discussion draft. One main component is designation of Wilderness Areas to protect sage-grouse and another component is conveyance of land to qualified entities such as mining companies, with concept of land transfer from public ownership to private at fair market value to generate money. He said the ramifications of this bill may have serious implications for sportsmen, and he advised CABMW members to review the Reid/Heller legislation as both are working with local county commissions. He said this may formally be introduced in November.

G Department Activity Report – Secretary Wasley  
Director Wasley will provide a report on recent Department activities.

Director Wasley reported on recent Department Activities:

#### Director's Office

Capital Improvement Projects: State Public Works Board approved the Las Vegas regional office for an HVAC replacement project for the fiscal 2016-2017 biennium. All other requests were denied (Overton, Ely, etc). Facilities Leases: Overton office lease in final stages of negotiation between State Buildings and Grounds and Modular Space. Due to recent audit of the Department's fleet, fleet management staff is reviewing potential vendors for fleet management tools, Fleet Solutions (GPS based) and Fleet Mate (basic software package) for mileage, maintenance, efficiency, etc. Reviewing options to pool HQ vehicles and use leased vehicles for seasonal, net reduction in size of fleet, increase efficiency, utilization, reduce maintenance and replacement costs, scheduled to replace approximately 5 percent of fleet per year FY 2015 through 2017, every full time field position personally assigned a vehicle will have a reasonably new truck, and modernizing fleet while downsizing. He said there is a redundancy of vehicles at headquarters.

Dream Tag Program: Concerns expressed by LCB regarding NDOW handling of Dream Tag raffle ticket funds, implication is removal of raffle ticket sales from the Application Hunt System. A meeting scheduled in early December with LCB, Systems Consultants, Inc., Dream Tag Foundation, advisory board chairman, and legislative sponsor.

#### Game Division

Habitat Improvement Project: Crews continue with progress on a large-scale habitat improvement project on Spruce Mountain in Elko County that will target 700 acres of pinyon-juniper to enhance understory and rejuvenate shrub communities on mule deer winter range.

Elk Depredation Hunts: In late September we were notified that elk use had resumed on agricultural fields at the Henriod Ranch in Pleasant Valley (Unit 113). Special notices were sent to the 30+ hunters for the October 4181 hunt in this unit. Midway through the hunt, a spotlight check documented 40+ elk using the Ag field, which is located just across the State line in Utah. An emergency depredation antlerless hunt has been initiated, with 15 tags for an October 24 – Nov 9 season. This situation will be monitored in case a second emergency hunt is needed. If use by elk is still occurring in late November, notices will be sent to the late-season (Dec 5 – Jan 15) antlerless tag-holders informing them of this opportunity to harvest.

Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) Collection: Southern Region CWD sampling of mule deer and elk has been ongoing primarily in Las Vegas.

Eastern Region: Letters were sent to a sub-set of antlerless deer hunters in Management Area 10 (1,000 tag holders) and to a sub-set of antlerless elk hunters in Unit Group 076, 077, 079, 081 (375 tag holders) asking them to drop their deer or elk heads off at the Elko office for CWD testing. Only three deer heads and no elk heads were brought in during the 20 day period of open seasons.

Deer Project: A new project was established to collect deer teeth samples from hunters that harvested animals in select hunt units throughout Nevada. The teeth will be sent to a tooth aging lab for analysis, which will aid in population modeling and harvest recommendations in the future.

Bighorn Sheep Captures and Translocations: During the week of Oct. 13, we conducted bighorn disease surveillance and bighorn sheep dispersal monitoring (primarily movements of the rams among herds) in various herds from Lake Mead to Battle Mountain. Eleven herds were sampled involving 76 animals. Our helicopter netgun contractor, Native Range, Inc. The Muddy Mountains were sampled to reaffirm that the population has not yet been exposed to *Mycoplasma ovipneumoniae* (*M. ovi.*), one of the primary pathogens involved in causing pneumonia. This herd provided 72 desert bighorn sheep for Utah in November. The bulk of the disease surveillance was conducted along the California border and within Esmeralda and Mineral Counties that are part of two large bighorn sheep metapopulations comprising 10 herds. *M. ovi.* has already been detected in three of the 10 herds. The concern is this pathogen may be spread to other herds by wandering bighorns, likely young rams. The disease surveillance goal is to inventory certain pathogens, compare adult survival and lamb recruitment in each herd and better understand the potential spread of the pathogens among the herds by the natural movement of bighorn sheep.

