

Committee Members: Commissioner Bliss (Chair),
Commissioner Mori, Commissioner Layne,
Commissioner Johnston, Tom Cassinelli

Staff to the Committee: Pat Jackson

**Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners
Wildlife Damage Management Committee
Nevada Department of Wildlife
4747 Vegas Drive
Las Vegas, NV 89108**

Thursday, September 24, 2015 / 6:00 p.m.

Approved Minutes

1. Call to Order – Chairman Bliss

Meeting called to order at 6:00 P.M.

As per Board of Wildlife Commissioners Chair Jeremy Drew, Karen Layne has finished her term on the Board of Wildlife Commissioners, but will serve the Committee as a public member until her replacement is appointed to the Commission to ensure continuity. At that time, the Commission Chair will further consider Committee membership.

In attendance:

Commissioner Chad Bliss
Commissioner Brad Johnston
Commissioner Peter Mori
Committee Member Karen Layne
Tony Wasley, Director, NDOW
Jack Robb, Deputy Director, NDOW
Brian Wakeling, Game Division, NDOW
Teresa Moiola, Conservation Education Division, NDOW

Absent:

Committee Member Tom Cassinelli
Pat Jackson, NDOW Staff to the Committee

2. Approval of Agenda

Commissioner Johnston motioned to approve agenda, with the exception of removing the approval of the minutes.

Commissioner Mori seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

3. *Approval of Minutes (May 14, 2015)

Adoption of the May 14, 2015 minutes postponed until next Committee meeting.

4. *Review Reports and Comments on FY 2015 Reporting by Contractors, Cooperators and Project Leads – Brian Wakeling

Commission Policy 23: some reports from primary contractors and cooperators are incomplete.

A little background provided by Game Administrator Wakeling. We now have a 10-year Memorandum of Understanding with Wildlife Services. The Board of Examiners has also approved a 5-year Cooperative Stewardship Agreement that enables the financial conduit for implementation of the Predator Management Plan. Specific Work Financial Plans have been developed and will be soon executed under which actions on the Predator Plan with Wildlife Services are coordinated.

A brief discussion on each project from the FY 2015 Predator Plan occurred.

Project 21 and 21-02: Preliminary report submitted and results discussed.

Project 22 and 22-01: Preliminary report submitted and results discussed.
Project 22-205/207: No report submitted. No expenditures made on project. Project discontinued for FY 2016 plan.
Project 22-14: Preliminary report submitted and results discussed. Location of work adjusted to accommodate other ongoing activities.
Project 25: Preliminary report submitted and results discussed.
Project 29 & 30: Draft information; project discontinued in FY 2016. No report submitted.
Project 32: Preliminary report submitted and results discussed.
Project 33: Preliminary report submitted and results discussed.
Project 35: Preliminary report submitted and results discussed.

Committee Member Layne moved to direct NDOW to continue its analysis of completed projects and for the Committee to report the results of this meeting to the Board of Wildlife Commissioners.

Commissioner Johnston seconded the motion.

Commissioner Mori enquires about date of the next Committee meeting. The next Committee meeting date is to be determined, but will probably be in association with the March Commission meeting.

The motion passed unanimously.

5. Public Comment Period

Karen Taylo: Questions and comments regarding the federal decision not to list the sage-grouse as an endangered species. Additional questions seeking information on why NDOW contracts with Wildlife Services.

Mike Reese: Questions and comments regarding the federal ruling regarding the sage-grouse. Concern about the impact fracking may have on leks.

Stephanie Meyers: Questions and comments on who makes decisions on which species lives are of more value, predators or game species?

Meeting adjourned at 7:06 P.M.