***DRAFT* MINUTES**
Nov. 18 AND 19, 2016
Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners' Meeting

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Capitol Assembly Chambers
Second Floor
101 N. Carson St.
Carson City, NV 89701

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Members Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners:

Chairman Grant Wallace	Vice Chairman Brad Johnston	Commissioner Jon Almberg
Commissioner Tom Barnes	Commissioner Jeremy Drew	Commissioner Kerstan Hubbs
Commissioner David McNinch	Commissioner Paul Valentine	Commissioner Bill Young

Secretary Tony Wasley
Recording Secretary Suzanne Scourby
Deputy Attorney General Harry Ward
Management Analyst III Jordan Neubauer

Nevada Department of Wildlife personnel in attendance during the two day meeting:

Deputy Director Jack Robb
Chief Game Warden Tyler Turnipseed
Game Division Administrator Brian Wakeling
Wildlife Staff Specialist Pat Sollberger
Habitat Division Administrator Alan Jenne
Administrative Assistant 2 Rheena Am-Is
Deputy Director Liz O'Brien
Conservation Educator Administrator Chris Vasey
Management Analyst 3 Maureen Hullinger
Wildlife Diversity Division Administrator Jen Newmark
NDOW Biologist 4 Mike Scott
NDOW Biologist 3 Cody McKee

Carson Meeting Location Attendees:

Gil Yanuck, Carson CABMW
Glenn Bunch, Mineral CABMW
Bobbie McCollum, Carson City
Catherine Smith, self
Paul Dixon, Clark CABMW
Glenn Bunch, Mineral CABMW
Carol-Anne Weed
Joel Blakeslee, Nevada Trappers Association
Meghan Brown
Don Sefton, Systems Consultants
Doug Martin, Carson CABMW
Judi Caron, self
Bert K. Gurr, Elko CABMW
Mike Turnipseed, Douglas CABMW
Eva Hullinger, self
Rex Flowers, self
Fred Voltz, recreationist
Don Molde, Nevada Wildlife Alliance
Steve Robinson, Washoe CABMW
Cory Lytle, Lincoln CABMW
Elaine Carrick
Larry Allen, Humboldt CABMW
Mitch McVicars, White Pine CABMW
Mike Cassiday, general public
Monty Martin, Systems Consultants
Jim Sample, U.S. Air Force
Bob Rittenhouse, Douglas CABMW
Karen Boeger, Nevada Backcountry Hunters/Anglers

Las Vegas Meeting Attendees:

Clint Bentley, Fraternity of the Desert Bighorn
Stephanie Myers, self
Jana Wright

Friday, Nov. 18, 2016 – 10:30a.m.

1 Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance, Roll Call of Commission and County Advisory Board Members to Manage Wildlife (CABMW) – Chairman Wallace

All nine Commissioners present. CABMW Roll Call: Craig Burnside, Douglas; Larry Allen, Humboldt; Paul Dixon, Clark; Doug Martin, Carson; Steve Robinson, Washoe; Glenn Bunch, Mineral; Mitch McVicars, White Pine; and Cory Lytle, Lincoln.

Secretary Wasley thanked Governor Sandoval and the Governor's Office for assistance with allowing the Commission to use the Assembly Chambers.

Governor Sandoval spoke and he thanked the Commission for their public service.

2 Approval of Agenda – Chairman Wallace – 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 DREW MOVED TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED. COMMISSIONER YOUNG SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

3 Nevada Department of Wildlife Project Updates – Secretary Wasley – Informational
The Commission has requested that the Department provide regular project updates for ongoing projects and programs as appropriate based on geography and timing of meetings. These updates are intended to provide additional detail in addition to the summaries provided as part of the regular Department Activity Report and are intended to educate the Commission and public as to the Department's ongoing duties and responsibilities.

Nevada Department of Staff, Chief Game Warden Tyler Turnipseed and Habitat Wildlife Staff Specialist Mike Zahradka presented two PowerPoint presentations: Law Enforcement 2016 Division Overview and Walker River Restoration Project. Exhibit file and video (10:55 a.m.).

4 Member Items/Announcements and Correspondence – Chairman Wallace – 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 Johnston said he received correspondence on party hunt return of tag asking for restoration of bonus points. He will provide correspondence to the Department.

Chairman Wallace said he recently attended a meeting in Tonopah regarding expansion of Air Force Base.

Commissioner Drew received correspondence from Tina Nappe and Karen Boeger regarding land transfer bills. He said land transfer bills should be an item for the February Commission 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.

Doug Martin, chairman Carson CABMW, reported Carson CABMW voted to support Sportsman's Initiative legislation. He said this bill includes the Department with a portion of Heritage funds being used. He encouraged the Commission to support the bill and have the proposal on a future agenda.

Craig Burnside, Douglas CABMW, said a member brought forth the idea of exploring the use of dogs to track wounded animals at their meeting. He said other states allow trained dogs to recover wounded animals. Mr. Burnside said he mentioned the idea to Chief Turnipseed who will look into the use of dogs to recover wounded animals.

6 Approval of Minutes – Chairman Wallace – For Possible Action
Commission minutes may be approved from the Sept. 23 and 24, 2016, meeting.

Commissioner Drew noted one correction to page 31, the motion must be corrected as the vote was "7 - 1."

COMMISSIONER VALENTINE MOVED TO APPROVE THE SEPTEMBER 2016 MINUTES WITH CHANGE TO PAGE 31CORRECTING THAT MOTION PASSED "7-1." COMMISSIONER HUBBS SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

<u>Commission Regulations -For Possible Adoption/Public Comment Allowed</u>

7 Commission Regulation 17-01, Taking of Raptors for Falconry for 2017- 2018 – Wildlife Diversity Administrator Jennifer Newmark – For Possible Action
The Commission will consider and may take action to approve the 2017-2018 season dates, species, quotas, limits, closed areas, application procedures and deadlines, and take of raptors for falconry.

Chairman Wallace introduced the regulation.

Wildlife Diversity Division Administrator Jennifer Newmark reviewed the regulation. She said there were no changes from the 2015 – 2016 regulation. There is one exception. There are restrictions in place. The Department is requesting the same limits as in prior years. On average the Department sells 31 permits a year, of the 31 permits, 15 raptors are taken. Forty-seven percent are taken as passage birds, which mean they are free flying not taken out of the nest. It is about equal.
Commissioner Hubbs asked how the Department monitors the amount taken.

Wildlife Diversity Division Administrator Jennifer Newmark said anytime a bird is removed it is taken to the Department and checked in. Goshawks are more sensitive. The Department is doing a statewide survey on them.

Commissioner Drew asked why the closure in Elko.

Wildlife Diversity Division Administrator Jennifer Newmark said goshawks are tied to riparian areas and riparian areas have been declining, therefore the goshawk numbers are declining too.

Public Comment –

Paul Dixon, Clark County CABMW, said since the Department adjusted to the federal regulation he has not heard any more people asking about this regulation. What we have before us is acceptable to the falconry people.

COMMISSIONER JOHNSTON MOVED TO APPROVE COMMISSION REGULATION 17-01 TAKING OF RAPTORS FOR FALCONRY FOR 2017-2018 AS PRESENTED. COMMISSIONER MCNINCH SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

8 Commission Regulation17-02 Noncommercial Collection of Reptiles and Amphibians for 2017-2018 – Wildlife Diversity Administrator Jennifer Newmark – For Possible Action
The Commission will consider and may take action to approve 2017-2018 season and limits for noncommercial hobby collecting of live, unprotected reptiles and amphibians.

Chairman Wallace introduced the regulation.

Wildlife Diversity Division Administrator Jennifer Newmark said the Department is not proposing any new changes. She read the regulation. The Department does not require a permit for hobby collection, so she said she cannot provide numbers as she did with the previous regulation. The amounts are reasonable.

Public Comment – None

COMMISSIONER MCNINCH MOVED TO APPROVE COMMISSION REGULATION 17-02 NONCOMMERCIAL COLLECTION OF REPTILES AND AMPHIBIANS FOR 2017-2018AS PRESENTED BY THE DEPARTMENT. COMMISSIONER BARNES SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

<u>Regulation for Workshop- Public Comment Allowed</u>

9 Commission General Regulation 470, Miscellaneous Petitions, LCB File No. R095 -16 – Administrative Procedures Regulation and Policy Committee (APRPC) Chairman and Commissioner David McNinch – Workshop/Public Comment Allowed
The Commission will hold a workshop to consider amending Chapter 501 of the Nevada Administrative Code (NAC). The regulation was developed by the Wildlife Commission's APRPC after several public meetings incorporating relevant suggestions from the public, legal counsel, the Department and the committee. The amendments will simplify petition form requirements and the petition process overall.

Chairman Wallace introduced the regulation.

Commissioner McNinch said this regulation will modify the Rules of Practice. The intent was to streamline the process. The next challenge was the timeliness of the hearings. When a petition did make it to the Commission it was determined later that the Commission didn't have the

authority to deal with the request. The Department will determine if the Commission has the legal authority. He thinks it might need to be tweaked a little bit for clarification.

Secretary Wasley explained the concerns with only seven meetings per year. The Department has greater flexibility with their time.

Commissioner McNinch said we want to clean up the Rules of Practice.

Commissioner Drew said he supports the change because of the streamlining. He only wants the Commission to receive the petition if the Commission has the authority. He explained how he envisions this process occurring. Once we clean up the Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) we then can clean up the policy. We are in the right order. He likes the language in front of him.

Deputy Attorney General Harry Ward said he agrees with the language.

Commissioner Johnston said the changes on page two simplify the process, but the change on page 3 says something else. Subsection 3 and subsection 5 are not making is easier with the amount of days and when it needs to be heard at the next Commission Meeting. He does not think the timeline works.

Commissioner McNinch said there might be a cleaner way to do this. A void is created in the timeline. He wanted the Department to initiate the process.

Commissioner Drew said he understands what Commissioner Johnston is saying.

Commissioner Hubbs said she concerned about transparency. She thinks it is off record when it goes straight to the Department. How does the public become aware of the petition?

Commissioner McNinch said this is what the committee struggled with. There have been a lot of petitions submitted and after 3 hours of the Commission hearing the petition it is discovered that the Commission does not have the authority to deal with it.

Commissioner Johnston likes what Commissioner Hubbs was saying. He thinks the Commission needs to decide in the public meeting if they have authority or not. He thought we were going to eliminate things that were required before. Once the petition is received by the Department the Commission will put it on the agenda at their next meeting.

Commissioner Barnes likes to streamline, but a lot of the information being omitted seems to be important.

Commissioner Johnston explained how he understood the part being omitted.

Commissioner Drew said all the omitted would have to be completed by the Department after the Commission decided to move forward. He would rather know sooner rather than later.

Commissioner Hubbs agrees with Commissioner Barnes. The information being omitted seems important. She wants the legal authority to be by the petitioner.

Secretary Wasley said the reason for this change was to address the timing issues. The changes may or may not accomplish the goal, but we thought some things can be transferred to the Department. It was not to prevent transparency at all. The primary issue is lack of ability to

comply with the timeframe. The Department will work with the language the Commission chooses to go forward with.

Public Comment –

Fred Voltz, self, said the Commission has been looking for legal sufficiency. There needs to be an explanation for the denial of any petition. The Commission can delegate to staff. The Department can respond faster. The petitioner should be able to appeal if the Department chooses to deny.

Don Molde, self, said he likes the streamlining idea. He also likes the legal question being settled before hearing the petition in the public meeting. If the Department takes the job of deciding the legality what will the weight be on the attorney general be? He likes the simplification of the petitioner deciding the small business impact.

Jana Wright, self, agrees with Commissioner Johnston. The timeline does not seem to make any sense. How does the public know if a petition is filed? She thinks the Department should submit a report on the petition. She thinks this regulation still needs work.

Commissioner Johnston wants to make changes. He would like to strike section 2 and 3. Section 4 can stay the same. Section 5 needs to be changed.

Commissioner Hubbs understands we need to streamline, but she thinks the petition should be heard in its native form.

Chairman Wallace asked about the 30 days. He thinks that was important.