#### 2014 Hunt Bear Update

- Fourteen bears have been taken (eight males, six females).
- Six ear tagged bears have been taken thus far this season.
- Eleven of 14 taken with dogs.
- California total thus far this season 1080 bears.

#### Hunt data (since inception)

- 53 total since hunt started
- A total of 37 males, 16 females

#### Fisheries Division

Fall monitoring on Lake Mohave has indicated unusually high striped bass recruitment through the summer with hundreds of young of year (YOY) striped bass seen in the back of coves, and large numbers of threadfin shad unusual for Mohave. This is very good news after several years of poor striped bass condition and recruitment.

Construction at Jiggs Reservoir is almost totally complete and we should be able to begin filling the newly deepened reservoir this winter, assuming we get a winter.

The improvement project at Boulder Reservoir in northern Washoe County is also essentially complete with the reservoir refilled and NDOW fish stocking occurring on October 15. BLM will be completing final site improvements over the next several months including visitor amenities and revegetation using native plant species.

All recent AIS samples for South Fork, Wildhorse and Wilson Sink have come back negative for Quagga and Zebra mussels. We are reasonably convinced that mussel DNA detections earlier this year were probably from contamination, not live mussels, and monitoring has concluded for this year. The vessel inspection station at South Fork is now closed and we will resume that again next spring as a precaution.

Spanish language versions of several outreach documents for the AIS program including the Lake Mead AIS cleaning station rack card and the AIS decal requirement brochure have been completed and are being printed. They will be distributed at Lake Mead and other locations.

Director Wasley and Chief of Fisheries Sjoberg met with USFWS and the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe in October to discuss future cooperation on Lahontan cutthroat trout management and recovery in the Truckee River.

The fall 2014 Devils Hole pupfish counts have been completed with an estimate of 107 adult fish. This is not spectacular but a significant increase over the fall 2013 estimate of 65.

Several rounds of severe flooding affected the upper Muddy River and Overton areas in September. A storm event around midnight on Sept 26 recorded 1.67 inches of rain in 45 minutes at Warm Springs and the Moapa USGS gauge peaked at almost 6,000 cfs. A number of restored habitats for the endangered Moapa dace were significantly altered but several downstream fish barriers were largely undamaged.

### Habitat

Bald Mountain Mine Draft Environmental Impact Statement should be released for public review the first or second week of December. He said staff have engaged significantly with the mine in its development.

Steptoe WMA residence is nearing completion. Las Vegas Resource Management Plan is under review with an extension being requested.

Staff is dealing with multiple sage-grouse requests from the USFWS: Data Call, population trend and threats. We have a number of active pinyon-juniper removal projects occurring across the state (Coombs Creek, Patterson Pass, Pinenuts, Basque Canyon). Coordination has been underway with land management agencies in preparation for wildfire rehabilitation efforts.

A volunteer seedling planting project is scheduled on the Spring Peak fire this Friday and Saturday with approximately 25,000 bitterbrush and sagebrush plants to be planted.

### Wildlife Diversity Division

NDOW staff continues to work with the USFWS, BLM, Clark County and the Animal Foundation for proper disposition and responsible management of unwanted pet desert tortoises in Clark County.

NDOW prepared comments for the proposed designation of critical habitat for the western yellow-billed cuckoo. The USFWS recently listed the bird as a threatened species and is proposing to designate 546,335 acres of critical habitat for the western distinct population segment (DPS) of the yellow-billed cuckoo in 80 separate units in Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Nevada, New Mexico, Texas, Utah and Wyoming.

