

Washoe County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife

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Thursday ~ January 27, 2014 ~ 6:00 p.m.
Nevada Department of Wildlife
Conference Room B
1100 Valley Road, Reno, Nevada

MEMBERS

John Reed, Chair
Sean Shea, Vice-chair
Michelle Spencer, Secretary
Rex Flowers
Miles Humphreys, Jr.

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE [Non-action item]

Chair Reed led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL [Non-action item]

Chair Reed called the meeting to order at 6.00 p.m.

PRESENT: Rex Flowers, Miles Humphreys, Jr., John Reed, Sean Shea and Michelle Spencer.

ABSENT: None.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS [Non-action item]

Caron Tayloe drew attention to the December 7, 2013, meeting of the Trapping Regulations Committee. Of some concern is that John Sullivan may have a special interest based on the behavior he displayed during the meeting. It appeared he was not prepared as he had no understanding of the problems. Ms. Tayloe pointed out that an average of 39 dogs and cats were trapped annually and that she would like for Mr. Sullivan to perform the duties he was appointed for. The NDOW (Nevada Department of Wildlife) mission is to protect, preserve and manage wildlife, which she believes to be the intent of SB213.

Judi Caron asked that the board address a concern about having the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners subcommittees complete action reports as is required of the local county Game Boards so that the public has an understanding of the discussions and recommendations before the matter is brought back to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners. Ms. Caron pointed out that meeting minutes are not mandated under Nevada's OML (Open Meeting Law) for thirty (30) working days after the meeting and that having an action report from the Bear Committee or other subcommittees would have been beneficial.

Darrell Harwell suggested that an agenda item be added about NDOW (Nevada Department of Wildlife) maintenance of the southern portion of Washoe Lake. Additionally, Nevada Waterfowl will again seek to sponsor the Duck Stamp and asked whether Duck Stamp money can be used to produce prints.

4. APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 2, 2013, MINUTES (For possible action)

Chair Reed asked that under agenda item 10 his comment be revised to reflect that there is not a significant difference between Blackhorn 209 and other powders.

It was moved by Member Spencer, seconded by Member Shea, to approve the December 2, 2013, minutes, as amended. The motion carried unanimously.

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5. **BOARD MEMBER MEETING ASSIGNMENT** (Non-action item) – *A discussion and selection of member(s) to attend the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners meetings on: 1) January 31 and February 1, 2014, meetings in Las Vegas, Nevada; and 2). March 21 and 22, 2014, meetings in Reno, Nevada.*

Member Flowers and Chair Reed plan to attend the January 31, 2014 and February 1, 2014, meetings in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Chair Reed recommended that the full Washoe County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife attend the March 21 and 22, 2014, meetings as there is a CAB (County Advisory Board) workshop. Chair Reed stated that he planned to attend both meetings.

Member Flowers recalled that the workshop is typically on Saturday.

6. **COMMITTEE, MEMBER AND LIAISON UPDATES** (Non-action items)

6-1). Correspondence (including sportsmen's concerns) and Announcements – Chair Reed commented that there had been significant discussion about whether Commission Policy 23 was in NRS (Nevada Revised Statutes) or NAC (Nevada Administrative Code).

6-2). Overview of the December 6 and 7, 2013, meetings of the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners – Member Humphreys, Jr. noted that horses on Washoe Lake had been brought to the attention of the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners, which is not listed on the upcoming meeting agenda.

Chair Reed noted that the State's Parks system owns the majority of the Washoe Lake site and that the ongoing drought has provided access to areas that are typically under water. There is some momentum in mounting an aggressive removal project in conjunction with the state parks. Chair Reed noted that he had observed horses there two (2) days ago.

Member Flowers noted that a questionnaire had been sent to 1,200 individuals concerning the Muledeer Hunt and what individuals see as constituting a quality hunt. The survey is based on how the system is currently run so the preference is to seek hunter input.

7. **COMMISSION REGULATION 13-04, Big Game Seasons, Amendment No. 1** [For possible action] – *A review, discussion and possible action to recommend that the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners approve, deny or otherwise modify proposed amendments to the 2014 (2014-2015) hunting season dates, special hunt eligibility, animal gender, physical characteristics, legal weapon requirements, and hunt boundary restrictions, for mule deer, pronghorn antelope, elk, bighorn sheep, and mountain goat; emergency depredation hunt structure and statewide quotas; dates and times for indoctrination courses; establishing the 2014 (2014 - 2015) antlerless elk landowner hunt structure and statewide quotas; and establishing the 2014 any legal weapon resident and nonresident pronghorn hunts 2151 and 2251 seasons that were not previously set.*

Chair Reed outlined the agenda item and suggested that each hunt and potential modifications be discussed and then acted upon.

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Mike Dobel – NDOW (Nevada Department of Wildlife) suggested that he answer any questions.

HUNT 2151 – Resident Antelope – Horns Longer than Ears, Any Legal Weapon

Mr. Dobel explained that modifications are shown in bold print and that this is the interim year of the biennial season setting that runs through 2015.