Commissioner McNinch hears Commissioner Hubbs. The proposal is a response to the input from the public. They heard frustrations about the legal authority. He wants a balance on this regulation.

Commissioner Young said he is getting confused.

Commissioner Drew said we need more answers. Is the 30 days required by state law? If so, he thinks the general outline we have will do, if not, a fix like Commissioner Johnston said will also be fine. There is a companion policy in place that needs to be updated too.

Commissioner Johnston said the petitions are heard by the Commission no matter what. The Commission makes the ultimate decision.

Commissioner Hubbs is also confused. She wants to know about the 30 days and where that is being derived from. She wants the petition to be heard.

Commissioner McNinch said that is what it can do.

Deputy Attorney General Harry Ward said he believes the 30 days was derived from the Administrative Procedures Act.

Chairman Wallace said that does sound familiar.

Commissioner Drew asked about the 30 days, what has to be done within the 30 days? Does a petitioner need a response? He wants answers before moving forward.

Chairman Wallace said to take the regulation back to committee.

Commissioner McNinch wants to get more information today.

Commissioner Johnston found the 30 days listed in law. The committee needs to look at defining receipt of the petitions.

Commissioner McNinch asked what defines rulemaking.

Commissioner Hubbs said the Commission is set up for doom with the schedule. She wants to address the appeal part too. Can a petitioner appeal if it is denied?

Commissioner Wallace said to take this regulation back to the committee to get more answers.

10 Tag Allocation and Application Hunt Committee (TAAHC)– Commissioner and Committee Chairman Brad Johnston

A Tag Allocation and Application Hunt Committee (TAAHC) Report – Commissioner and Committee Chairman Brad Johnston - Informational
The Commission will hear a report on the committee's recent meetings.

Commissioner and Committee Chairman Brad Johnston reported on the TAAHC activities: TAAHC has met twice and have discussed Partnership in Wildlife (PIW) draw sequence; evaluated issue of specialty tags for bighorn sheep and unit closures, looked at options proposed by Department and came up with recommendations which will be on the next TAAHC agenda to allow further comment by the public and the CABMWs; and eligibility for spike elk hunts. He said many items shifted to closed topic list; however, rut hunts and landowner tags will still be on committee's agenda.

B Partnership in Wildlife (PIW) Drawing and Restricted Nonresident Guided Deer Draw Applicant Eligibility – Operations Division Administrator Bob Haughian– For Possible Action
The Tag Allocation and Application Hunt Committee (TAAHC) conducted public meetings on two related amendments to Chapter 502 of the Nevada Administrative Code. The first amendment is to change the PIW drawing to precede the main drawing. The change would allow all applicants who choose to apply for the PIW program to participate in the PIW drawing. The second amendment is allowing restricted nonresident guided deer hunt applicants to also apply for deer tags in the Silver State tag, PIW drawing and the main drawing if eligible. The Department has prepared a document that explains fees, tag eligibility, and the implementation of proposed changes. The Department is requesting the Commission to provide guidance to the Department for the drafting of possible regulation changes.

Operations Division Administrator Bob Haughian said the TAAHC discussed amending Chapter 502 of NAC to change draw sequence of PIW tag to be in front of other two drawings. The second part is a request from Nevada Outfitters and Guides Association (NOGA) allowing restricted nonresident guided deer hunt (NRGH) applicants to also apply if eligible for deer tags in the Silver State tag, PIW, and the main drawing.

MA III Hullinger said the realization was made during a committee meeting that there is more than one way to implement changing the PIW draw as denoted in the support material. MA III Hullinger reviewed the support material and options, and Administrator Haughian reviewed the CABMWs positions on changing the PIW.

Commissioner Johnston said there was a difference in opinion from CABMWs and public. Washoe CABMW wanted PIW drawn first. Most people want PIW tag more than a regular tag. TAAHC was in favor. The Committee's consensus was Method 1 as outlined in the Department's white paper:

Method 1: There will be no change to the method of application, but the PIW drawing will move programmatically.

- Applicant will check the PIW box on the species they want to apply for.
- Applicant must be eligible (not in a waiting period) for the species in the main drawing to apply for PIW.
- Programmatically the PIW draw would occur before the main drawing.
- The $10 fee would be collected after the main drawing from all PIW applicants.
- PIW applications are not invoiced by the contractor.

Commissioner Johnston said the majority were not in favor of NOGA's request to change the nonresident guided hunt because of the perception of "two bites of the apple" because of possibility that they earn a bonus point. Commissioner Johnston said an alternative could be allowing application to other hunts.

Discussion ensued on PIW tags – (video 2:18 p.m.).

Public Comment –

Rex Flowers representing himself said his goal is to keep the draw as an equal opportunity. He recommended to Washoe CABMW that nonresident guided hunt applicants not be allowed to participate in main draw but allow participation in the Silver State Tag (SST) and PIW. In fairness to all participants there should be no "double dip."

Commissioner Barnes said he is not in favor of the NRGH applicant earning a bonus point. He has no issue with the second chance for NRGH applicants.

Chairman Wallace said he supports eligibility for NRGH applicants for Silver State and PIW tags but not the main draw.

COMMISSIONER DREW MOVED TO PROVIDE DIRECTION TO THE DEPARTMENT TO FOLLOW METHOD 1, LEAVE AS PARTICIPATION FEE AND ALLOW NRGH APPLICANTS TO BE ELIGIBILE FOR SST AND PIW BUT NOT MAIN DRAW. COMMISISONER ALMBERG SECONDED THE MOTION. COMMISSIONERS IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION: CHAIRMAN WALLACE, COMMISSIONERS ALMBERG, DREW, HUBBS, MCNINCH, VALENTINE AND YOUNG. COMMISSIONERS BARNES AND JOHNSTON OPPOSED. VOTE ON MOTION 7 – 2.

11 Nevada Department of Wildlife License Simplification Strategy Update – Game Division Administrator Brian F. Wakeling – For Possible Action
The Department has conducted substantial data analysis and public input since the effort to simplify hunting and angling license structures was initiated just over one year ago. The Department will provide an overview of the information obtained to date, along with suggestions for bundled privileges and fees. The Commission may vote to support the Department's license structure proposal.

Administrator Wakeling provided a PowerPoint presentation (exhibit file and NDOW website 3:06 p.m.) Discussion ensued.

Public Comment Las Vegas - None

Public Comment Carson City -

Doug Martin, chairman Carson CABMW, said his CABMW wanted to make sure that the trout and duck stamp programs continue to receive funding. He heard today those programs will continue and they support the program.

Rex Flowers speaking for himself said great idea and concept. One thing is chart shows fees going up and would like fees reduced. Suggested fees be put on youth combo and specialty combo licenses to go toward that.

Judi Caron said she supports fee simplification and asked if now would be time to look at five year residency for seniors. The residency requirement law has been around for 20 years or so.

Paul Dixon Clark CABMW said one dissenting opinion was that the resident should always get the fee reduction benefit over the nonresident.

Fred Voltz said one thing missing is trapping. No input from Chase on nonresidents. Bias on surface and would encourage Commission to not allow such a segmented study as large part of the public not included.

Commissioner Drew said he discussed the senior license with Ms. Caron and agreed that a change may be something that could be considered.

Commissioner McNinch said he supports simplification of licenses and fee structure.

COMMISSIONER DREW MOVED TO ADOPT A LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM IN SUPPORT OF LICENSE SIMPLIFICATION BASED ON INFORMATION PROVIDED AT THIS TIME. COMMISSIONER HUBBS SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

12 Nevada Department of Wildlife Update of Guidelines for Harvest Management in Nevada – Game Division Administrator Brian F. Wakeling – For Possible Action
The Department will provide an update on the status and process of refining the draft harvest guidelines for consideration by the Commission. The Department will provide a briefing on revisions since the September 2016 Commission Meeting. The Commission may provide the Department with direction regarding further development.

Division Administrator Wakeling presented his PowerPoint presentation entitled Harvest Management Guidelines for Hunting Seasons in Nevada (NDOW website and exhibit file). Administrator Wakeling said at the last Commission meeting the Commission asked what will be different from existing plans, and he explained the differences during the presentation. For example, he said, the Antelope Plan that was adopted in 2003 has an objective of 20-30 bucks per 100 does, now we are recommending a change that is conservative and consistent with what is being done now.

Commissioner Drew asked how Administrator Wakeling envisions season and quota setting occurring over the next four years.

Administrator Wakeling answered that staff tried to define a suite of seasons by which a biologist could choose depending upon the conditions within the year that they are seeing. If the biologists' choose to have two or three seasons for deer or one season they have been lined out which units have been chosen to do that. If they choose to differ from a season used this year, the change will fall within the guidelines. Season setting would follow that particular process and will not deviate from the season except for events such as a wildfire or other event. Administrator Wakeling said it would be more standardized; however a population change would necessitate the possibility of re-opening a season.

Commissioner Drew asked procedurally when the Commission sets seasons in 2017 is it envisioned that seasons will be set for the next four years and in the interim are the preceding three years to have any changes handled by the Department or will the Commission look at the full gamut of seasons on an annual basis.

Administrator Wakeling said he envisions there will be less variation among years and be standardized. Nothing would prevent the seasons from being changed in any year.

Commissioner Drew said that will be a significant change for the Commission and the CABMWs. The Commission will need to be cognizant that if there is a need for a change in 2018 to a season, that will require an agenda item.

Commissioner Drew said for the black bear plan, the draft guidelines did not use the 10 year population trend in season and quota setting. He asked for the rationale for eliminating that.

Administrator Wakeling answered Commissioner Drew that 10 year population trend has been largely increasing. He said the Department will continue to monitor the bear population but at some point it is possible that there may be less radio telemetry of bears. There may be implementation of different approaches. The bear plan delineated the harvest criteria based on what other states use and data from Nevada's population. The Department's intent was to focus on that aspect rather than commit to intensive monitoring.

Commissioner Drew said his concern is that approach is not consistent with recommendations from the Commission's Bear Committee. He read three recommendations that are pertinent to harvest guidelines: The Commission should consider retaining a season structure and harvest level that does not decrease the population size of black bear in Nevada; and should consider season structure and quota annually for at least the first 10 seasons. Subheadings under the plan were Commission should request analysis and annual hunt reports and population status reports from the Department prior to season and quota setting; Commission should request an update of Program Mark population modeling including the first three years of the hunt; and the Commission should encourage ongoing black bear studies and monitoring efforts by the

Department and others and encourage sharing updates with findings as they become available. Commissioner Drew said that those were critical when he was first on the Commission as the bear hunt had been set in a temporary regulation which was made permanent. All the independent persons who testified stated that they could support a bear hunt on the caveat that the bear population would be intensively monitored particularly in the first few years of the hunt. Going away from that and being silent on that in the harvest recommendations is a bad idea. Secondly, Commissioner Drew said also the Commission should maintain all specific regulations currently in place including the mandatory indoctrination, post-harvest check-in, and the prohibition of harvesting a cub or a sow accompanied by a cub and closure of Carson front. Lastly the Commission should maintain a similar season structure, meaning a fall hunt, but the Commission should consider any recommendations by the Department to various season and hunt structure in a manner that provides hunt opportunity in a manner that does not negatively affect the viability of the population and considers source of concerns that have been expressed. In his mind those three bullets should be added to harvest guidelines. He said if the Department has ideas how to conduct the bear hunt better in the future or changing trends that require change, this would be the time to do that. Commissioner Drew said he does not agree with the statement that there was an agreement to hold everything related to the bear hunt stagnant for the first ten years. The intent was more to insure there was no negative impact on the bear population and again if things need to be changed, now would be the time.

Commissioner Barnes said he likes the ideas of management guidelines, but noted there is a lot in the plan to digest. He likes the idea that it is not binding as that keeps flexibility especially for public lands. Right now there is not a lot of flexibility and likes the flexibility here. As far as seasons go there needs to be flexibility of dates here and there and as a former CABMW member that there were many hunts that overlap which makes the need for flexibility in the dates. Area 10 had three seasons, and he did not see that incorporated here. The three seasons has been a benefit in the area and lessened resource damage as far as roads and off-road vehicle use. He would like that hunt to be included as that structure allows management of congestion.