Eastern Region personnel attended a White Nose Syndrome (WNS) meeting in St Louis. This was a meeting supported by the USFWS to disseminate the latest information relating to the spread of this fungal disease in bats. Although WNS has not yet spread to the western US, in some eastern US states the disease has nearly eliminated three species of bats and infected four additional species. NDOW will participate in the next year in two nationwide efforts on surveillance of bats related to the spread of WNS. The first project is with the USFWS Wildlife Health Center in Madison, Wisconsin and the second with the USGS in Ft. Collins, Colorado.

Wildlife Diversity Division staff continues to enhance the NVCHAT (Nevada Crucial Habitat Assessment Tool). NVCHAT was developed in coordination with the Western Governors' Association (WGA) west-wide CHAT, a cooperative effort of 16 western states to provide the public and industry a high-level overview of "crucial habitat" across the west. WGA staff and the WGA Wildlife Council are currently

looking for a partner to be the long-term host of the CHAT. Discussions are ongoing with WAFWA to be the new long-term host of CHAT.

### Operations

NDOW's Air Operations program will transition from Operations Division to Game Division – oversight of the Department's air operations program, supported by two agency pilots flying two Bell Jet Ranger helicopters and a single-engine Cessna airplane, will transition from the Operations Division to the Game Division by July 2015. The Department's two pilots, with limited pilot support from the Nevada Division of Forestry, flew in excess of 1,100 hours in FY14, mostly in support of wildlife surveys for the Game and Diversity Divisions. The air operations program has been under the Operations Division since 2005, and previously existed under Game Division.

### Law Enforcement

The statewide boating education coordinator from Law Enforcement Division took home the national educator of the year award at a national boating safety conference Saturday in Bar Harbor, Maine. Edwin Lyngar was hired as Nevada's first full time boating education coordinator in 2002 and implemented Nevada's mandatory boating education law in 2003. In addition to his education duties, Lyngar handles public information for the NDOW's division of law enforcement. Candidates for the award are selected from all 50 states and six U.S. Territories. Finalists are chosen from three regions to compete for the national honor at The National Association of State Boating Law Administrators (NASBLA) conference, and the award is sponsored by BoaterExam.com, a company that offers online boating education.

New hire game warden testing took place Oct. 22 in Las Vegas and Oct. 27 in Reno. One hundred eight applicants applied and met the minimum standards for the application process that closed on Sept. 26. Approximately 75 of the applicants RSVP'ed for the testing process, and just over 50 actually came to the testing. From this 50, we have selected 28 to interview in an attempt to fill seven game warden position openings in Battle Mountain, Winnemucca, Fallon, Eureka, Tonopah, and Boulder City. Two game warden trainees hired earlier this year are scheduled to graduate from Southern Desert Regional Police Academy on Dec. 18. Once finished with field training, Tyrel Brown will patrol from Ely and Casey Humphries will be stationed in Boulder City.

Big game hunting seasons are in full swing around the state. Due in part to the large number of vacancies around the state in the Law Enforcement Division, game wardens are inundated with calls and investigations. We have opened 94 case numbers generated from calls to the Operation Game Thief hotline since the any weapon antelope season opened Aug. 22.

In recent years, we have seen a sharp increase in self reported accidental big game kills. These include antlered big game killed with antlerless tags and multiple animals killed on one tag. Several factors may be contributing to this trend including the proliferation of large numbers of antlerless tags in recent years, improving hunter ethics to self-report the incidents, and the recent trend toward long range shooting causing hunters to shoot beyond ethical yardages.

Human-wildlife conflict calls continue to come in large numbers around urban interface areas. Sierra Front black bears and Reno/Vegas coyotes are at the center of this issue. The seasonal hire of Cooper Munson in the Game Division to assist the bear biologist with bear calls continues to ease the pressure on regional warden staff.