Hearing no board or public comment Chair Reed moved to the next hunt.

HUNT 2251 – Non-resident Antelope – Horns Longer than Ears, Any Legal Weapon

There was minor discussion about Unit 144 which is located partially in Eureka and White Pine Counties.

Larry Gilbertson - NDOW (Nevada Department of Wildlife), explained that the dividing line was the crest of the Diamond Range and that Unit 144a is on the Eureka County side, which is characterized with farming activity and antelope that come from units to the north, and the other side Newark Valley is associated more with Area 10 antelope herds and the Antelope tend not to cross the crest of the range.

Hunt 2171 – Resident Antelope – Horns Longer than Ears, Any Legal Weapon

There was no board or public comment.

Hunt 2161 – Resident Antelope – Horns Longer than Ears, Longbow Archery

There were no board or public comments.

Hunt 2261 – Nonresident Antelope – Horns Longer than Ears, Longbow Archery

There were no board or public comments.

Hunt 2181 – Resident Antelope – Horns Shorter than Ears, Any Legal Weapon

There were no board or public comments.

It was moved by Member Flowers, seconded by Member Humphreys, Jr., to recommend that the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners approve Hunts 2151, 2251, 2171, 2161, 2261 and 2181 as written. The motion carried unanimously.

Hunt 4102 – Resident Elk, Any Legal Weapon Depredation

Mike Dobel – NDOW (Nevada Department of Wildlife), explained that the three seasons had multiple opening dates in an effort to reduce Elk populations with lower congestion.

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There were no board or public comments.

Hunt 4151 – Resident Elk – Antlered, Any Legal Weapon

Larry Gilbertson – NDOW, noted that Unit 091 is shared with the State of Utah and that hunters from both Nevada and Utah may hunt Elk in this unit.

There were no board or public comments.

Hunt 4251 – Nonresident Elk Antlered, Any Legal Weapon

There were no board or public comments.

Hunt 4156 – Nonresident Elk Antlered, Muzzleloader

Member Shea voiced his concern about moving the Archery Hunt further in to the month of August to accommodate a bull hunt.

Chair Reed noted the difficulties encountered when trying to hunt Elk. Chair Reed questioned the number of tags that would be allotted to Units 061, 071, 062, 064, 066-068 and whether there could be a congestion issue.

Mike Dobel – NDOW, emphasized the continued expansion of the Elk population and then need to reduce the herd sizes to meet Elk Management Plan objectives. Mr. Dobel pointed out that there had been a cow hunt in this area for several years.

Member Flowers suggested that a motion could include a recommendation to move the cow hunt up and make it the first hunt of the season and move other hunts back.

Member Humphreys, Jr. commented that he did not believe that was a good option either.

Chair Reed opened public comment.

Bob Bruner concurred with Member Shea that it was not a good option.

Member Flowers noted that hunt is split into three (3) seasons with the earliest at the end of the bull hunt.

Mr. Bruner expressed his concern that the hunt dates could impact bull hunters.

Daryl Harwell outlined his concerns especially the potential loss of revenue for the department.

Chris Hampson – NDOW, stated that the \$15.00 fee is still applicable if the cow tag box is checked on the hunt application.

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Member Flowers pointed out that this was only setting up the potential changes to NRS (Nevada Revised Statutes) and/or NAC (Nevada Administrative Code) and would come back as those regulations are developed.

Chair Reed noted that Maureen Hullinger is still working on the issues and is, in his opinion, a good start.

Member Spencer suggested a one (1) year trial and noted that there are hunters that have waited for 15-years or more and might not a second change for another 15 or more years.

Responding to Member Shea's inquiry about hunter success, Mike Dobel explained that this particular area can be snowed out early in the season.

Larry Gilbertson – NDOW, noted that the herd moves between Idaho and this particular region and that the two herds are growing rapidly. The intent is to become more successful in the reduction of herd sizes by providing greater opportunities. Mr. Gilbertson noted that another option might be to extend the archery hunt, which might then overlap the muzzleloader hunt which is allowed in other states.

Member Flowers suggested that the allowing of the hunt for this year to determine the success may be beneficial and provide an opportunity to see if there are better alternative solutions in the next season.

Member Shea noted that hunters should be paying attention to the hunt dates as it is not NDOW's responsibility to babysit.

Hunt 4161 and 4262 – Resident and Nonresident Elk Antlered – Longbow Archery

There were no public or board comments.

Hunt 4651 – Resident Elk Spike, Any Legal Weapon

It was pointed out during a brief discussion that the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners had voted to move forward with Spike hunts and that there appears to be an even split among the CAB's (County Advisory Board). Other discussion noted that the department needs to harvest more animals in order to meet Elk Management Plan objectives

Mr. Gilbertson noted that bull ratios continue to escalate and that the hope is to reduce the numbers without having to double quotas. During the previous Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners meeting there was significant discussion about a number of options including the spike hunt. Mr. Gilbertson noted that NDOW is bringing this forward again in the hopes of not having to double bull tag quotas.