Commissioner Hubbs asked if species management plans will be updated to state the same as the harvest management plan.

Division Administrator Wakeling said in the future the species management plans are in need of updating and all need at minimum an editorial review to make them consistent with the harvest management plan. Or eliminate harvest aspect out of the plans.

Public Comment Las Vegas –

Jana Wright said she objects to black bear hunt. Does not see where killing the black bear is a management tool at this stage of the game. It just seems to be a hunter opportunity. She asked that the Commission in February to consider no black bear season. She said she is concerned about mountain lions being hunted year round. In the October 20th draft of this agenda item there was description of data and how data is obtained for furbearers and she does not understand it. Ms. Wright said she would like to see quotas set for the animals that trappers trap, and maybe at a future Commission meeting there could be an agenda item where data gathering by Department is explained.

Public Comment Carson City –

Bobbi McCollum said her comments are on the entire process. She said she attended the Sept. 10th town hall meeting in Reno and upon entering the room was handed a blue piece of paper with two questions on it: What do you like, and what would you change? Very short Power Point was shown, after which we were asked if we had any questions. A member of the public asked if the opinions of any one group of individuals are valued more than another. The answer was "no." Members of the public asked questions about specific animals and they were told that those questions would not be answered. They were split into small discussion groups with a member from NDOW staff joining them. She was in Mr. Wakeling's group, and he took no notes of the public's concerns. Ms. McCollum said she asked him one question: What is Nevada's current bear population. She was told they did not know. Subsequently she attended the September Commission meeting and watched the Power Point presentation on this item and learned that in March of 2016 a questionnaire was sent to 2,200 hunting or combination license holders for their input on harvest management. Only 786 responses were received and she was unable to find in the presentation anywhere where the public's input was requested in the March survey. To avoid the appearance of favoring the opinions of one particular group, the same questions must be posed to everyone.

Rex Flowers provided his written comments: Antelope, delete item #3,no more than 15 muzzleloader hunts, allow hunts in any area where there is both a public interest and opportunity exists "Horns Longer Than Ears Muzzleloader" seven day season is too short and discriminatory; 38 total days are suggested for all weapon classes, muzzleloader should be 12 days. Doe harvest should only be as carrying capacities are being approached or exceeded and delete wording "for additional and desired hunting opportunities." Bighorn sheep, Unit 161 no longer a split season and new suggested season of Oct.15 thru Nov. 5 falls within both "Muzzleloader Bull Elk Hunt and Any Legal Weapon Antlered Deer Hunt." Given that this herd of sheep has expanded into a number of the same areas that these other hunts are active in, would suggest a later date of Nov. 6 thru Dec. 1 or leave as is currently. I had this tag in 1993 and harvested at the end of November. While this hunt is difficult at times due to weather these sheep have greatly expanded their range since 1993 and now are located and hunted not so much on the summit areas of Mt. Jefferson but quite heavily at lower elevation locations such as Moore's Creek and Northumberland. Elk Antlered - Lack of rut hunts; management should allow for limited entry hunts in any unit having extremely high bull to cow ratios, hunts should be in addition to regular antlered hunts and rotate between weapon classes. Antlerless - No hunts after 12/31 any given year. Mule Deer-Seasons: All seasons should be of same total length. Proposed split season total is 10/05 thru 11/05 while single season is 10/05 thru 11/02 - would suggest change single season to 10/05 thru 11/05.Junior hunts should also follow same as those set seasons. Seasons split or singular should be should be established through the CABs directly associated with those hunt units. Quotas: quotas in split seasons should follow suit with season splits (i.e. 80/ 20; 75/25) with a limitation that no season be less than seven days. There should be no Antlerless hunts for "to provide hunter harvest in some instances" but only as required for herd health or extenuating circumstances such as major wild land fires. Either sex tags for Youth hunts should also be eliminated except in those units showing issues of herd health or being over carrying capacity. Management (buck ratios) Unit 022 should be at 35 bucks /100 does as this is a resident herd and probably the premier area of Washoe County. Eliminate under alternative hunts" no more than eight unit groups state wide."

Cathy Smith said harvest guidelines should reflect the action the Commission took to end the hunt on Dec. 1. First, in the spirit of capturing what we do currently, she said the season dates for the bear hunt should accurately reflect how the Commission voted earlier this year. Her understanding is that the hunt is scheduled to end on Dec. 1 this year and the harvest guidelines should state that. Secondly, she pointed out again that the matrix used to insure a healthy population does not work for small hunted edge populations. The number of animals killed each year does not reach statistical significance. There are several papers studying much larger bear populations that have demonstrated that the odds of detecting a population decline of greater than 75 percent would likely be less than 25 percent. To her knowledge population simulations have not been run on this population or any population of bears that is so small. Even adding bears captured or killed for other reasons doesn't really help, especially when the captured bears and the bears hit by cars are essentially from different units than where most of the bears are taken. We have to remember that we have the smallest hunted population in the country. Given this, there is no scientific purpose to use this matrix unless it is done to give hunters and the commission a false sense of security.

Cory Lytle Lincoln CABMW said their CABMW comments were submitted. Understands guideline and want to keep the process broad and flexible. He read his comments: Lincoln CAB comments on the "Revised draft 3" dated October 20, 2016: Page 13: Archery Antlered Elk Table. Please include Unit 241 - 242 within the "standard" archery dates of August 25-September 16. Page 19: Any Legal Weapon Mule Deer Table, please include an option for a 3-Season Split in addition to the Standard and the Early-Late Split with dates of October 5 to October 20, October 21 to October 31, and November 1 to November 8. In Area 22, this late-season "trophy" hunt is an exceptional opportunity and highly sought after. The season structure also provides a balance of opportunity as well as a separation of junior hunters from the late season trophy hunters. Additionally, the early-late split season can still be an option. Page 19: Antlered Mule Deer Objectives, bottom paragraph, please adjust the number of Alternative Management Areas from 8 to 9. Page 20: Mule Deer Alternative Hunt Table, please include Unit 231 in the Alternative Hunt Category. The 10-year average of four point or better harvest is 59 percent. Junior hunter success is consistently around 70 percent. Demand for this standard single season hunt equals that of most "late" hunt demand. Landowner tags in 231 are valued at over $7,000 each. Demand is high for this tag and it should be treated as a trophy unit.

Larry Allen, Humboldt CABMW, said they discussed the plan at length over several meetings. There were several issues: Confusion as to what draft to work from, and would have helped to have current plan to compare side by side; not sure why the need for the change, and thirdly the process through which was used for input such as having Town Hall meetings. There was the feeling that the counties were circumvented. He said they did not support implementation and asked that the plan be returned to the CABMWs for a better understanding.

Paul Dixon, Clark CABMW, said his understanding had been that the harvest management guidelines were based on current harvest objectives. He said 90 plus percent of that document is the case, but as Commissioner Drew notes and others, there are nuanced changes here and there. That was not clear to him and he advised his CABMW of that. Having the areas where we are not following our current objectives that we have in our harvest and season setting stuff, we have made changes where we want to manage differently from there in the guidelines. That needs to be highlighted to be clear to people as to what has already been discussed and agreed on. Having those things clearer would assist the CABMWs and reduce the confusion.

Connie Howard, Nevada Wildlife Alliance, said from a conservation perspective she would prefer that this be a plan for conservation guidelines for species rather than harvest guidelines. She said she is concerned going forward with ecological change and animal dynamics and that the Commission may have trouble making adjustments if harvest guidelines adopted. Ms. Howard said they are asking the Commission to end the black bear hunt in Northern Nevada as we don't have information on the population which is very small and fragile. Ms. Howard said a letter was sent to the Commission from Heather Carpenter of the western region of the U.S. Humane Society on hunts (exhibit file). Another species of concern is mountain lions, and has the letter had serious questions as to health of mountain lion population and addressed biological issues.

Don Molde concurred with Cathy Smith's concern with the hunt being extended through the end of December. With respect to population monitoring, we are presently killing 10 percent of our bear population and provided population statistics. Mr. Molde said in Nevada the mountain lion population is estimated by the Department at 1,500 animals. Current science would suggest that is not sustainable, and no indication in harvest guidelines if current science is being used. He provided information on data with respect to mountain lions.

Joel Blakeslee, Nevada Trappers Association, said they are generally okay with what is going on with furbearers. He said he did not agree with Mr. Molde on the kitten ratio, and supports standards if all can agree. One specific change he requested is protocol to have gray fox and bobcat season to be concurrent, no reason for that. Gray fox should be managed as a separate species with own season.

Commissioner Hubbs said has concern with Predator Management Plan and how that data is being integrated with the Harvest Management Plan.

Administrator Wakeling said if we were to see a population decline. We would expect to see the characteristics within harvested animals, such as larger proportion of adult females in the harvest as the females are the last animals that tend to become vulnerable. If overall objective is to keep population stable, at that point a threshold below that would be identified as the harvest objective.

Commissioner Drew said he would suggest tabling the species that we will not set seasons for in February to relieve the burden of reading through the information. Document and content overload have hindered understanding of the process.

Chairman Wallace said most current version should be sent not all of the other versions.

Discussion ensued on suggestions from Commissioners on how to improve the document and ways to obtain understanding of the changes.

Secretary Wasley said for clarity that when Administrator Wakeling was hired he saw need for consistency with recommendation and wanted the genesis for the recommendation to be consistent across the board. The need was clear – one customer is the biologist and the other concern is public. He said there was tremendous amount of fear about what the document is or isn't, although the need is clear. There will be flexibility and input may be that this is internal document, and not one for the Commission to decide. Not intended to be anything set in stone that precludes flexibility to alleviate stakeholder's fears, and is a starting point.

Commissioner Drew said species management plans need to be brought to the Commission as in the past. Some of present Commissioners have not been presented with a species management plan and during his tenure recalls one plan being presented. He is supportive of moving the process forward.

COMMISSIONER DREW MOVED TO TABLE THOSE PORTIONS OF HARVEST GUIDELINES PERTINENT TO WILD TURKEY, UPLAND, SMALL GAME AND FURBEARER FOR A FUTURE MEETING. ADVANCE THAT PORTION OF THE HARVEST GUIDELINES SPECIFIC TO BIG GAME FOR CONSIDERATION AT THE NEXT MEETING. COMMISSIONER JOHNSTON SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

COMMISSIONER DREW MOVED THAT THE DEPARTMENT PROVIDE MOST CURRENT DOCUMENT WITH CHANGES AND POST THE SUPPORT MATERIAL FOR THE NEXT MEETING. AND SPECIFIC TO HIGHLGHT ANY NEW APPROACHES THAT MAY BE IN THE DOCUMENT NOT OUTLINED BY OTHER PLANS OR PREVIOUS PRACTICES. COMMISSIONER MCNINCH SECONDED THE MOTION.

Commissioner Drew clarified that for support material we will have most current copy of the plan with inputs from today and CABMW inputs included, and any new approaches that we have that are not in existing plans or that we have not followed in the past, would be highlighted. When the public or a CABMW member reads the document they will know that something is new.

Commissioner Johnston asked that the revised draft include follow-up explanation that we heard today that when we look at various, harvest management tag quota prescriptions for each species, there is an explanation that if post-harvest buck to doe ratio is above this it results in this and if below this it results in this. That type of explanation will give everyone a framework as to what the guidelines are.

Administrator Wakeling said his understanding is that he will bring the big game section forward, highlight the changes that are substantive from differences that Commissioner Drew pointed out, and use cover memorandum that would go with the document to provide the changes.