Eastern Region wardens and biologists conducted a voluntary wildlife checkpoint on Oct. 5 near highway 50 west of Ely. This resulted in 35 sportsman contacts with six violations detected. These six violations resulted in one citation and five warnings for tag violations. One contact involved an individual suspected to be involved with a felony big game case in 2013. That investigation is ongoing now that the suspect has been identified.

Washoe County Game Warden Ian Knight was the recipient of a Warden Exchange Program from this summer's convention of the North American Wildlife Enforcement Officers Association (NAWOEA). Ian Knight was hosted by the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and travelled to Ontario, Canada for 10 days of patrolling this fall with Ontario conservation officers. Ian patrolled some moose seasons, checked some monster trout, and learned some new Canadian speech accents from his Canadian hosts. Ian's travel was paid for through NAWOEA.

Eastern Region wardens are looking into several reports of illegal hunting activities, including night hunting, party hunting, chasing elk with ATV's, taking an excess of deer, taking a large trophy mule deer in Great Basin National Park, and illegal take of a trophy bighorn sheep.

Eastern Region wardens have investigated approximately 15 waste of big game calls this fall, and several mistaken kills (four just in the last week).

Southern region wardens are working on several big game investigations. One of these includes unlawfully killing multiple animals in the wrong units, fraudulently obtaining tags and licenses, and illegally possessed and purchased firearms.

A second Southern Region investigation is still underway regarding nonresidents unlawfully guiding in Nevada, with multiple animals killed on these illegal hunts; a third Southern Region investigation has identified a suspect who has unlawfully obtained multiple resident big game tags from 2007 to present as a nonresident.

Southern Region wardens have been receiving reports of doe deer heads left in the field. Wardens believe some of these instances may be due to confusion over what is required of hunters to maintain "evidence of sex." One regulation states that when sexual characteristics are determining factors, hunters may not disguise sexual characteristics of the animals (NAC 503.175). A different regulation states that the cape, scalp and any antlers or horns must be possessed with the carcass of the animal until consumed, processed, etc. as required by state statute (NAC 503.173). With large numbers of antlerless and youth either sex tags, we may need to clarify and/or combine these two regulations in the future.

### Conservation Education

The Conservation Education Division, in partnership with the Law Enforcement Division, teamed up to create a new weekly, hour-long, radio program and pod cast designed to take an in-depth look at issues impacting wildlife and NDOW. The program features news, information and comprehensive interviews with staff and guests about matters related to hunting, fishing, boating, wildlife watching, species management, outdoor safety and a host of other topics. The program, entitled "Nevada Wild" is available everywhere via streaming at [www.NevadaWild.org](http://www.NevadaWild.org) and is available in northern Nevada via broadcast signal through KXNV 89.1 FM, a new community outreach radio station.

Regional Volunteer Coordinators have recruited volunteers for two major projects: Planting sagebrush and bitterbrush seedlings in North Western Nevada in the Bodie Hills this Friday and Saturday. This project is part of the restoration from the Spring Peak Fire last year. Planting seedlings will help jump start the vegetation recovery in this area and will benefit sage-grouse, mule deer, and other wildlife.

The annual volunteer sagebrush seed collection is Saturday, Nov. 22 in the Eastern Region. After being collected, sagebrush seed is cleaned, dried and mixed with other species of seed appropriate for the area.

Staff has been responding to inquiries from reporters on wolves in Nevada. The inquiries are follow ups from a new release from the Center for Biological Diversity that indicates Nevada has significant unoccupied wolf habitat. Conservation Education has worked with Game Division to provide these reporters with information regarding NDOW's position on wolves in Nevada.

Conservation Education Division continues to work with other NDOW division staff to coordinate the Western Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies' midwinter and summer conferences. The WAFWA mid-winter meeting will be held in Las Vegas Jan. 8 - 11, 2015.

Plans are underway for the annual Outdoor Education Instructor recognition function in January and February. These events are designed as appreciation for Hunter Education and Angler Education volunteers, these volunteers are presented with their tenure awards. Commissioners are invited to attend these events held throughout the regions.

Conservation Education has made fish stocking reports more user friendly, listing them by region and water.