Hunt 4641 – Resident Elk Spike, Longbow Archery

There were no public or board comments.

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Hunt 4481 – DELK Resident Elk Antlerless Elk Management, Any Legal Weapon

Mr. Gilbertson noted that this was intended as cow hunt only and would allow deer hunters to also harvest a cow Elk as part of the management program to meet Elk Management Plan objectives.

Hunt 4476 – DELK Resident Elk Antlerless Management, Muzzleloader

There were no public or board comments.

Hunt 4411 – DELK Resident Elk Antlerless Elk Management, Longbow

There were no board or public comments.

Hunt 4481 – BELK Resident Elk Antlerless Elk Management, Any Legal Weapon

Mr. Gilbertson outlined the change in the cow season from October 1 to the last half of September for the reasons discussed earlier. Mr. Gilbertson pointed out that Area 10 is not supposed to have any Elk in it based on a prior agreement with the livestock industry. The intent is to keep the populations as low as possible. The January ending date is intended to allow hunters an opportunity to return harvest data cards for use in the next season setting review process and to try and be consistent with a limited number of exceptions

There were no board or public comments.

Hunt 4181 – Resident Elk Antlerless, Any Legal Weapon

Hunt 4181 – Resident Elk Antlerless, Any Legal Weapon – Wilderness Only Hunts

Mr. Gilbertson noted that there are two (2) hunts with the same Hunt Number with one of the hunts being a cow hunt and Wilderness hunt shown separately. Mr. Gilbertson commented that this provided a good chance of harvest but is unsure if it will be a popular hunt.

There were no board or public comments.

Hunt 4281 – Nonresident Elk Antlerless, Any Legal Weapon

Responding to Chair Reed's observation about season dates, Mr. Gilbertson explained that the intent of the season change is to remain consistent with the January closing for all hunts.

There were no board or public comments.

Hunt 4176 – Resident Elk Antlerless, Muzzleloader

Mr. Gilbertson noted that Unit 062 season had been shortened and that there was a low hunter success ratio. It is hoped that by allowing rifles the harvest objective will be met.

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Hunt 4111 – Resident Elk Antlerless, Longbow Archery

There were no board or public comments.

Hunt 4107 – Resident Antlerless, Any Legal Weapon Depredation

Mr. Gilbertson noted that Unit 121 B early and late had been modified making a total of four (4) hunts.

It was moved by Member Shea, seconded by Member Flowers, to recommend that Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners approve: 1) Hunt 4102 – Resident Elk Antlered Any Legal Weapon Depredation; Hunt 4151 Resident Elk – Antlered, Any Legal Weapon; Hunt 4251 Nonresident Elk Antlered, Any Legal Weapon; Hunt 4161 Resident Elk Antlered Longbow Archery; Hunt 4261 Nonresident Elk Antlered Longbow Archery; Hunt 4651 Resident Elk Spike, Any Legal Weapon; Hunt 4641 Resident Elk Spike Longbow Archery; Hunt 4481 DELK Resident Elk Antlerless Elk Management, Any Legal Weapon; Hunt 4476 DELK Resident Elk Antlerless Elk Management Muzzleloader; Hunt 4411 DELK Resident Elk Antlerless Elk Management Longbow; Hunt 4481 BELK Resident Elk Antlerless Elk Management Any Legal Weapon; Hunt 4476 Belk Resident Elk Antlerless Elk Management Muzzleloader; Hunt 4411 BELK Resident Elk Antlerless Elk Management Longbow; Hunt 4181 Resident Elk Antlerless Any Legal Weapon; Hunt 4181 Resident Elk Antlerless Any Legal Weapon Wilderness Only; Hunt 4281 Nonresident Elk Antlerless Any Legal Weapon; Hunt 4176 Resident Elk Antlerless Muzzleloader Hunt; Hunt 4111 Resident Elk Antlerless Longbow Archery; Hunt 4107 Resident Elk Antlerless Any Legal Weapon as written; and 2) Hunt 4156 Non Resident Elk Antlered; and Hunt 4256 Nonresident Elk Antlered Muzzleloader reverting to the 2013-2014 season dates.

Member Shea amended the motion by adding Hunt 4156 Resident Elk Antlered Muzzleloaders and reverting Units 061, 071, 062, 064, 066-068 in Hunts 4156, 4256, 4161, and 4261 to the 2013-2014 season dates. Member Flowers seconded the amendment. The motion carried: Members Shea, Spencer, Humphreys, Jr. and Chair Reed assenting and Member Flowers dissenting.

Hunt 3151 – Resident Nelson (Desert) Bighorn Sheep Any Ram, Any Legal Weapon

Mike Dobel – NDOW, explained that Unit 12 had been split into an early and late season to relieve hunter congestion and accommodate an increase in the number of tags.

There were no board or public comments.

Hunt 3251 – Nonresident Nelson (Desert Bighorn Sheep Any Ram, Any Legal Weapon

Mr. Dobel noted that unit 262 had been closed along with Unit 266 due to ram mortality rates and lower than expected population densities. Mr. Dobel explained that while 10-percent of tags are made available to non-residents it is not always 10-percent of each unit

There were no board or public comments.