Commissioner Drew reminded everyone that at the next meeting will be season setting, we will see seasons from last year and proposed seasons for this year, with understanding that the proposed seasons this year are based on the harvest guidelines.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

COMMISSIONER DREW MOVED TO ADD A BIOLOGICAL FRAMEWORK SPECIFIC TO BLACK BEAR AND MOUNTAIN LION, TO REVISE THE BLACK BEAR SECTION FOR CONSISTENCY WITH COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS, AT LEAST ITEMS ONE THROUGH THREE. ADD A TABLE OF ALL ELK SUBPLANS AND POPULATION OBJECTIVES CONTAINED IN THOSE SUBPLANS. COMMISSIONER MCNINCH SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Commissioner Johnston said when he read through the plan for mule deer there was explanation of the standard hunt, and the management guidelines, or standard hunts, and then the same for alternative unit hunts, and a chart for non-standard hunts with two management strategies “A” and “B.” He said he could not find explanation for management strategies “A” and “B” on the standard hunts.

COMMISSIONER JOHNSTON MOVED THAT IN NEXT DRAFT THERE BE EXPLANATION FOR MULE DEER HUNTS "A AND B." COMMISSIONER DREW SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

13 Second Reading, Policy 2, Publications – Commissioner and APRPC Chairman David McNinch – For Possible Action
The Commission will conduct a second reading of Commission Policy 2, Publications, and may take action to officially repeal the policy as recommended by the APRPC.

COMMISSIONER MCNINCH MOVED TO REPEAL POLICY #2. COMMISSIONER JOHNSTON SECONDED THE MOTION. COMMISSIONER YOUNG WAS ABSENT FROM THE ROOM. MOTION CARRIED 8 – 0.

14 Second Reading, Policy 31, Lahontan Cutthroat Trout Management Guidelines –Wildlife Staff Specialist Pat Sollberger– For Possible Action
The Commission will conduct a second reading of Policy 31 with edits incorporated from the first reading on September 23, 2016. The Commission may take action to approve the policy.

COMMISSIONER MCNINCH MOVED TO APPROVE POLICY 31. COMMISSIONER HUBBS SECONDED THE MOTION. MOITON CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

15 Second Reading, Policy 33, Fisheries Management Program –Wildlife Staff Specialist Pat Sollberger– For Possible Action
The Commission will conduct a second reading of Policy 33 with edits incorporated from the first reading on September 23, 2016. The Commission may take action to approve the policy.

COMMISSIONER MCNINCH MOVED TO APPROVE POLICY 33. COMMISSIONER HUBBS SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

16 Public Comment Period – None

Meeting Recessed 5:42 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 19, 2016 - 8:30 a. m.

17 Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance, Roll Call of Commission and County Advisory Board Members to Manage Wildlife (CABMW) – Chairman Wallace

All nine Commissioners present. CABMW members present: Gil Yanuck, Carson; Bert Gurr, Elko; Glenn Bunch, Mineral; Mitch McVicars, White Pine; Mike Turnipseed, Douglas; Larry Allen, Humboldt; Bob Rittenhouse, Douglas; Steve Robinson, Washoe; and Paul Dixon, Clark.

18 Approval of Agenda – Chairman Wallace – 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 or order.

Commissioner Drew suggested informational reports to be at the "Call of the Chair" due to the large agenda and Commissioner flights departing at 5 p.m.

COMMISSIONER DREW MOVED TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED WITH THE EXCEPTION THAT AGENDA ITEM #23 BE AT THE CALL OF THE CHAIR. COMMISSIONER VALENTINE SECONDED THE MOTION.

19 Member Items/Announcements and Correspondence – Chairman Wallace and Secretary Wasley – 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.

Secretary Wasley said he received correspondence on the wildlife contests, NOGA, and several letters from hunters that were complimentary of their contact with NDOW law enforcement personnel.

20 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.

Mitch McVicars, White Pine CABMW, said they would like to request bass be added to Comins Lake, and if possible a turkey hunt.

Bert Gurr, Elko CABMW, said there is an access problem through Van Norman Ranch. Ranch is denying access to Mt. Blitzen and Toe Jamb Mountain. He is aware that NDOW has worked on this issue a few years ago, as has Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, but then the County Commissioners did a complaint file which changed the dynamics. He himself met with two Elko County Commissioners, with BLM, and the Van Normans, but have not yet discussed much with NDOW and are now heading to get labor and stuff installed, and have NDOW patrol much. With that he believes the Van Norman's will open access up.

Paul Dixon, Clark CABMW, Sept. 24 was designated as National Hunting and Fishing Day in Nevada in a proclamation signed by Governor Sandoval. As chairman of Clark CABMW he was asked to get involved in landowner access issue for incentive tags, and has been contacted by several people and has been working on that.

21 Fallon Naval Air Station and Nellis Air Force Base Public Land Withdrawals Update – Chairman Wallace and Habitat Division Administrator Alan Jenne
Support material for Fallon Naval Air Station available on www.FRTCModernization.com and support material for Nellis Air Force Base available at www.nttrleis.com

Commissioner Drew disclosed that he has a conflict of interest on Agenda Item #21 "A" and "B" as his employer is providing technical assistance to Churchill County for technical comments on the Fallon Air Station expansion. Also, his firm does work for Lincoln County providing inputs on Nellis Air Force Base withdrawal. Commissioner Drew said he will abstain from voting or participating on those two agenda items.

A Fallon Naval Air Station and Nellis Air Force Base Public Land Withdrawals Update – Habitat Division Administrator Habitat Alan Jenne and Wildlife Staff Specialist John Tull – Informational

In accordance with the Commission's request a presentation will be provided on proposals being analyzed through the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process for legislative action to extend the current administrative withdrawals and to consider additional areas for withdrawal at both the Fallon Naval Air Station and the Nevada Test and Training Range.

Wildlife Staff Specialist John Tull said there will be Power Point presentations on issues related to these two withdrawals. The presentation began with Air Force representative Jim Sample's Power Point presentation on Nellis which was the preliminary scoping materials. All is subject to change through the NEPA Planning Process. Mr. Sample said the website maps are interactive and there is ability to provide comments on the website.

Commissioner Johnston asked Mr. Sample what the impact of the military activity will be on habitat and wildlife itself in that area. Would the expansion limit habitat and or water development projects.

Mr. Sample said that effect will be analyzed but there will be almost no impact. Most of what is being proposed is a primary "buffer" area, and most of the use envisioned for the area would be Special Operations who would leave no trace and be on foot. Mr. Sample answered Commissioner Johnston that the expansion could limit water developments but there are a lot on the range already. Mr. Sample explained the boundaries on the map and said that they are conducting a legislative EIS and nothing has been decided yet. Comments on the plan are due by Dec. 10, 2016.

Biologist John Tull presented two slides detailing the overarching issues with the 230,000 acres on the eastern portion of the Nellis Air Force Base. The Pahranagat National Wildlife Refuge is adjacent, and is the primary access to the National Desert Refuge. Access to resources would be lost, there are 15 guzzlers located there and many non-game species and wildlife viewing opportunities would be lost. Mr. Tull answered questions from the Commission.

B Fallon Naval Air Station and Nellis Air Force Base Public Land Withdrawals– Chairman Grant Wallace – For Possible Action

The Commission will discuss the land withdrawal proposals and may take action to develop a letter with the Department's assistance stating the Commission's position.

Wildlife Staff Specialist John Tull presented a Power Point presentation (available on website and exhibit file 9:29 a.m.). He said Fallon Naval Air Station is undergoing a withdrawal renewal, and one difference between this withdrawal and Nellis is that they didn't brief NDOW previous to the public. The training range facility is undertaking a new direction. He said the current withdrawal expires in November 2021, and the Navy plans to renew 202,859 acres and withdraw an additional 604,789 acres. Mr. Tull provided a summary of issues that the withdraw will effect: Wildlife water developments within FRTC bounds, loss of hunter opportunity, habitats and wildlife populations, loss of wildlife viewing opportunities, and unknown impacts. NDOW's recommendations are relocate Fairview Valley bombing site away from Sand Springs Range and closer to US-50, reduce the maximum distance from target for ordinance releases, adjust activity areas to minimize road and land closures, provide guarantees that open areas will remain open; and analyze effects of OHVs. Mr. Tull answered questions from the Commission.

Chairman Wallace asked if the Commission desires to take action.

Commissioner Johnston said the Department should be a cooperator agency and ensure access for hunters and viewing on both as the process goes forward. Additionally, letter should educate people evaluating comments that these areas have game species and wildlife values, and that there could be impact to wildlife. Introduction of letter should educate on the value of the areas to wildlife and secondly request cooperator status.

Commissioner Hubbs requested legislators be copied.

Public Comment Las Vegas –

Clint Bentley representing the Fraternity of Nevada Bighorns said they are opposed to all alternatives on the Nellis withdrawal. He reminded the group that in 1999 the wildlife and general community were all assured that the Air Force did not need any additional areas to what they had at that time. He said, in the event that there is a withdrawal, we need to be careful to include definitive language regarding maintenance access, wildlife management, and general access. We learned in the past that any type of withdrawal whether it is military or wilderness, without definitive language could make you lose everything.

Public Comment Carson City –

Paul Dixon said he is speaking for himself, said he has spent time discussing the Nellis withdrawal with Clark County Commissioners and congressional representatives, and can tell you that they are 100 percent behind moving forward with this. We should send letters to congressional people with concerns raised by Mr. Bentley, and from others here, as there is much support for the withdrawals.

Fred Voltz, representing himself, said two thoughts occurred to him. One, it would be helpful to know if fake bombs could be used, if primary purpose is target practice. If possibility of retrieving the fake bombs for reuse so much the better. Secondly, he didn't hear from the Air Force or NDOW about an estimate or actual count of animals killed by these activities. Seems like no attempt to measure that, and seems that would be useful to know if we are trying to protect our wildlife, to know the extent of the problem present.

Commissioner Hubbs said if a letter is sent to the Legislature, it would be important for the Commission to know from the Department what resources are at issue so that can be stated in the letter.

Habitat Division Administrator Alan Jenne said what was brought forth today is the scoping period, definitely species, the access, and restoration abilities on these lands. The Department can provide a laundry list to the Commission to assist in drafting a letter. Understanding that more will be developed as the NEPA documents go forward. Further, the information will be supplied by NDOW to other agencies. He said the Department can provide the high points.

Commissioner Hubbs said that would help the Commission with development of the letter.

Commissioner Johnston said he understands the position of the Fraternity being opposed to further withdrawals. He thinks it is premature for the Commission to say today that we are opposed to any and all withdrawals under any circumstances. If that stance is taken you may not be heard as much as the process goes forward.

COMMISSIONER JOHNSTON MOVED THAT THIS COMMISSION DEVELOP A LETTER WITH THE DEPARTMENT'S ASSISTANCE ADDRESSED TO NEVADA CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION WITH APPROPRIATE COPIES TO U.S. AIR FORCE, DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE, WHOEVER THE APPROPIATE INDIVIDUALS ARE THERE. THAT IN THE LETTER TO HIGHLIGHT THE PROPOSALS, THE AREAS INVOLVED, THE WILDLIFE AT ISSUE IN THOSE AREAS AS WELL AS THE HABITAT, AND SPECIFIC ITEMS RELATED TO NDOW BEING A COOPERATING AGENCY IN THE PROCESS. THE KEY CONCERNS FROM THE COMMISSION, OVERARCHING CONCERNS, OBVIOUSLY IMPACT OF ANY WITHDRAWALS WOULD HAVE ON WILDLIFE, BOTH GAME AND NONGAME, SPECIES, ACCESS BY THE PUBLIC, MAINTENANCE, WORK THE DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE DOES, AS WELL AS IMPACTS OF ACTIVITIES ON WITHDRAWAN AREAS TO THE WILDLIFE ITSELF. COMMISSIONER BARNES SECONDED THE MOTION.

Commission Young agreed with the motion. He requested that Commissioner Johnston assist with compilation of the letter, with the Director's permission.

Commissioners Johnston and Barnes agreed with the addition to the motion.

MOTION PASSED 8-0. COMMISSIONER DREW ABSTAINED.

