

**Approved Meeting Minutes  
Legislative Committee of the  
Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners**

Monday, January 23, 2017 - 3:00 pm  
Nevada Department of Wildlife Headquarters  
6980 Sierra Center Parkway, Suite 120  
Director's Office Conference Room, Reno, NV 89511

**Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance, Introduction of Committee Members and Roll:**

The meeting was called to order at 3:09pm. Chairman Drew provided an introduction of the Committee members and called roll.

Committee members present: Chairman Jeremy Drew, Commissioner Grant Wallace, Commissioner Brad Johnston, and Commissioner Paul Valentine. Deputy Attorney General Harry Ward.

Nevada Department of Wildlife (NDOW) staff present: Management Analyst III Jordan Neubauer, Deputy Director Liz O'Brien, Deputy Director Jack Robb, and Chief Game Warden Tyler Turnipseed.

Members of the public present: Karen Boeger, Judi Caron, Fred Voltz, Bobbie McCollum, Rex Flowers, Tina Nappe, Renee Aldrich, and Elaine Carrick.

**Approval of Agenda:**

The Committee members didn't have any questions on the agenda.

Public Comment: None.

**COMMISSIONER VALENTINE MOVED TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED. COMMISSIONER JOHNSTON SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 4-0.**

**Approval of Minutes:**

Chairman Drew said there were only two Committee members were on this Committee last year.

Commissioner Wallace will abstain.

Commissioner Valentine will abstain.

Commissioner Johnston didn't have any questions.

Public Comment: None.

**CHAIRMAN DREW MOVED TO APPROVE THE COMMITTEE MINUTES FROM THE APRIL 1, 2015 MEETING AS PRESENTED. COMMISSIONER JOHNSTON SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION CARRIED 2-0 COMMISSIONERS WALLACE AND VALENTINE ABSTAINED.**

**Legislative Process and Schedule Review:**

Chairman Drew reviewed the Nevada's Legislative Process form. He said he would like to have positions on bills going into the first committee meetings of the Senate and Assembly. He provided an overview of the process. There are two specific committees we tend to work with more than the others, they are the Senate Natural Resources Committee and the Assembly Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Mining Committee. He reviewed the 120-day calendar. He said he would like to have

another Committee meeting mid-March, ahead of the Commission Meeting. April 14 is the first committee passage.

There were not any questions from the Committee members.

**Designation of Spokesperson(s):**

Chairman Drew said that he thinks the Commission is going to need a few spokespersons this session and he volunteered to help out.

Commissioner Wallace would appreciate Commissioner Drew being the spokesperson since he is farther away from Carson City. He is willing to be there if no one else can.

Commissioner Valentine likes the comments of Commissioner Wallace regarding Chairman Drew being the spokesperson.

Commissioner Johnston thinks Chairman Drew would do a fine job. If needed, he wouldn't mind coming into Carson City to help out.

Chairman Drew thinks two spokespersons would be good and maybe Commissioner Wallace would be a third.

Public Comment: None.

**COMMISSIONER VALENTINE MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE COMMISSION TO APPOINT CHAIRMAN DREW (PRIMARY), AND COMMISSIONERS JOHNSTON AND WALLACE (ALTERNATES) AS SPOKESPERSONS FOR THE COMMISSION AT THE LEGISLATURE DURING THE 79<sup>TH</sup> LEGISLATIVE SESSION. COMMISSIONER WALLACE SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION CARRIED 4-0.**

**Review of Bill/Bill Draft Request (BDR) Tracking List:**

Chairman Drew explained that this is the Department's entire tracking list. He thinks it would be a good idea to identify what the Commission would be interested in tracking and pull those items to the top of the list.

Commissioner Wallace said he wants to review the bill language.

Chairman Drew said general platforms seemed to work well last year instead of voting on specific language.

Commissioner Johnston wants to create a separate list to take to the Commission with recommendations.

Commissioner Valentine clarified what version of the bill tracking list we were looking at.

Chairman Drew said it is the list dated 1/13/17.

Chairman Drew listed the bills/bill draft requests he thinks should be moved to the top for higher priority:

AB29, AB34, SB47, SB51, SB73, SB74, SB75, 50-11, 45-26, 15-79, 43-89, 45-107, 45-108, 45-187, 28-192, 201, 45-206, 45-208, 3-307, 308, 15-335, 48-336, 48-357, 48-358, 48-359, 48-367, 445, 58-622, 656, 48-735, 760, 763, 787.

He said he knows of three other bills that will be coming forward: the Department of Wildlife's license simplification bill, and remember, the Commission voted to support the general concept, a Joint Resolution to hunt, trap, and fish, and the Educational Council on Wildlife will be brought forward again. There are not bills for any of these yet.

The Committee members did not have any comments.

Public Comment:

Karen Boeger, Nevada Chapter, Backcountry Hunters and Anglers, asked if maybe BDR 43-670 was over looked on page 11.

Chairman Drew said to add that to the list, 43-670.

