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MEMORANDUM

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

From: Jennifer Newmark, Administrator, Diversity Division

Title: **Commission Regulation 17-01, Taking of Raptors for Falconry for 2017-2018 – For Possible Action/Public Comment Allowed**

Description: The Commission will consider and may take action to approve the 2017-2018 season dates, species, quotas, limits, closed areas, applications procedures and deadlines, and take of raptors for falconry.

Presenter: Diversity Division Administrator Jennifer Newmark

Agenda No: 7

Summary:

The Commission will consider adopting the 2017-2018 season dates, species, quotas, limits, closed areas, application procedures and deadlines, and take of raptors for falconry. The Department is proposing no changes in the two year regulation from the prior two-year period. The Department is recommending a limit of one raptor per permit of not more than one of any species (Exception: Under the authority of the second capture permit, a person may take another raptor of the same species to replace a bird, captured in the same year, which died or was lost).

Species open to falconry statewide continue to be Cooper's Hawk, Sharp-shinned Hawk, Prairie Falcon, Merlin, American Kestrel, Red-tailed Hawk, Ferruginous Hawk, and Great-horned Owl; and Northern Goshawk statewide except Elko County north of I-80, which is closed. It is recommended that seasons remain the same, with the eyas season March 1 through August 31 of each year and the Passage season from January 1 through December 31 of each year.

Further, the Department is recommending the continued take restriction of one eyas must be left in every nest from which raptors are captured and no eyas may be removed prior to 10 days of age. Additionally, an aerie may not be entered when young are 28 days or more of age. These restrictions prevent the inadvertent forcing of fledglings or the abandonment of a nest.

Finally, the Department is recommending the maintenance of quota numbers from prior years.

Recommendation:

The Department recommends that the Commission VOTE TO ADOPT THE 2017-2018 SEASONS AND QUOTAS FOR TAKING RAPTORS FOR FALCONRY AS PRESENTED.

STATE OF NEVADA BOARD OF WILDLIFE COMMISSIONERS

The Board of Wildlife Commissioners under the authority of Title 45 of the Nevada Revised Statutes, does hereby adopt the following regulations for the management of raptors:

Commission Regulation 17-01 2017 and 2018 SEASONS AND QUOTAS FOR TAKING RAPTORS FOR FALCONRY

- LIMIT:** Two raptors; one raptor per permit.
- SPECIES LIMITS:** Not more than one of any species
Exception: Under the authority of the second capture permit, a person may take another raptor of the same species to replace a bird, captured in the same year, which died or was lost.
- TAKE RESTRICTION:** One eyas must be left in every nest from which raptors are captured.
An eyas may not be removed from its aerie prior to 10 days of age.
Aeries may not be entered when young are 28 days or more of age.
- HOURS:** Raptors may be taken any time of the day or night during the open season
- AREA:** Statewide for all authorized species except Northern Goshawks. The take of Northern Goshawk is closed in Elko County north of I-80.
- SEASON:** 2017 season - Eyas season: March 1 through August 31, 2017
Passage season: January 1 through December 31, 2017
2018 season - Eyas season: March 1 through August 31, 2018
Passage season: January 1 through December 31, 2018.

Deadline for Acceptance of Application/Drawing

Applications for permits to take raptors for falconry will become available the first weekday of December.

The deadline for the receipt of applications for **quota** species is 5 p.m., on the second Monday of January. Applications for a permit to capture **non-quota** species will be accepted any time after applications become available. Applications must be mailed through a postal service to the address listed on the application.

A drawing will be conducted by the Department if there is an over-subscription of applications for any raptor species for which a quota has been established. After the drawing, any quota remaining will be available for application. Applications after the drawing will be processed in the order of receipt until the quota is filled or the close of the season.

Resident applicants will apply for a species in accordance with the instructions on the application. Nonresident applicants may only apply for **one** (1) species per application.

**2017 and 2018 SEASONS AND QUOTAS
FOR TAKING RAPTORS FOR FALCONRY**

Species	Quotas	
	Resident	Nonresident
Goshawk (Eyas – March 1- August 31;)	10	3
Goshawk (Passage January 1- December 31)	unlimited	
Cooper's Hawk	unlimited	3
Sharp-shinned Hawk	unlimited	3
Prairie Falcon	unlimited	3
Merlin	unlimited	3
American Kestrel	unlimited	3
Red-tailed Hawk	unlimited	3
Ferruginous Hawk	5	1
Great Horned Owl	unlimited	3

THE CAPTURE SEASON IS CLOSED FOR ALL RAPTOR SPECIES NOT LISTED