22 Proposed Washoe County Federal Lands Bill Update – Chairman Wallace and Habitat Division Administrator Alan Jenne
Support material available at the following link:
www.washoecounty.us/csd/planning_and_development/conservation-act.php

A Proposed Washoe County Federal Lands Bill Update Habitat Division – Administrator Alan Jenne and Wildlife Staff Specialist John Tull – Informational
The Department will provide a report on the proposed Washoe County Federal Lands Bill. (10:39 a.m.**)**

Division Administrator Alan Jenne provided a presentation on the proposed Washoe County Public Lands bill (NDOW website and exhibit file) that includes proposals for federal land disposal, land transfers, and proposed Wilderness. Administrator Jenne said still early in process with opportunity to provide comments incorporated into the plan. NDOW has a draft with comments and there are public meetings scheduled. Staff is aware and monitoring the process to make sure NDOW has a voice to help them identify wildlife priorities and sensitivities, and have opportunity to refine some of the wilderness proposals.

Commissioner McNinch asked if Washoe County reached out to NDOW on this process.

Administrator Jenne said NDOW has constant communication with Washoe County staff. NDOW was aware of the lands bill. He concurred that the process may not be as open as other examples of land bills that have been completed across the state.

Commissioner McNinch said at workshop, one of the County Commissioners in their opening comments on the workshop process, stated the bill would be introduced in a few weeks at the lame duck session of Congress. He said that the angst we are seeing is from that initial push to get that done, which worked some people up based on perception and supported by County Commission comments. He said he has seen these lands bills in the past and the Pine Forest is a good roadmap to follow as was a very corroborative process.

Commissioner Drew said he also is aware of comments made that there is desire by interest groups and local governments to have this bill passed in the lame duck session of Congress. Commissioner Drew requested that not happen, as in his experience the more you push something like this, the more oversights you have. He has a lot of concern over the disposal part, and use of other mechanisms. In terms of Wilderness, just knowing the areas proposed, would say some of those areas have marginal Wilderness value at best. Noxious weeds are a concern, and he asked if Wilderness maps have been overlaid with WAFWA's resilience resistant work. Commissioner Drew said that would be a valuable exercise. He said he would encourage Commission to draft letter to Washoe County and our Congressional delegation urging that this not be passed although has heard that is next to impossible, but just in case. The letter to Washoe County should ask for a longer process to get through these issues. NDOW needs to be a part of it and possibly a Commissioner from Washoe County. Process needs to be slowed down and vetted.

Administrator Jenne said he was advised that two County Commissioners have committed to slowing down the process. A letter from the Commission may assist with that with cc's to the delegation.

Commissioner McNinch said the perception is that it has not been an open process, and questions as to who is providing the input that drives the changes. Bigger concern is that there have been no budget discussions as to how the lands will be maintained leading to a concern that when these lands are transferred to the county, then as county owned land they will be sold for whatever purpose. Not anti-land transfer rather that when done, it is done right.

B Proposed Washoe County Federal Lands Bill – Chairman Wallace – For Possible Action
The Commission will discuss the proposed Washoe County Federal Lands bill and may take action to develop a letter with the Department's assistance stating the Commission's position.

Commissioner McNinch said he agreed with Commissioner Drew that the Commission draft correspondence to Washoe County and the Congressional delegation encouraging them to slow down the process and managing the perception that it is not necessarily open process at this time. He said the Pine Forest Range is a model how this can and should be done, and when done that way, there is broad support.

Public Comment Las Vegas – None

Public Comment Carson City –

Judi Caron said this bill affects the whole state and if letter written with input from the Department, she hopes the Governor's Office is included. There is a lot of tourism that goes on in that area of Washoe County. She said she has been involved and saw the maps dealing with Wilderness on the Fox Range, which was originally a Wilderness Study Area, now that is completely filled in on the map. She asked them why that was filled in and she was told and it

was noted that no public process with working groups that originally looked at those areas, so they filled everything in. Technically that needs to be mentioned in the letter, that we haven't had public comment of working groups that have been working with Friends of Nevada Wilderness to look at the Fox Range. We definitely need to slow down the process. Some of the landowners are from California, and they need to be included as well as persons from the Gerlach area. Mining and sage-grouse both need to be included with maps overlaid and work with Governor's Office to send letter to Congressional delegation.

Further Discussion and Comments on Wilderness from the Commission.

COMMISSIONER DREW MOVED TO DEVELOP A COMMENT LETTER THAT WOULD GO TO THE WASHOE COUNTY COMMISSION, GOVERNOR'S OFFICE AND CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION, THAT WOULD INCLUDE A REQUEST NOT TO PASS THE WASHOE COUNTY LANDS BILL DURING THE CURRENT CONGRESS. THAT WOULD BE DUE TO UNRESOLVED ISSUES WITH MULTIPLE USE, DISPOSAL OF WILDERNESS PROPOSALS. WE WOULD ENCOURAGE MORE DETAIL AND COLLABORATIVE EFFORT THAT MAY INCLUDE A WORKING GROUP OR A BROADER WORKING GROUP SUCH AS THAT WHICH WAS DEVELOPED FOR THE PINE FOREST WILDERNESS ACT. THAT SUCH A GROUP WOULD INCLUDE REPRESENTATVIES FROM NDOW, THE WILDLIFE COMMISSION, AND WILDLIFE NGO'S, AND MORE TIME BE AFFORDED TO RESOLVE OUTSTANDING ISSUES. COMMISSIONER JOHNSTON SECONDED THE MOTION, AND ADDED TO MOTION THAT COMMISSIONER DREW WORK WITH THE DEPARTMENT IN DRAFTING THE LETTER.

Commissioner Drew said he would gladly work with the Department on a letter but is not sure if they would have time to draft letter but wants to get started. He would also encourage that Commissioner McNinch be included in review of the letter before it is sent.

Commissioner Hubbs said she did not receive much input from the general public on this issue and that has left her trying to figure out how they might interpret this. She asked if we are just speaking to the haste of the passage or specifically to the use of it as Wilderness.

Commissioner Drew said the haste is his primary concern, and in requesting that a collaborative working group be assembled, it gets to the other concerns we discussed today. He is open to including those concerns into a short list in the letter that were discussed today by the Commission. Commissioner Drew asked if the second to the motion (Commissioner Johnston) agreed with that approach. Commissioner Johnston said yes.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

24 Predation Management Fiscal Year 2016 Report – Wildlife Staff Specialist Pat Jackson and Game Division Administrator Brian F. Wakeling – Informational
The Game Division will present the status of the 2016 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.

Administrator Wakeling reviewed briefly the expenditures from prior the year before getting into details of each individual project as detailed in the memo that accompanied the support material (NDOW website and exhibit file). There was a statute developed during development of the

2016 plan that governs this now. The legislative change dictates that 80 percent of money raised for last year for which NDOW had complete data is what the 80 percent is based on. The 80 percent would be off fiscal year 2014 revenues. He said that NDOW did not spend the full 80 percent that the statute dictated due to AB 78 not being passed when the plan was adopted and staff had to anticipate. Administrator Wakeling said $312,175 was spent on lethal management, 54.7 percent of the revenue that was received in 2014, falling short of 80 percent dictated by AB 78. Additional change for 2017 is that the contractor, Wildlife Services (WS), had a settlement agreement with Wild Earth Guardians which requires completion of an Environmental Assessment (EA) on their activities. Until that is done WS cannot conduct lethal removal for wildlife management agencies.

Wildlife Staff Specialist Pat Jackson provided a Power Point presentation (NDOW website and exhibit file). He said the $3 predator fee generates approximately $500,050 per year. Nevada Department of Agriculture receives $16,000 for administration support, and the remaining is primarily used for predator plans approved by the Commission in the annual predator report and staff salaries/overhead. The reserve remains in the $3 predator fee account, and is not reverted back to General Funds. Recently projects have been funded such as research on lethal techniques for the protection of sensitive species. Mr. Jackson reviewed the individual projects and he answered questions from the Commission.

25 Development of a Commission Policy Regarding Wildlife Contests – For Possible Action – Chief Game Warden Tyler Turnipseed
The Commission will discuss a prior draft of a Wildlife Contest Policy forwarded by the Administrative Procedures, Regulations, and Policy Committee, which was discussed by the Commission at their August 12, 2016 meeting. The Commission may choose to discuss the merits of the policy and may amend, forward, discard, or reinitiate development of a policy that articulates the Commission's perspective regarding contests of take of wildlife.

Chief Game Warden Tyler Turnipseed said the policy was requested by the Commission through its APRC Committee in June and draft policy was heard at its August meeting. The policy was submitted in support material and is available on the NDOW website.

Chairman Wallace said he requested this be on the agenda. The Commission was split on the issue when heard at the August meeting, and was left open. He vowed to bring the policy back to the Commission and he would like direction from the Commission today whether interest exists for a policy, if so we will proceed with what we have. Start over if needed, just would like the Commission to be on record with where to proceed.

Commissioner Drew said he was a proponent of this when it first came out. He said the Commission had two petitions requesting the Commission review regulation in regard to wildlife contests which failed. He believes there is value on all sides of having some type of policy or a statement where the Commission stands. Last time the policy was heard the response by the public was lukewarm on moving forward on a policy as the preference was for a regulation or nothing. He will be listening to public comment to see if appetite for a policy or still regulation or nothing by some of those who proposed regulations in the past.

Commissioner Valentine said the APRC of which he is a member, was tasked with drafting a policy. He said he is not sure everyone understood what the policy is and how it would achieve what a lot of the public wanted. He said he felt comfortable with the policy and that has not changed.

Commissioner McNinch said he was on the committee, and during discussions he expressed that it is important to let the public know the Commission's stance on the issue. Reading the policy, it is clear that the obvious is delineated, but his perspective is this issue needs to be addressed. From his perspective Nevada is an urban state and if the Commission continues to ignore it, he believes it will be addressed at some point.

Commissioner Hubbs said the public has let the Commission know how they feel about these types of killing contests for any species. Sometimes not saying anything is as bad as saying something. She supports the policy as it is proper. The policy is not binding, but provides a position and reference for the future.

Commissioner Almberg said he determined that the contests do not affect the resource at all, he personally has not called in coyotes but knows it requires a lot of personal skill as a hunter so in his mind it is ethical. He said while doing his research he could not determine if a management tool as not a lot of information out there on the contests. The purpose of the money involved seems to be to encourage participation. All seems consistent with the policy as written and said he supports the policy. There is nothing in it that is not appropriate, and would agree that the policy has "no teeth."

Commissioner Barnes said he agreed with Commissioner Almberg's statement. He agreed that calling coyotes does requires tremendous skill to be successful, and important to remember that hunters not always successful.

Commissioner Johnston said the problem is if the policy is adopted, will the Commission be deciding if a contest is within Fair Chase. The policy does not do much to guide the Commission or address the issue whether or not a contest does or does not violate the policy. He said he does not know what the policy does for this. Commissioner Johnston said the letter the Commission received from the U.S. Humane Society requests a regulation to ban "all" wildlife killing contests, and reviewed their website which also states banning of "trophy" hunts. Commissioner Johnston said he cannot go down that path because of one issue of coyote killing contests. Policy would seem to result in more debate then resolution because of all the different issues involved.

Commissioner Young said policy is nebulous. He said let's see what people come up with if they go to the legislature and if they get a law passed that has "teeth in it." As anything short of a law is too difficult and we waste a lot of time.

Commissioner Hubbs said the policy was in her opinion, the result of the Commission stepping back from addressing a petition, that was put forward to the Commission with a lot of public upset and there is more than one contest. The public felt contests were disrespectful to wildlife in general, offensive, horrible, and wasteful. They voiced their opinion and she understands the policy does not have anything in it that we are not in agreement with. There is a large sector of public who would be informed with policy that the Commission respects all wildlife.

Further Commission Discussion of Contests (1:18 p.m. to 1:24 p.m.) -

Chairman Wallace said his recollection of the first meeting discussing the policy that he does not recall the Commission having a formal vote to say we would do a policy. There was discussion as to that may be something to look into, not an overwhelming majority that said we are going to do a policy. The policy was brought forth and here we are today, and seems that part of the Commission wants it and part doesn't. That is why the policy was brought forth again

to see if we are going to or not. Chairman Wallace said the discussion today was good and would like to hear public comment then have the Commission decide on a stance.