Hunt 3181 – Resident Nelson (Desert) Bighorn Sheep Any Ewe, Any Legal Weapon

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Mr. Dobel provided maps (copies on file) that delineated bighorn sheep populations and results of disease testing on those populations. Mr. Dobel explained that the ewe hunts were needed to reduce high densities. It is not thought that the quota will be commensurate with what is needed to reduce populations.

Mr. Gilbertson noted that one of the maps indicates which populations have not been tested for mycoplasma, which has been documented from north to south. Mr. Gilbertson pointed out that rams can walk about 20-miles and encounters others which could lead to a spread of the disease and perhaps contract other diseases carried by domestic sheep. The continued drought conditions further exacerbate the issues with limited water supplies and lack of vegetation. Typically, sheep that have tested positive for mycoplasma or other diseases are not transplanted to avoid contamination of uninfected herds. As in the past there have and may continue to be large die-offs that could result in as many as 700 sheep dying. The intent of this hunt is to serve as an additional tool to reduce the number of sheep. Mr. Gilbertson noted that even with a 75-percent success ratio it would require about 300 hunters in the Muddy Mountains, which would be too many for that area initially. Additionally, the State of Utah has agreed to take an additional 200 sheep to address that issue in the Muddy Mountains. Mr. Gilbertson emphasized that keeping populations below carrying capacity resulted in healthier animals that have much larger horns and bodies. Mr. Gilbertson noted that this hunt is proposed as an additional tool that may or may not prove to be useful in the future at all or maybe would only be appropriate for smaller bighorn populations where we could effectively field a reasonable number of hunters.

Chair Reed suggested that perhaps the ewe hunt should be a Junior Hunt as they would be as aggressive in removing excess populations in his opinion.

Responding to Member Flowers' inquiry about whether a place had been found for only 100 more ewes in Nevada, Mr. Gilbertson explained that the challenge is domestic sheep and farm flocks, public land allotments, domestic sheep trailing and even the migration of wild sheep. The intent of the proposal is to find a resolution to the populations concerns. Mr. Gilbertson noted that NDOW would continue to work with property owners by providing fencing and other methods to keep domestic and wild sheep separated.

Member Flowers stated that he could not support a ewe hunt at this time.

Member Humphreys, Jr. explained that he too could not support a ewe hunt especially with it occurring before the ram hunt.

Member Spencer commented that she liked the idea of a Junior Hunt and questioned whether NDOW seeks anything in return for trading sheep to other states.

Mr. Gilbertson explained that the transplant to other states is NDOW's way of repaying other states for providing hundreds of animals to the State of Nevada. For example various species have been transplanted to the State of Nevada from Colorado, Idaho, Oregon, Utah, Wyoming and the Canadian Province of Alberta.

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Darrell Harwell commented that he did not believe that there was a sufficient population to give sheep to other states and suggested that if the ewe hunt is approved that there be another indoctrination class so that hunters can tell the difference between a ram and ewe.

Larry Johnson – NBU (Nevada Bighorns Unlimited) stated that he was opposed to a ewe hunt and pointed out that NBU is preparing to develop three (3) guzzlers and that he believes that there is room this year to move sheep to other locations in the state with coordination with the development of water resources.

Mel Belding recalled that the previous discussion about having a ewe hunt had resulted in a recommendation to have such a hunt as a last resort. Mr. Belding does not believe that the State has reached that point yet and pointed out that populations in the Fairview and Slate areas had rebounded in just 5-years of previous die-offs and that he does not see a need to harvest healthy ewes at this time.

It was moved by Member Flowers, seconded by Member Shea, to recommend that Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners approve Hunt 3151 – Nelson Big (Desert) Horn any Ram, Any Legal Weapon as written. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion by Member Flowers to recommend that Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners deny season dates for Hunt 3181 Resident Nelson (Desert) Bighorn Sheep Any Ewe, Any Legal Weapon, as proposed, died due to lack of a second.

It was moved by Chair Reed, seconded by Member Humphreys, Jr. to recommend that the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners not authorize Hunt 3181 Resident Nelson (Desert) Bighorn Sheep Any Ewe, Any Legal Weapon this year.

Chair Reed explained that he does not believe that NDOW has made the case for this type of hunt at this time.

Member Humphreys, Jr. concurred.

Member Flowers commented that it was not a matter of having the hunt as it is the dates of the hunt. If the issue is one of the hunt dates then the dates should be changed.

Chair Reed reiterated that he does not yet believe that the time is right for this type of hunt and pointed out that this particular sheep is a Hallmark species for the State of Nevada.

Member Shea commented that he is willing to support a ewe hunt as an experiment to reduce populations.

Member Spencer questioned at what point the State of Nevada would stop giving sheep to other states and pointed out that she has two (2) up and coming hunters that would participate in a junior hunt. Additionally, Member Spencer believes there may be older hunters that would be willing to participate in this type of hunt.