Secretary Wasley said in regard to yesterday's request on videoconferencing that the Commission will use opportunities like this to have videoconferencing available, and will explore other opportunities if the facilities exist.

H        Litigation Report – Deputy Attorney General Harry Ward

Deputy Attorney General Harry Ward provided an update regarding a request for injunctive relief for trapping regulations, and the matter will be heard in court Thursday, November 20 in Reno.

19       Future Commission Meetings and Commission Committee Assignments - Secretary Tony Wasley and Chairman Drew - For Possible Action

The next Commission meeting is scheduled for Feb. 6 and 7, 2015, in Las Vegas and the Commission will review and discuss potential agenda items for that meeting. The Commission may change the time and meeting location at this time. The chairman may designate and adjust committee assignments as necessary at this meeting.

Chairman Drew has looked at committee assignments and will update all committee assignments prior to the next Commission meeting. Chairman Drew provided his list of potential agenda items noting that they are not necessarily all for the February meeting: Season setting, elk arbitration, black bear comprehensive review, legislative session, update on new elk hunts from 2014, and three regulations (shed antler, firearm carry during archery season and bonus point amendment) which were heard during his meeting's workshop, that may or may not be on agenda in terms of time.

Commissioner Layne commented that the Commission may want to consider warmer temperatures in the season setting process. She also would like the Commission to address coyote contests, and has made that request previously.

CABMW and Public Comment - None

20       Public Comment Period

Caren Tayloe, Washoe County resident and member of Trail Safe, said on behalf of Trail Safe that they are requesting that a representative from the non-trapping community be appointed the Trapping Regulation Committee. Also, she said in regard to the conceptual management plan mentioned by Clark CABMW Chairman Dixon to be used to by community members to discuss trapping issues in Southern Nevada, she said it should be noted that in 2010 that Trail Safe had worked that way with local community members until the Commission got involved. Ms. Tayloe said she is now speaking for herself as a resident, and as a long-time resident she sees two types of sportsmen, and told the Commission of an injured deer in her South Reno community and a hunter who took care of the deer and contacted NDOW to take care of the animal. There is another type of sportsman, trappers who lay out traps during their season and are not concerned about communities or laws and have animals in traps for over 96 hours or catch non-target animal as testified by a woman who had trapping on her property two years ago during the legislature. Ms. Tayloe said contrary to statement that trapping will be by the wayside at the

legislature due to recent election results, they will not go away. She said lazy sportsmen, like trappers, are not seen favorably by either party.

Don Molde complimented the Department's Law Enforcement Division for their excellent work in breaking up a poaching ring using Facebook and in recognition of that effort he will make another donation to the agency directly to the Law Enforcement Division.

Jana Wright thanked Director Wasley for his update and giving her the impression that when feasible the Commission will have videoconferencing and she hopes to get the word out to increase attendance/participation as she finds the meetings very informative and appreciates effort to participate.

Stephanie Myers, of Lee Canyon, agreed that videoconferencing is needed as important for all to be able to participate. She seconded Ms. Tayloe's suggestion for a non-trapping member to be on Trapping Regulation Committee as a lot of conflict, and would help to have someone not a part of the trapping community. She seconded Ms. Layne's request for an item on coyote killing contests. Also, on trapping, not only at the February meeting should they talk about season but address trap and bag limits which have never been addressed by the Commission.

Laurie Marker said she is a newcomer (18 months) to Las Vegas and feels that women are not represented at all on this Board or at NDOW. She said as a newcomer, she read the Nevada Hunting Guide which is wrong, too cumbersome, and has nothing on bonus points and when she wanted more information was told to go to the office. She requested that the language used be gender neutral, and wants a supplement on women. Ms. Marker said she plans to continue to participate and they will hear more about women in hunting.

Meeting adjourned 12 p.m.

Note: The meeting has been videotaped and is available for viewing at [ndow.org](http://ndow.org) and the minutes are a summary of the meeting. At the Department of Wildlife Headquarters in Reno is a complete record of the meeting.