Commissioner Drew said as chairman of the Commission at the time he made the commitment to look at the possibility of a policy the second time, the Commission denied the petition. He appreciates Chairman Wallace's effort to bring this to resolution either by moving forward and is curious as to what the proponents of the petition will think if policy warranted or still desire a regulation or nothing. To clarify it was his direction was to at least look at a policy and will take responsibility for this.

Public Comment Las Vegas –

Jana Wright said she supports a policy to decide on coyote killing contests, and to take a stand on whether coyote killing contests are ethical and can be supported in the state or if they make no sense. She can see killing predators that pose danger to you personally or your property. But when you just shuffle this around and you see photos of coyotes stacked in truck or people say let's just go out and kill some animals, that is very offensive to her. She doesn't have problem with big game hunts, fishing, or bird hunts. This doesn't make sense to her. She wants the Commission to take a stand one way or another and move forward.

Public Comment Carson City -

Gil Yanuck, Carson CABMW, said the issue was how the contest was advertised as it looked like a killing contest. The question about removing coyotes is dependent upon on the situation. This is an issue that will not make everyone happy.

Paul Dixon, Clark CABMW, said he lives in largest urbanized county in Nevada. The urban coyote population has increased. Mr. Dixon said his CABMW had Doug Nielsen from NDOW make a presentation on coyotes. During the presentation they were told people in city were feeding coyotes. All these issues lead to better education on how to live in urban environment with coyotes. At some point we will have to reduce their numbers in cities because they will be a threat once they take out cats and rabbit populations. The draft contest policy won't get us where we need to go. Best way is to educate people.

Carol-Anne Weed, Carson City, read and provided her written comments: NDOW has produced a policy that makes as much sense as calling the Coyote Killing Contests "Social Contests," "Wildlife Contests" and "Calling Contests." These events that mindlessly slaughter, injure, torture and abuse coyotes have been proven by eyewitness accounts and photographic evidence to be well outside the scope of everything that NDOW lists as supporting and is everything it claims to not support. When this draft was first presented to us, eyewitnesses described the barbaric behavior that was sanctioned during the coyote slaughter: coyotes maimed, still moving in the ever increasing mountain of tortured wildlife. The photographs confirmed these accounts. There is no apparent concern that these inhumane and barbaric practices continue to be condoned by NDOW and are now further sanctioned by this policy that has already been proven to be of no use in its present form since what is listed as not being supported by NDOW is currently the standard practice of these slaughter contests per eyewitness accounts. We said in the meeting when a draft was originally presented for public input that without shutting down these killing contests the moment they slide into abuse of our wildlife, this policy is not functional. Other states are capable of stopping these abuses in the 21st Century, and so should Nevada. A huge oversight by NDOW is that the coyote wildlife population belongs to ALL THE TAX-PAYING RESIDENTS OF NEVADA, not just killing contest

participants. And we obviously do not want our wildlife tortured by killers looking to win some cash. Therefore, Game Wardens, whose job it is to protect wildlife and the public interest, on private or public land, must be in attendance at each and every coyote killing contest to insure the humane treatment of the publics' wildlife. THE NATIONAL SHOOTING SPORTS FOUNDATION states:" ... the ethical hunter never takes more game than can be used." So what exactly is being taught the younger members of this coyote killing machine called a contest? These animals are not being abused and slaughtered to put food on the table, they are being killed for entertainment. Game Wardens can change this dynamic to insure that the wildlife and public interest of the majority of Nevada residents is protected, which means that the protocols that demand humane treatment and conduct by participants is guaranteed.

Bobbi McCollum asked that the gambling aspects of these contests be addressed. Money and Calcutta prizes are a huge incentive in these contests. She agreed that the regulation of gambling is not in the Commission's jurisdiction, nor are feral horses and public transfers, but the Commission issued Policy 64 and 67 on those matters because they felt those issues affected Nevada's wildlife. Letters were sent to BLM regarding their position on wild horses, since the Commission is in letter writing frame of mind, nothing prohibits the Commission from writing to the Gaming Control Board to address regulations of the gambling aspect.

Fred Voltz said three minutes is not enough time to cover all of the problems with all of the statements made by some of the Commissioners today. That shows a strong willingness to subvert this issue once again. Yesterday we saw an obvious logical link between instances of waste and poaching report from Law Enforcement which should not escape this Commission. There is repeated wildlife waste by the wildlife killing contest and reputable science from Project Coyote has shown the counter-productive effect of mass killings on guesstimated species populations. Science does not support mass indiscriminate slaughter of any species because of the disruptive effect upon the inner species food chain. If the contests are to proceed on any basis, there is also a need to have each and every proposed contest vetted by the State Gaming Control Board. In response to Commission claim that we don't know the number of contests he would say there is a reason for that because the sponsors want to keep the contests private knowing the embarrassment they face and criticism from public. He knows of two contests in Clark County, one in Austin, one in Elko, and two in North Valleys of Washoe County. He said which contest meets the standard has never been established because the Commission arbitrarily decided a policy was enough rather than a regulation, even after two petitions were filed with this Commission. The Commission made a regulation law without going to the legislature for disabled hunters to have as many assistants as they needed, so why not the same treatment for wildlife killing contests, and for Commissioners Almberg and Barnes, they need to look at documentation submitted with petitions as clear that science and photos are there. To the point of isolated instances of coyote problems that is not the same as a platoon of people killing as many as they can under time constraints, which is indeed a contest. Finally, would add that man has tried to exterminate coyotes for over 2,000 years and they have failed miserably at the task. You won't get rid of the coyotes no matter how much you dislike them or don't want them, we need to co-exist with them. Project Coyote has excellent ideas, and the Commission would be wise to widely disseminate that in the state and community.

Elaine Carrick said she is against coyote killing contests, and if problem is with lumping all wildlife together for wildlife killing contests, then maybe we should specify "coyote killing contests." That would certainly be a good start. The Commission stating what they support and what they do not support, every single contest violates all the points that the Commission supports. The coyote killing contests fall into the area that the Commission does not support these contests. So right now, needs to be some type of ban on coyote killing contests. There

are bans for illegal hunting of certain animals. It is nice to put it in writing but if “no meat” behind the policy people will continually kill animals illegally out of season. She was at the first meeting where the petition was heard and had hundreds of people giving their opinion, you have information from the U.S. Humane Society which goes through each of the items listed here. There are certain things that are unethical and the public not can accept, killing for fun and prizes, indiscriminately killing coyotes is not a management issue, simply a fun thing. As sportsmen would agree that killing for animals for fun and games is not acceptable. Ms. Carrick asked that this be re-evaluated to stop the wildlife killing contests.

Judi Caron said policy is not correct vehicle to regulate this activity. Ms. Caron said need broader discussion to address whether or not coyote hunters are “licensed” hunters as you do not need a license to hunt coyotes.

Rex Flowers asked that the policy be eliminated. He said it will take a regulation to satisfy people. This is a waste of time.

Commissioner Young supports a regulation being drafted. (1:54 p.m.)

Commissioner Drew read the purpose section of draft policy and said nothing toward enforcement. As devil’s advocate would state that the policy for a killing contest policy is if we don’t move forward with a regulation the policy provides a directive as to why a regulation was not enacted. He said if future Commission does not like the policy they can change it.

Commissioner Johnston said two petitions denied, and the policy has been heard twice. He said the petitioners did not want to classify the coyote a “protected” species as there would be a hunting season. He said he does not dislike the coyote and does not want to see coyotes eradicated. Hearing from public that they don’t want the policy and what he is hearing is adopt regulation to ban contests.

Commissioner Hubbs said the North American model should be added to the policy and would be evident over time. She said the Commission should take a stand, and if all up here are saying they would not do participate, why can’t the policy be adopted. Commissioner Hubbs supports passage of policy does not want to be where we say we are going to do something then do nothing.

Motion made by Commissioner Hubbs to approve Policy 25 as presented. The motion died for lack of a second. Commission discussion continued.

Commissioner Hubbs said to move forward; clear where the Commission is at.

COMMISSIONER VALENTINE MOVED TO DISCARD THE POLICY PRESENTED FOR WILDLIFE CONTESTS. COMMISSIONER BARNES SECONDED THE MOTION. COMMISSIONERS IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION: CHAIRMAN WALLACE, COMMISIONER JOHNSTON, ALMBERG, BARNES, VALENTINE AND YOUNG. COMMISSIONERS OPPOSED TO THE MOTION: DREW, HUBBS, AND MCNINCH. MOTION CARRIED 6 – 3.

26 Commission General Regulations for Adoption – For Possible Adoption

A Commission General Regulation 463, Duties of Person Transporting Vessel or Conveyance, LCB File No. R093-16 – Wildlife Staff Specialist Karen Vargas – For Possible Action

The Commission will consider amending Chapter 488 of the Nevada Administrative Code (NAC). The change amends Chapter 488 of NAC by adding a new section that requires the owner, operator or person in control of any vessel or conveyance that is launched on any body of water in this State to drain the water from the vessel or conveyance and any equipment on the vessel or conveyance and also requires the owner, operator or person in control of a vessel or conveyance that is transported on a public road in this State or has been taken out of any body of water in this State ensure that the drain plugs, drain valves and any other devices used to control the draining of water remain open while transporting the vessel or conveyance on public roads in this State. The proposed regulation also amends language in NAC 488.520 to accommodate the changes above and remove repetitive language. The Commission held a workshop on September 23, 2016, and no changes were recommended by the Commission.

Chairman Wallace introduced the regulation.

Wildlife Staff Specialist Karen Vargas said we want a regulation that makes boats drain the back water. The backwater can hold plant material, fragments of plant seeds, larva, etc. and it can be introduced into other bodies of water.

Public Comment – None

COMMISSIONER JOHNSTON MOVED TO APPROVE COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 463 DUTIES OF PERSON TRANSPORTING VESSEL OR CONVEYANCE, LCB FILE NO. R093-16AS PRESENTED WITH THE HANDWRITTEN CHANGE. COMMISSIONER MCNINCH SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

B Commission General Regulation 471, Truckee River Motorized Vessel Closure, LCB File No. R139-16 – Chief Game Warden Tyler Turnipseed – For Possible Action

The Commission will consider adopting an amendment to Chapter 488 of the Nevada Administrative Code (NAC). Existing regulations set forth certain bodies of water on which only vessels without motors are allowed and certain bodies of water on which only vessels without motors and vessels powered by electric motors are allowed. This regulation adds to the list of waters with such a restriction, the Truckee River from the California-Nevada state line to the point where the river enters the Pyramid Lake Indian Reservation. This regulation also extends the exception to the restrictions to all such specified waters and to any vessel that is owned, operated and used for official purposes by a federal, state or local governmental entity, or any vessel operating pursuant to a permit for a marine event that is requested by a federal, state or local governmental entity. The Commission held a workshop on September 23, 2016, and no changes were recommended by the Commission.

Chairman Wallace introduced the regulation.

Chief Game Warden Tyler Turnipseed presented the regulation.

Commissioner Drew asked about the exemptions. Washoe CABMW seemed to have a problem with them. They are for emergency situations only, correct? Please reiterate the intent.

Chief Game Warden Tyler Turnipseed said Commissioner Drew is correct. It is for official purposes only.

Public Comment Carson City –

Rex Flowers, self, said he is against the regulation. This came about because one gentleman was going to open a business on the river, but now the gentleman is not going to do that anymore. Are we going to keep amending the regulation to exclude hovercraft? There are nicer places to be running those machines.

Karen Boeger, Back County Hunters and Anglers, Nevada Chapter, said this is an issue. They like the quietness for hunters and anglers. Rex Flowers makes a valid point, but they are in favor of this regulation because it is an opportunity to get ahead. In the future maybe look at all navigable waters in the state. What are the appropriate uses on the waters? This is the first step and she wants this regulation to pass.

Commissioner Valentine asked what the issue was, was it the noise or the safety?

Chief Game Warden Tyler Turnipseed said both, noise and safety.

Commissioner Hubbs asked about expanding this regulation. She thought it was a safety issue.