Karen Boeger spoke on AB29. This is a reform bill and she thinks it is great, but within the revisions there are red flags. She asked that the Committee review it carefully. Original advisory board is proposed to be abolished and in its place exofficio nonvoting members. NDOW is omitted. She thinks NDOW would be key. Power is given to the (Department of Conservation and Natural Resources) DCNR Director to appoint a technical advisory team. It does not state who is going to be part of the technical advisory team. She explained how the bill effects the funding.

Chairman Drew said that BDR is critical to keep on the list.

Karen Boeger wants the ones on public lands to be watched as well.

Judi Caron had a question on BDR 75. It pertains to drones.

Chairman Drew said we will add it to the list, BDR 75. We can set these aside in another shorter list going forward.

The Committee members didn't have any questions or comments.

### **Committee Review of Legislation, Recommendations on Commission Positions on Legislation and Legislative Platforms:**

Chairman Drew said he is not interested in asking for recommendations without support material. SB74 and SB75 are the only bills he would like to take action on since they were provided in support material.

SB74 is about rainwater and specifically calls out guzzlers. This bill essentially says a guzzler does not need a water right to collect rainwater. His personal opinion is to recommend a platform for supporting that guzzlers do not require a water right. He doesn't think a recommendation should be made on the rest of the bill.

Commissioner Wallace agrees.

Commissioner Johnston would like to focus on the guzzler issue.

Commissioner Valentine agrees.

Public Comment: None.

**CHAIRMAN DREW MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE COMMISSION A PLATFORM ON SENATE BILL 74 TO SUPPORT CLARIFYING THAT WILDLIFE GUZZLERS DO NOT NEED A WATER RIGHT OR APPROVAL BY THE STATE ENGINEER TO COLLECT RAINWATER AND ALTERNATIVELY, WE DO NOT SUPPORT A POSITION OF REQUIRING A WATER RIGHT FOR WILDLIFE GUZZLERS. COMMISSIONER VALENTINE SECONDED THE MOTION.**

Commissioner Johnston asked about specific language. This is overly broad.

Chairman Drew asked what the hook is to deny a guzzler.

Commissioner Johnston thinks there will be a conflict or issue that would arise.

**CHAIRMAN DREW ADDED TO THE PLATFORM TO REQUEST CLARIFICATION ON HOW A POTENTIAL CONFLICT WOULD BE DETERMINED. COMMISSIONER VALENTINE SECONDED. THE MOTION CARRIED 4-0.**

Chairman Drew moved to SB75. The Department is comfortable with this bill. He asked the Department to provide an overview.

Jack Robb, Deputy Director, said the protection of data for reporting wildlife conflicts is needed due to harassment issues. Reporting requirements are being eliminated because of a memo from the Governor requesting the elimination of reports that can be posted online instead.

Chairman Drew asked about the Interim Finance Committee (IFC) having the report.

Jack Robb said IFC will have time to decide if they like this.

Chairman Drew asked about the Dream Tag.

Jack Robb said there is not more to it. They could still send the report electronically if they chose to do so.

Chairman Drew said he supports the concept of keeping information of reporting parties of conflicts confidential. He does not know that the Commission cares about the reporting requirements.

Public Comment:

Judi Caron, since the Department is not the author of the Dream Tag report who identified that this report not be sent to IFC?

Chairman Drew said the Dream Tag Advisory Board could take a position on this. The reporting requirements are in the enabling language. He does not have a strong pull either way. How is the report provided now?

Judi Caron said it is provided in hard copy. She thinks the reporting still continues, but it will be posted on the website. She was involved in the original bill. She is trying to educate herself.

**CHAIRMAN DREW MOVED TO RECOMMEND THAT THE COMMISSION ADOPT A PLATFORM IN SUPPORT OF SENATE BILL 75 SPECIFIC TO THE CONFIDENTIALITY OF THOSE REPORTING PARTIES WHO REPORT NUISANCE WILDLIFE CLAIMS AND REMAIN SILENT ON THE REPORTING REQUIREMENTS. COMMISSIONER WALLACE SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION CARRIED 4-0.**

**Future Committee Meetings:**

Chairman Drew asked if the Committee wanted to have one more meeting before Commission Meeting, Maybe the evening of February 9.

Commissioner Johnston will not be available on February 8 or 9.

Commissioner Valentine is available on February 8 or 9, either way.

Chairman Drew would like a Committee meeting on February 8 at 3:00 pm. He asked what day of the week is best for the Committee members.

Commissioner Wallace asked to stay away from Monday's.

Commissioner Valentine said Wednesday's are good.

Chairman Drew proposed a few meeting dates for the future. Future Committee meetings will be on Wednesday afternoons. He said we will discuss the telephonic Legislative Commission Meeting at the next meeting.

Public Comment: None.

**Public Comment Period:**

Judi Caron wanted to thank everyone. She would like the Department to post the minutes right away for the County Advisory Boards to Manage Wildlife meetings.

Chairman Drew adjourned at 4:21pm.