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The motion carried: Members Flowers, Humphreys, Jr. and Chair Reed assenting; and Members Shea and Spencer dissenting.

Hunt 8151 – Resident California Bighorn Sheep Any Ram, Any Legal Weapon

Mr. Gilbertson noted that no changes were proposed for Hunt 8151

There were no board or public comments.

Hunt 8251 – Nonresident California Bighorn Sheep Any Ram, Any Legal Weapon

Mr. Dobel explained that the Sheldon (Unit 033) had been closed to nonresidents.

Responding to Member Shea's inquiry about a possible change to the boundary for Unit 033, Mr. Hampson explained that both hunter observations and NDOW surveys have resulted in lower numbers of sheep being observed throughout the Sheldon or on McGee Mountain. NDOW recently captured five (5) Bighorn from the McGee Mountain area to test for any potential disease issues. However, NDOW does not believe that the lower number of animals being observed on the Sheldon or on McGee Mountain is tied to a disease event. It is believed that the animals may have been displaced from their home ranges due to the intensive horse capture activities that have taken place on the Sheldon over the past several years. Bighorn may have been displaced to adjacent hunt units including unit 012, 032, and possibly north into Oregon. The lower number of sheep observed and low hunter success rates for the Sheldon bighorn hunt will result in fewer tags being proposed for California Bighorn on the Sheldon this coming year. Therefore, a non-resident tag will not be necessary.

There were no public comments.

Hunt 8181 – Resident California Bighorn Sheep Any Ewe, Any Legal Weapon

Judi Caron recalled that a season cannot be closed without biologic scientific evidence that warrants the closure and is covered in either NRS (Nevada Revised Statutes) or NAC (Nevada Administrative Code) regulation. Ms. Caron noted that the board may wish to approve the season as written as it will come back for season setting.

Mel Belding expressed his support for the hunt in Unit 068 and pointed out that lamb recruitment is down in this particular area and is worse now than it was two (2) years ago.

Larry Johnson concurred with the proposed hunt and noted that these animals do have pathogens and should not be used for transplant.

It was moved by Member Shea, seconded by Member Spencer, to recommend that Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners approve: 1) Hunt 8151 – Resident California Bighorn Sheep Any Ram Any Legal Weapon; 2) Hunt – 8251 Nonresident California Bighorn Sheep Any Ram, Any Legal Weapon; and 3) Hunt 8181 – Resident California Bighorn Sheep Any Ewe, Any Legal Weapon, as written.

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Member Humphreys, Jr. expressed his support for the hunt due to the presence of pathogens which warrants the hunt.

The motion carried: Members Flowers, Humphreys, Jr., Shea and Spencer assenting; and Chair Reed dissenting.

Hunt 9151 – Resident Rocky Mountain Bighorn Sheep Any Ram, Any Legal Weapon

Mr. Dobel confirmed that Unit 091 was closed due to a shortage of rams.

There were no public comments.

It was moved by Member Flowers, seconded by Member Shea, to recommend that Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners approve Hunt 9151 – Resident Rocky Mountain Bighorn Sheep Any Ram, Any Legal Weapon, as written. The motion carried unanimously.

Hunt 7151 – Resident Mountain Goat Any Goat, Any Legal Weapon

There was no board or public comment.

It was moved by Member Shea, seconded by Member Humphreys, Jr., to recommend that the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners approve Hunt 7151 – Resident Mountain Goat, Any Goat, Any Legal Weapon, as written. The motion carried unanimously.

Hunt 1107 Resident Junior Mule Deer – Antlered or Antlerless – Longbow Archery, Muzzleloader or Any Legal Weapon

Responding to Member Shea's inquiry about the addition of two (2) days, Mr. Dobel explained that he had fielded the same question from Pershing County.

Mr. Gilbertson noted that October 31, 2014 is the Nevada Day Holiday and that there had been significant discussion the previous year about ending the hunt on a Sunday to allow the opportunity to hunt that last weekend.

Member Flowers pointed out that October 5, 2013, was a Saturday.

Judi Caron recalled last year's discussion about the extension of the Junior Hunt. While Ms. Caron does not like to see opportunity taken from any group she believes that the closing date should coincide with the adult hunts. Ms. Caron recommended that the Junior Hunt season mirror that of the adult season.

Member Flowers stated he had no issue with the way the season was written

Member Humphreys, Jr. concurred with Member Flowers' comment.

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It was moved by Member Flowers, seconded by Member Humphreys, Jr., to recommend that the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners approve Hunt 1107 – Resident Junior Hunt – Antlered or Antlerless, Longbow Archer, Muzzleloader or Any Legal Weapon as written.

Member Spencer noted that Washoe County School District had moved to a balanced calendar and suggested that the opening date be moved to August 8 from August 10.

The motion carried unanimously.

Hunt 1101 – Resident Mule Deer Antlerless, Any Legal Weapon

There were no board or public comments.

Hunt 1181 – Resident Mule Deer Antlerless, Any Legal Weapon

There were no board or public comments.