Chief Game Warden Tyler Turnipseed said Commissioner Hubbs is correct. Higher speed, motorized boats are the issue.

COMMISSIONER DREW MOVED TO APPROVE COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 469 TRUCKEE RIVER MOTORIZED VESSEL CLOSURE, LCB FILE NO. R139-16 AS PRESENTED BY THE DEPARTMENT. COMMISSIONER VALENTINE SECONDED THE MOTION.

Commissioner Johnston said this was an existing regulation. This is just adding the Truckee River. In the future the Commission will look at other issues on other bodies of water.

Commissioner Hubbs agreed with Commissioner Johnston.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

C Commission General Regulation 464, Appeals, LCB File No. R074-16 – APRPC Chairman and Commissioner David McNinch – For Possible Action
The Commission will consider amending Chapter 501 of the Nevada Administrative Code (NAC).This regulation revises provisions relating to practice before the Commission. It provides more efficiency in scheduling appeals, will define that "calendar" days are used for calculation of deadlines, and more clearly notify the appellant in advance of a hearing that the Commission has limited jurisdiction. It will also provide for two, separate Attorneys General (one for the Commission and one for the Department) to avoid conflicts with one attorney advising two sides of the appeal. It also requires the appellant to give the agency advance notice of legal representation to improve scheduling for a separate lengthier time needed on agendas.

These changes were approved at the May 12, 2016, meeting of the Wildlife Commission's APRPC which included relevant suggestions from the public and legal counsel. The Commission held a workshop in Reno on August 12, 2016, where the Commission asked to include information regarding the notice to the appellant and also to insert language that if a party fails to file certain information within 14 days they may waive their right to a hearing on the appeal. A revision of the regulation was requested from the Legislative Counsel Bureau (LCB); which, contained additional edits.

Chairman Wallace introduced the regulation.

Commissioner McNinch said this is part of the Rules of Practice. He reviewed the changes in the regulation.

Commissioner Hubbs asked about the changes from the last meeting.

Commissioner Johnston said the changes were made.

Commissioner Drew asked if Deputy Attorney General Harry Ward was comfortable with this regulation.

Deputy Attorney General Harry Ward said he is.

Public Comment – None

The item was closed with no action and will be heard for adoption at the next meeting.

D Commission General Regulation 465, Antelope and Elk Waiting Periods, LCB File R141-16 – Management Analyst 3 Maureen Hullinger – For Possible Action
The Commission will consider amending Chapter 502 of the Nevada Administrative Code (NAC).The TAAHC recommended the amendment to the regulation to standardize the waiting period for a person to be eligible to apply for each of the species antelope and elk after receiving a tag. Regardless of harvest, the antelope waiting period after receiving a tag would be three years, and the antlered elk waiting period after receiving a tag would be five years. The Commission held a workshop on this regulation on September 23, 2016. The Commission did not have any recommended changes.

Chairman Wallace introduced the regulation.

Chairman Wallace appointed Commissioner Drew as the temporary Chairman and Chairman Wallace, Commissioner Johnston, and Commissioner Almberg stepped into the audience as they have conflicts of interest with this regulation and will be abstaining.

Commissioner McNinch said everyone might have a conflict.

Deputy Attorney General Harry Ward said it is up to the Commissioner. It depends on how they feel.

Chairman Drew said he is comfortable going forward.

Management Analyst III Maureen Hullinger reviewed the regulation.

Chairman Drew said he received correspondence on this item. He would like to change elk to seven years.

Commissioner Valentine asked if Chairman Drew wanted it to be seven years for both elk and antelope.

Chairman Drew said it should be standardization.

Commissioner Hubbs asked about the odds.

Chairman Drew said it would increase the odds.

Commissioner Young said changing the waiting periods would change the odds.

Public Comment –

Gil Yanuck, Carson CABMW, said they support the change.

Paul Dixon, Clark CABMW, said they had a lively discussion about this.

Mitch McVicars, White Pine CABMW, said it was a 4-1 vote at their meeting. They wanted it to be 10 years for elk, harvest or not, and five years for antelope. Harvest cards are being filled out improperly.

Jon Almberg, self, he was wondering the ramifications, because he thinks it is going to be big.

Jake Chatelle, Nevada Bighorns Unlimited (NBU), they support the standardization, but want to change the elk waiting period to seven years.

Chairman Drew asked if NBU was comfortable with the antelope waiting period at 3 years and recommending elk be seven years.

Jake Chatelle, NBU, said yes.

Rex Flowers, self, said he voted for this to come out of the Tag Allocation Application Hunt Committee (TAAHC). He does not want to move down the elk waiting period.

Brad Johnston, self, said the TAAHC would like to have a uniform waiting period.

Judy Caron, self, said elk should stay the same. She agrees with Rex Flowers. She wants an exemption for 65 years old and up to not have a waiting period at all.

Management Analyst III Maureen Hullinger said if it goes into a seven year wait those that are in the lower end of the doe harvest are grandfathered in. They would stay in the five year waiting period.

Commissioner Hubbs asked about the waiting period increasing or decreasing.

Management Analyst III Maureen Hullinger said they are two types of waiting periods, harvest and no harvest. This is standardizing both regardless.

Commissioner Valentine asked about archery antelope.

Management Analyst III Maureen Hullinger said yes, there was a change to standardize.

Commissioner Young said he does not want to adversely impact those who are already in the pool. Do the odds decrease going forward?

Management Analyst III Maureen Hullinger said it is based on how they apply.

Commissioner Young said it is the same application for the same area and he thinks the odds would increase.

Chairman Drew said he would be comfortable with a five year wait for elk, but he doesn't mind a seven year wait. He likes where the antelope is. He is comfortable with the way the regulation reads now.

Commissioner Barnes asked why we are changing the regulation. He likes it the way it was.

Chairman Drew said elk and big horn should not have the same wait period.

COMMISSIONER YOUNG MOVED TO APPROVE COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 465 ANTELOPE AND ELK WAITING PERIODS, LCB FILE R141-16AS PRESENTED BY THE DEPARTMENT. COMMISSIONER BARNES SECONDED THE MOTION.

Management Analyst III Maureen Hullinger asked about the changes on page 3.

Chairman Drew said the motion would leave any clerical changes in place, but the waiting periods would not be changed at this time, no standardization.

Commissioner Young said he would go along with the antelope changes.

Chairman Drew asked for the second and motion to be withdrawn.

COMMISSIONER BARNES WITHDREW HIS SECOND. COMMISSIONER YOUNG WITHDREW HIS MOTION.

COMMISSIONER MCNINCH MOVED TO APPROVE COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 465 ANTELOPE AND ELK WAITING PERIODS, LCB FILE R141-16AS PROPOSED BY THE DEPARTMENT WITH A CHANGE TO REMOVE "AND" IN SECTION 1 SUBSECTION 1. CHAIRMAN DREW SECONDED THE MOTION.

Chairman Drew asked for a friendly amendment. He would like the elk waiting period to be seven years instead of five years.

Commissioner Hubbs said she is amenable to that.

Commissioner Valentine said seven years works for him too.

Commissioner Hubbs asked about punitive punishment. She said we are allotting tags because we are trying to control the populations.

Commissioner Barnes said he is fine with seven years.

COMMISSIONER MCNINCH MOVED TO CHANGE THE ELK WAITING PERIOD TO SEVEN YEARS.CHAIRMAN DREW SECONDED THE MOTION WITH THE FRIENDLY AMENDMENT. THE MOTION PASSED 6-3, COMMISSIONERS ALMBERG, JOHNSTON, AND WALLACE ABSTAINED.

Informational items at call of Chairman

23 Reports – Informational

A Wildlife Trust Fund Semi-Annual Report–Deputy Director Liz O'Brien
A report will be provided on the investment and expenditure of the money in the Wildlife Trust Fund for the period of July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016, pursuant to NRS 501.3585.

Deputy Director Liz O'Brien said the Department is required to submit semi-annually to the Commission a report of the money in the Wildlife Trust Fund pursuant to NRS 501.3585.This report is an update to SFY 2016, to now include the entire year. The Department received $345,206 in donations and expended $207,142.Attached to the report is a detail of every gift we have received during that time period. Donations are received from a variety of conservation organizations, industry, and private citizens in support of the Department. These donations save state funds (mostly sportsmen fee revenue) and in many instances can be used as match for federal dollars at a rate of up to three dollars for every one dollar donated.

B Department Activity Report – Secretary Wasley

Director's Office: Strategic Planning Retreat held onsite at the Department's Headquarters; interviews held for vacant Management Analyst position in Director's Office; WAFWA will be attended in January – Litchfield, Arizona - Commission representative may attend; Legislative Session to begin in February – report or agenda item for February agenda on Department/Commission Bill Draft Requests and deadlines; Friends of Nevada Wildlife Luncheon scheduled March 2, 2017; LCB's IT Audit of NDOW complete; and Shane Mahoney will be in Reno in November for presentations for NDOW employees and conservation organizations.

In anticipation of the development of our upcoming Request for Proposal for the Department's licensing and tag application processes, the Operations Division has invited eight vendors to come to Nevada to discuss their services and demonstrate their existing systems. The Department hopes to capture a variety of leading-edge capabilities and features from these vendors and include them in our RFP. These demonstrations will take place over the next few months, with the first one to take place on Nov. 29.

Game and Diversity personnel attended a raven workshop convened by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) during November. About 80 participants from over 40 agencies and organizations attended to discuss management options to address challenges that ravens pose for sage grouse and desert tortoise. Many challenges were identified, and USFWS will be considering future direction. On a related note, USDA Wildlife Services has initiated their revision to the comprehensive Environmental Assessment (EA) on predation management

activities in Nevada and has asked the Department to be involved as a cooperator. This is a standard process request.

Additional funding was secured to assist in the interstate bighorn disease research that Oregon State University is conducting in several Oregon bighorn sheep herds as well as in the Santa Rosa Range of Nevada. Additional funding will allow up to 14 bighorn sheep ewes and rams to be captured, sampled, and radio marked in three separate subherds in the Santa Rosa Range to support the approximately 60 radio marked animals in Oregon herds.

Due to a potential positive test for *M. ovi*, the bacteria linked to respiratory illness in bighorn sheep, Utah in coordination with the Department, declined receipt of a bighorn sheep translocation this year. All indications point to a false positive, but Utah chose to be cautious about accepting these sheep this year. Follow up testing has already been initiated with financial support from the Utah DWR, Nevada Bighorns Unlimited, and the Fraternity of the Desert Bighorn, to name a few sponsors. The Muddy's remain one of the few populations that remain disease free in southern Nevada.

A Wildlife Working Group was established for the Bald Mountain Mine mule deer monitoring plan. The Department will provide capture logistics and costs, an independent contractor will provide monitoring and analysis updates throughout the year to ensure safe passage of migrating mule deer through the mining expansion project.

A cow moose was mistakenly killed in Unit 072 by a cow elk tag holder (another was harvested in the same unit last year by another cow elk tag holder). The carcass was confiscated by law enforcement, and a necropsy determined that the moose had carotid artery worms, a condition that can be life threatening in moose. Additional biological samples were taken to be processed by Wildlife Health staff.

A fourth highway safety crossing was completed on Highway 93. The crossing consists of an underpass designed to allow mule deer and other wildlife to cross the highway without posing a traffic hazard. Camera data confirms that migrating mule deer are already using the structure.

The Department is participating in a meeting between Nevada Highway Patrol and Nevada Department of Transportation, NDOW to discuss bighorn sheep traffic altercations near Walker Lake. Several herds of bighorn sheep are routinely crossing the highway to access the areas close to Walker Lake, and sheep are knocking rocks down from the cliffs and onto the highway, which has resulted in hazards to motorists through this stretch. To date, at least nine bighorn sheep have been hit in this area.

Except for stations within Lake Mead NRA, all AIS inspection stations are now closed for the winter season. Mead staff will continue to do inspections and decontaminations through the winter season including at major black bass fishing tournaments. Additionally staff will be visiting watercraft dealers and auction houses in Clark County to inspect vessels; this has been the source of several infested boats stopped in other states. Through October staff had inspected 27 boats; two of these had quagga mussels and were decontaminated.

