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MEMORANDUM

March 1, 2016

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

From: Brian Wakeling, Administrator, Game Division 

Title: **CR 14-11 Amendment 3, 2015–2016 Upland Game, Migratory Upland Game, and Furbearer Seasons and Limits Amendment – For Possible Action**

Description: The Commission will consider amendment 3 to the 2015–2016 season dates and length for the third Mason Valley Wildlife Management Area wild turkey hunt period. Amendment 3 would extend the wild turkey hunt for this period from two days to its original, intended 9-day length extending from April 23 through May 1, 2016 rather than the current two day hunt period of April 30 through May 1, 2016

Presenter: Wildlife Staff Specialist Shawn Espinosa and Game Division Administrator Brian F. Wakeling

Agenda No: 18

Summary:

The Department originally recommended the third wild turkey season for the Mason Valley Wildlife Management Area to begin on the last Saturday in April rather than the fourth Saturday in April. During most years, these two descriptions would yield the exact same date, yet in 2016 April happens to have five Saturdays. Inadvertently, this yields a season that begins on April 30 and ends the next day on May 1.

The printed regulations accurately reflect the dates approved by the Commission at the recommendation of the Department, however the Department did not note the inadvertent error until an applicant for this wild turkey hunt contacted the agency to inquire if the dates were accurate. While accurate, the dates were not those intended when the Department made the original recommendation. Wild turkey hunts are intended to run for 9 days, and amending the season to begin on the fourth Saturday of April through the first Sunday in May allows for a season that would begin on April 23 and end on May 1, 2016.

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Recommendation: The Department recommends that the Commission **VOTE TO APPROVE AMENDMENT 3 OF CR 14-11 UPLAND GAME, MIGRATORY UPLAND GAME, AND FURBEARER SEASONS AND LIMITS FOR 2015–2016 AS PRESENTED.**

STATE OF NEVADA BOARD OF WILDLIFE COMMISSIONERS

The Board of Wildlife Commissioners under the authority of Section 501.181, 503.090, 503.140 and 503.245 of the Nevada Revised Statutes, does hereby adopt the following regulations for the management of game birds, small game, and furbearing mammals.

CR 14-11 Amendment #3

2015-2016

SEASONS, BAG LIMITS, AND SPECIAL REGULATIONS FOR UPLAND GAME BIRDS, RABBITS, WILD TURKEY, FURBEARERS, AMERICAN CROW, MOURNING AND WHITE-WINGED DOVE, AND FALCONRY SEASONS FOR UPLAND GAME BIRDS AND RABBITS.

THIS AMENDMENT MODIFIES THE SEASON DATES AND LENGTH FOR THE THIRD MASON VALLEY WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA ONLY OF UNIT 203 WILD TURKEY HUNT PERIOD.

EXPLANATION – Matter in *blue italics* is new; matter in red brackets [~~omitted material~~] is material to be omitted.

WILD TURKEY

(Units referenced are Game Management Units)

WILD TURKEY 2015 & 2016 SPRING – LIMITED ENTRY – HUNTS 0131 & 0132			
PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS:	Bearded Wild Turkey		
LIMIT:	1 by tag only		
SHOOTING HOURS:	One half hour before sunrise to 4:00 p.m. daily		
MASON VALLEY WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA ONLY OF UNIT 203			
	Seasons	Resident Hunt 0131	Nonresident Hunt 0132
Hunt Periods:	Last Saturday in March – first Sunday in April	5	-
	Second Saturday in April – third Sunday in April	5	-
	Last <i>Fourth</i> Saturday in April – first Sunday in May	5	-