Hunt 1235 – Restricted Nonresident Mule Deer Antlered, Any Legal Weapon

Member Shea suggested that November 2 closing dates be extended to November 5.

Mr. Hampson clarified the discussion generally gets back to whether the hunt is during the early portion of the rut or not.

Member Flowers recalled that the same thing is done with resident, nonresident and guided hunts.

Hunt 1331 – Resident and Nonresident Mule Deer Antlered, Any Legal Weapon

There were no board or public comments.

Hunt 1371 – Resident and Nonresident Mule Deer Antlered, Muzzleloader

There were no board or public comments.

Hunt 1341 – Resident and Nonresident Mule Deer Antlered, Longbow Archery

There were no board or public comments.

It was moved by Member Shea, seconded by Member Humphreys, Jr., to recommend that the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners approve Hunt 1101 – Resident Mule Deer Antlerless, Any Legal Weapon; Hunt 1181 – Resident Mule Deer Antlerless, Any Legal Weapon; Hunt 1341 – Resident and Nonresident Mule Deer Antlered, Longbow Archer; as written; and Hunts 1235 – Restricted Nonresident Muledeer Antlered, Any Legal Weapon and Hunt 1331 – Resident and Nonresident Mule Deer Antlered, Any Legal Weapon with the following modification: change the season close from November 2 to November 5. The motion carried unanimously.

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Hunt 4781 - 2014 Antlerless Elk Landowner Hunts

Responding to Member Flowers' inquiry about multiple hunt seasons and associated quotas for each landowner, Mr. Dobel explained that NDOW will negotiate those issues directly with the land owner.

It was moved by Member Flowers, seconded by Member Shea, to recommend that Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners approve Hunt 4781 - 2014 Antlerless Elk Landowner Hunts, as written. The motion carried unanimously.

The meeting recessed at 8:20 p.m. and reconvened at 8:33 p.m.

8. **COMMISSION REGULATION 14-03, 2014 Big Game Application Deadline and Information** [For possible action] – *A review, discussion and possible action to recommend that the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners approve, deny or otherwise modify language regarding 2014 big game tag application deadline and information.*

Chair Reed outlined the agenda item and hearing no board or public comments asked for a motion.

It was moved by Member Flowers, seconded by Member Spencer, to recommend that the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners approved Commission Regulation 14-03, 2014 Big Game Applicant Deadline and Information, as written. The motion carried unanimously.

9. **COMMISSION REGULATION 14-04, 2014 Big Game Tag Application Eligibility Information** [For possible action] – *A review, discussion and possible action to recommend that the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners approve, deny or otherwise modify the adoption of language regarding 2014 big game tag application eligibility.*

Chair Reed outlined the agenda item and hearing no board or public comment asked for a motion.

It was moved by Member Shea, seconded by Member Humphreys, Jr., to recommend that the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners approve Commission Regulation 14-04, 2014 Big Game Tag Application Eligibility Information, as written. The motion carried: Members Humphreys, Jr., Shea, Spencer and Chair Reed assenting; and Member Flowers dissenting.

10. **COMMISSION REGULATION 14-05, 2014 Silver State Tag and Partnership in Wildlife Season and Quotas** [For possible action] – *A review, discussion and possible action to recommend that the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners approve, deny or otherwise modify the 2014 Silver State Tag and Partnership in Wildlife hunt species, seasons and quotas.*

Chair Reed summarized the agenda item and hearing no board or public comments asked for a motion.

It was moved by Member Humphreys, Jr., seconded by Member Shea, to recommend that the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners approve Commission Regulation 14-05, 2014 Silver

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State Tag and Partnership in Wildlife Season and Quotas, as written. The motion carried unanimously.

11. **COMMISSION REGULATION 14–06, 2014 Dream Tag Seasons** [For possible action] – *A review, discussion and possible action to recommend that the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners approve, deny or otherwise modify recommended 2014 Dream Tags seasons.*

Chair Reed outlined the agenda item and hearing no board or public comment asked for a motion.

It was moved by Member Shea, seconded by Member Spencer, to recommend that the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners approve Commission Regulation 14-06, 2014 Dream Tag Seasons, as written. The motion carried unanimously.

12. **COMMISSION REGULATION 14–07, 2015 Heritage Tags Seasons and Quotas** [For possible action] – *A review, discussion and possible action to recommend that the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners approve, deny or otherwise modify proposed 2015 Heritage Tag hunt species, seasons and quotas.*

Chair Reed opened the agenda item and asked for board and public comment.

Member Flowers commented that he believes that the closing date of February 28 makes the season too long and suggested that it be shortened somewhat. Although Member Flowers understand that the successful bidder for a Heritage Tags pays a significant amount of money, he believes that the Heritage tag season should end in January.

Member Shea suggested that the season end in December.

Member Humphreys, Jr. commented that while the season should perhaps end sooner there are not a significant number of individuals involved in the heritage tag hunts. Therefore, Member Humphreys, Jr. is okay with how the regulation is written.