Staff worked with California biologists in early October to transfer Walker River Basin cutthroat trout from headwaters streams in California to establish a new refuge population in Cottonwood Creek on the Hawthorne Army Depot. Those source stream populations are in danger of loss because of ongoing drought conditions.

Yellow perch were found in the Humboldt River for the first time below South Fork dam during surveys this fall. The likely source was a private pond in the Spring Creek area.

Fall electroshocking surveys of Comins Lake produced rainbow trout, largemouth bass and brown trout. A majority of the rainbow trout captured were noted as being “obese”. All bass caught were young-of-year, indicating a successful spawn from the adult bass that were stocked last spring.

Staff met with the landowners and others in October to discuss a project to renovate Bilk Creek Reservoir in Humboldt County. Much of the reservoir capacity has been lost because of siltation from fires that occurred a decade ago but the watershed has now largely stabilized. We are currently working with consulting engineers to develop a possible project plan that would identify costs.

The USFWS has made a determination of “not warranted” for ESA listing of the relict leopard frog which occurs in Clark County and adjacent areas of Arizona. This reflects a payoff from over 10 years of active conservation by NDOW, National Park Service, Arizona Game and Fish and other partners through the Conservation Agreement and Strategy developed for the species (and just renewed).

Southern Region biologists are working with FWS and Nevada State Parks to drain Lake Harriet in Spring Mountain Ranch State Park and treat it to remove recently introduced mosquito fish and crayfish. The population of endangered Pahrump poolfish (one of three existing) has dropped from 6,000-8,000 fish to less than 400 in two years. Salvaged poolfish are being held at Lake Mead Hatchery until the pond renovation is completed.

Wildfires in 2016 burned just over 200,000 acres in Nevada. Staff are working with BLM at the Hot Pot fire in the Izzenhood Basin area, the Overland Pass fire in the Ruby Mountains and the Virginia Fire just north of Reno. Currently there are approximately 50,000 acres of herbicides, chaining and seeding to be accomplished beginning in November 2016.

NDOW and Washoe County have started the new Mule Deer Winter Habitat Improvement Project. This multi-year project will improve habitat conditions in the hills above Reno where wildfire, urban encroachment and invasive weed species have greatly reduced the quality of mule deer winter range. The first project to be conducted by this new partnership is the aerial spraying of a pre-emergent herbicide to help control cheatgrass and other weeds on land that burned during the New Hawkin Fire near Caughlin Ranch. A bitterbrush planting and seeding volunteer project is also scheduled in this area on Nov.19.

The revised Industrial Artificial Pond Regulations passed on consent through the Legislative Commission meeting on Sept. 9, 2016. Once finalized with the Secretary of State, NDOW staff will begin the process of fully implementing the regulations. Coordination with permittees and industry contacts will continue throughout the initial implementation process.

Regional supervisors and staff will be conducting interviews for the water development biologist position in Winnemucca. Clint Garrett worked this position for the past 16 years and accepted a position with the Game Division in Eureka.

Water Development crews are finishing up a busy construction season. In total, there were eight new big game water developments built, 46 units were either rebuilt or had major maintenance actions performed, and 386 units were inspected and had minor maintenance performed. In all,

13 units used extensive volunteer labor and support, which helps pay for a significant portion of the entire program.

Pinyon-Juniper (PJ) thinning and removal work is ongoing at the Destoya Mountains, Atlanta Road, Overland Pass, South Steptoe Valley and Pine Nut Mountains. These projects include hand thinning, mastication and chaining. The total acreage for current treatments completed is approximately 19,000 acres with an additional 9,000 acres treated at the Overland Pass project in October 2016. There are a number of new PJ removal projects currently being analyzed via the NEPA process and should add approximately 25,000 acres of treatment in the Ely and Elko BLM districts.

Nevada's game wardens are extremely busy right now as we're in the heart of hunting seasons all around the state. Here is a partial list of the cases we've been working on over the last couple months.

A Las Vegas game warden closed out a case in which a Las Vegas resident was charged with killing a big game animal in a closed season. The defendant had intentionally shot an antelope a day before the season opened, and then lied to game wardens throughout the investigation. Security video from the butcher shop and the defendant's time card information from his job were used to prove the season discrepancy. Andrew James Venuto reached a plea agreement with prosecutors that included revocation of his hunting, fishing, and trapping privileges revoked for three years.

A Las Vegas game warden issued a citation in recent weeks for wanton waste of waterfowl. An Overton McDonalds employee reported the wasted ducks in a trash dumpster. Security video identified the suspects, who were later found to also have shotgun shells and trash bags in possession that matched the dumpster ducks. Elko game wardens are investigating a similar case of ducks discarded and left to waste near 5th street in Elko.

Southern Region game wardens have investigated several cases of sale or possession of prohibited species discovered online, including the seizure of an approximately 5-foot alligator earlier this week. These cases involve piranhas, reptiles, monkeys, tigers, skunks, foxes and two American kestrels.

A Winnemucca game warden investigated a case in which a person was bitten by a coyote at a mine site near Midas. At least one coyote has been euthanized for rabies testing. It is believed the coyotes were emboldened by mine workers who have been feeding them.

An Elko game warden has been investigating a crime scene in which a hunter found three dead cow elk completely intact and left to waste in area 081. We have had many documented cases of elk shot and left elk in this area in the last 7-8 years.

An Elko game warden investigated a case in which a large buck deer was shot and left in Area 068. It appears that someone shot and killed the buck which then rolled 150 yards down the hill, breaking most of its antlers off. The deer had one of the biggest bodies we've ever seen, likely close to 300 pounds.

An Ely game warden investigated a large 7x7 bull elk that was found dead. His investigation determined the bull was a rut mortality killed by another bull.

Two Elko game wardens are investigating the wanton waste of a cow elk that occurred on Valley Mountain in area 104. Wardens have identified a suspect and are conducting interviews.

In addition to all of these cases, we're providing training to game wardens in all three regions in administrative warrants. This is in response to a taxidermist case we worked in Gardnerville two years ago that revealed some new Supreme Court law. This training will change how we work with special permits such as taxidermists, falconers, reptile collectors, etc.

Three new game wardens graduated from the POST academy Nov. 10. One more will graduate from the Southern Nevada academy next month. Also two new hire candidates are going through background investigations right now, with a planned start date in early January. Training all of the new wardens we've hired in recent years has become a monumental effort, but we're all very excited about the young new talent in the Law Enforcement Division.

Duck Stamp judging for the "Ruddy Duck" was done Nov. 10 and Guy Crittenden from Richmond, Virginia won.

Interviews for statewide outdoor education coordinator were held. Aaron Keller was chosen to fill the position.

Since the start of the 2016/17 school year seven new schools were added to the National Archery in Schools (NASP) program. NDOW provided training for teachers and assisted schools in purchasing equipment by providing over $7,000 in grants. The funding for grants was provided by NBU and NASP National. Staff currently working with four more schools to get them trained and equipment.

September Activities - We had an amazing month with more than 1,600 people in attendance of our scheduled programs! Programs will drop off in November and December due to weather, holidays, and school breaks, but that will give us a chance to get more of the other work done (lesson plans and materials developed). A lot of this month has been training the new Americorps members, but they have already stepped up and increased our capacity for programs developed. Additionally, they have helped other teams at NDOW (angler ed and the river transect work).

NDOW public affairs produce a weekly television segment for KOLO TV in Reno featuring topics of seasonal interest.

Plans have been finalized for the taping of three NDOW projects as segments for the PBS television show Outdoor Nevada. Plans call the taping of gill netting fish surveys on Lake Mead, the bighorn sheep capture for translocation to Utah, and venomous reptiles in Nevada.

The Southern Region Wildlife Ed Coordinator worked with volunteers to start development of new idea for programming including birding, Desert Tortoises, Bighorn Sheep activities and predator/prey relationships.

Southern Region Diversity biologists consulted with Clark County and Nevada Division of Minerals regarding bat protection and the development of the Arden Mine Complex Restoration and Bat Gate Installation proposed project. This project is intended to convert the area surrounding the mine complex into an urban park immediately adjacent to developed area of Las Vegas. Additionally, staff conducted a site visit with BLM staff to O'Malley Cave in Lincoln County to assess bat use and potential risk from ongoing archeological excavations. This cave

has Native American archeological significance dating back to at least 10,000 years. Recommendations were given relative to bat use, additional seasonal surveys, and the possibility of gating the cave.

Eastern Region personnel have been spearheading an effort to band bats at Rose Cave in White Pine County as part of a multi- year effort to determine migration patterns in Mexican free-tailed bats. This is a joint effort between the Nevada Department of Wildlife, the Ely District of the Bureau of Land Management and the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service and has relied on a number of diversity biologists and external volunteers. The funding for this project is coming from Pattern Energy, the operator of the Spring Valley Wind Energy Facility in Spring Valley in White Pine County. Banding the bats will provide movement data on this species as bats are captured in other locations and band information is returned to Nevada. Over the course of the summer, more than 25,000 bats were banded.

Southern Region staff attended the Raptor Research Foundation's annual conference and presented work we've accomplished on satellite tracking of Golden Eagles to better understand habitat utilization and movement patterns. Additionally, staff attended a regional raven workshop relative to the conservation of the desert tortoise and Greater Sage-Grouse. Diversity Staff also attended the Nongame Technical Committee (NTC) of the Pacific Flyway Council (PFC). Several items of importance were discussed.

The Diversity reptile biologist is continuing to survey the White Mountains for reptiles and placed 24 cover boards along three drainages to hopefully document Panamint alligator lizards, skinks, rubber boas, and California mountain kingsnakes. Finally, the Diversity Division documented the presence of a new reptile in Nevada – the Mojave fringed-toed lizard. So far, this species has been found in a two to three square mile area of southern Nevada. This will be a species the Division continues to focus on to better understand where it is found, how extensive populations are in NV, and what types of habitat it utilizes.

C Litigation Report – Deputy Attorney General Harry Ward

DAG Ward submitted the report in support material for the meeting. Provided an update to Mark Sooy v. NDOW – Civil matter. (4:33 p.m.)

D Application Hunt 2016 Draw Report – Don Sefton, Systems Consultants
Systems Consultants will present an interim annual report of the 2016big 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 and Monty Martin of Systems Consultants provided a Power Point presentation of the report submitted in support material (exhibit file and NDOW website).

7 Future Commission Meetings and Commission Committee Assignments – Secretary Tony Wasley and Chairman Wallace – For Possible Action
The next Commission meeting is scheduled for Feb. 10 and 11, 2017, in Reno 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 and add or dissolve committees, as necessary at this time. Any anticipated committee meetings that may occur prior to the next Commission meeting may be discussed.

Chairman Wallace said he would like the February meeting to be held at this location in Carson City if available.

Secretary Wasley provided the order of business for the February meeting: Big game seasons and Commission Regulations; CGR for Special Assistance regulation for adoption; CGR 464 Appeals; CGR 470 Petitions; request from Commissioner Drew to look at contents of Congressman Amodei's land transfer bill; legislative report for 2017 session presenting concept Bill Draft Requests that may affect wildlife; harvest guidelines; and PIW draft regulation for workshop if review by LCB completed.

Commissioner Hubbs said there was also a request for the Department to provide a bullet point list to the Commission on land transfers for inclusion in letters. She said that may be something to look at the next Commission meeting.

Chairman Wallace said he has updates for Commission committee assignments: Commissioner Almberg to all the committee positions that Commissioner Bliss was in, same for Commissioner Barnes to replace Commissioner Mori; TAAHC, Commissioner Barnes in place of Commissioner Mori and add Meghan Brown in place of Rex Flowers. Add Commissioner Hubbs to Administrative Procedures and Regulation Committee.

28 Public Comment Period - None

Meeting Adjourned at 4:44 p.m.

Note: The meeting has been videotaped and is available for viewing at www.ndow.org. The minutes are only a summary of the meeting. A complete record of the meeting can be obtained at the Nevada Department of Wildlife Headquarters Office in Reno.