Darrell Harwell recalled that there had been significant discussion about the closing date in the past and pointed out that locals get far less time than those individuals with Heritage Tag. Mr. Harwell believes the Heritage Tag hunt should end in December.

Mel Belding stated his opposition to the hunt starting in July and suggested that it start at the end of August or one (1) week before the first season. Mr. Belding noted that the Silver State Tag follows the Heritage Tag.

Member Flowers noted that the Silver State tag is for 2014, whereas the Heritage tag is for 2015 to allow an opportunity to market the tag.

Judi Caron commented that the way this is written the Silver State is for the current year (2014) and that the Heritage was set in last year's (2013) season setting. What is approved by the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners in 2014 for the Heritage Tag will affect the 2014 Silver State and PIW (Partners in Wildlife) tags next year.

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Chair Reed closed public comments.

Responding to Member Spencer's inquiry about the reason for the date change, Member Flowers explained that the date was changed due to commercial shed hunter concerns expressed by Lincoln and White Pine Counties.

It was moved by Member Flowers, seconded by Member Shea, to recommend that the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners amend in Commission Regulation 14-07, 2015 Heritage Tags Seasons and Quotas by changing season dates to reflect the 2014 Silver State tags for hunt year 2014.

Chair Reed noted that Wild Turkeys and California Bighorn were not included.

Member Flowers amended the motion to include California Bighorn Sheep dates be amended to coincide with the Pronghorn season dates established in regulation and end the last day of November and that Wild Turkey remain as written. Member Shea amended the second. The motion carried unanimously.

13. COMMISSION REGULATION 14-08, Black Bear Seasons [For possible action] – [For possible action] – *A review, discussion and possible action to recommend that the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners approve, deny or otherwise modify proposed 2014 (2014-2015) hunting season dates, open management units, hunting hours, special regulations, animal gender, legal weapon requirements, hunt boundary restrictions, and dates and times for indoctrination courses for black bear.*

Chair Reed opened the agenda item and outlined the discussions at the recent Black Bear Committee meeting. Chair Reed pointed out that a significant part of the discussion and testimony had focused on the use of hounds. Other discussion noted that only three (3) bears total were taken in the month of December. Chair Reed outlined his concern about disrespectful and rude behaviors during the meeting.

Responding to Member Flowers' inquiry about statistics on the hunter days in the field for the bear hunt in December, Mike Dobel – NDOW (Nevada Department of Wildlife), noted that he had discussed the matter with Carl Lackey and that there was no specific data kept on hunter ratio of success. Therefore, it is unclear how many may have availed themselves of the opportunity. Mr. Dobel also noted that he believes he may be able to secure information about how many of the treed bears were captured and released for the season but is doubtful it can be broken out by month.

Member Spencer stated that she favors making no change to the season ending date.

Member Humphreys, Jr. concurred with Member Spencer.

Larry Gilbertson - NDOW, explained that the legislation had directed NDOW to develop a 3-year evaluation. While there was no indication that the future of the hunt depended on that criteria, regulations clearly state that a hunt may not be cancelled without scientific biological data that

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supports such a closure. Mr. Gilbertson pointed out that the data did not indicate there are any biological problems associated with the hunt that would require a closure of the season.

Chair Reed commented that the weather over the past three (3) years was somewhat warmer than usual and questioned whether that might affect hibernation patterns. Chair Reed stated the he does not believe there is any biological data to support the season reduction that is being proposed and that the season should remain unchanged in his opinion.

Ken Joy commented that as a hounds man he is seeking support to keep the season as is without a restriction on the use of hounds.

Larry Johnson asked that the season be left as is and pointed out that an incident in Colorado had been used as justification to close December due to a bear being disturbed during hibernation. Mr. Johnson pointed out that two (2) individuals who had tampered with traps are being prosecuted and need to be held accountable for their actions, in his opinion.

Bob Brunner explained that he too was present at the meeting quota targets are generally lengthened or tag number increased to meet harvest objectives.

Larry Johnson commented that his discussion with Carl Lackey indicated that there was no substantive data to support claims that the bear hunt is having an adverse impact on bears.

Judi Caron commented that, in her opinion, NDOW's recommendations can be supported and drew attention to the reports prepared by Carl Lackey, goals, objectives and strategies on the control of black bear. Ms. Caron suggested that the scheduling of the Bear Committee meeting only a week prior to the County Advisory Board meetings does not provide an opportunity for the public or CAB members to review the discussions and findings of the Committee. Ms. Caron pointed out that there is no scientific evidence to suggest that the Black Bear season should be shortened and that the season dates were set to coincide with those of the State of California so that hunters could harvest the bear in either jurisdiction.

Darrell Harwell commented that he does not favor any change to the use of hounds and pointed out that most bears were taken using hounds.

Ms. Caron commented that she believes that information should be gathered on hunter non-success and range of dates hunted based on her discussions with two (2) hunters that were unsuccessful in their hunt.

Don Molde explained that in his opinion the most prepared person on the panel had done a masterful job with her questions and pointed out that the legislature had listened to its constituents concerns about the hunt. It is Mr. Molde's belief that the legislature will take a close look at the findings of the past three years.

Mel Belding expressed his support for the 3-year old hunt and the use of hounds without change.

Chair Reed closed public comment.

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Chair Reed noted that Nevada does not have the longest season as the State of California Bear Hunt is somewhat longer. Based on the current information there is an average of five (5) bears being chased per week in a very extensive area. It is Chair Reed's belief that it has been a successful hunt with only two (2) illegal takes and perhaps one that was taken in the wrong unit.

It was moved by Member Shea, seconded by Member Spencer, to recommend that the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners approve Commission Regulation 14-08 Black Bear Seasons as written. The motion carried unanimously.

- 14. COMMISSION REGULATION 14-09, 2014 (2014-2015) Mountain Lion Season Open Units and Harvest Limits** [For possible action] – *A review, discussion and possible action to recommend that the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners approve, deny or otherwise modify proposed 2014 (2014-2015) mountain lion hunting season harvest limits, hunting hours, and special regulations.*

Chair Reed opened the agenda item and asked for public comment.

Bob Brunner suggested that rather than closing Unit 33 it not be opened until the balance of federal regulations is in place. Mr. Brunner noted that there has been discussion about prey species with the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Chris Hampson – NDOW (Nevada Department of Wildlife), noted that antelope populations were doing well and that populations are at fairly high levels. Mr. Hampson explained that while there are some serious issues that have had negative impacts on Mule Deer populations on the Sheldon, those issues are mainly tied to the extremely dry conditions experienced over the past several years, high horse numbers and the significant loss of critical mule deer habitat due to past wildfires.

Chair Reed closed public comments.

It was moved by Member Shea, seconded by Member Spencer, to recommend that the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners approve Commission Regulation 14-09, 2014 (2014-2015) Mountain Lion Season Open Units and Harvest Limits with the following amendment: remove the closure of Unit 033 and instead insert a harvest limit of zero (0) so that the Unit is now open rather than closed. The motion carried unanimously.

- 15. COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 442, Fishing Tackle Truckee River** [For possible action] – *A review, discussion and possible action to recommend that the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners approve, deny or otherwise modify proposed regulations relating to fishing: removing the Truckee River and diversion ditches and tributaries above the I-80 bridge which is upstream from the Crystal Peak Park to the California state line, from the waters restricted to use only artificial lures with single barbless hooks; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.*

Chair Reed opened the agenda item.

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Chris Crookshanks - NDOW (Nevada Department of Wildlife), provided an overview of the proposal noting that the overall game fish limit had been reduced from five (5) to three (3) on the Truckee River by the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners. It was explained that the proposal will essentially remove the tackle restrictions (artificial lures with single barbless hook) in the "Trophy Section" of river which is located from Crystal Peak Park upstream to the California border. Mr. Crookshanks noted that there is no difference in the size of fish taken from that point or any other along the Truckee River and pointed out that large fish have also been caught in the downtown Reno section of the Truckee River as well as restoration areas.

Darrell Harwell commented that while he understands there is no biological difference in the fish, there is a lot of housing along that section of the Truckee River making access difficult as landowner permission is needed to pass. Mr. Harwell noted that this is one section of the river where fly fisherman can enjoy the river.

Chair Reed closed public comment.

Member Humphreys, Jr. expressed his support for the regulation as written.

It was moved by Member Shea, seconded by Member Flowers to recommend that the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners approve Commission General Regulation 422, Fishing Tackle Truckee River, as written. The motion carried unanimously.

16. COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 443 – R141-13 – Wildlife Grants Program [For possible action] – *A review, discussion and possible action to recommend that the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners approve, deny or otherwise modify proposed regulations relating to wildlife; requiring the Department of Wildlife to establish a grant program to provide funding to facilitate wildlife restoration activities and research; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.*

Chair Reed outlined the agenda item.

Member Shea drew attention to Line 3 which indicates that applications may be submitted by federal, state or private non-profit organizations and suggested that it be modified by adding private non-profit conservation organizations. Member Shea also questioned why the U. S. Forest Service is not included on Page 2.

Darrell Harwell noted that UNR (University of Nevada, Reno) typically received grant funding from NDOW (Nevada Department of Wildlife).

Responding to Judi Caron's inquiry about the intent of the proposal, Member Flowers explained that the intent is to streamline the grant application process so that projects can be funded more quickly.

Chair Reed closed public comment.

It was moved by Member Shea, seconded by Member Spencer, to recommend that Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners approve Commission General Regulation 443, R141-13,

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Wildlife Grants program with the following amendment: line three add “non-profit conservation organizations and universities”; and page 2 add “U. S. Department of Agriculture and U. S. Forestry Service”.

Member Shea clarified that he was adding private non-profit conservation organizations and universities.

Mel Belding suggested that grants be limited to accredited 501c3 non-profit organizations as there are some organizations that are not 501c3.

Member Shea withdrew the motion. Member Spencer withdrew the second.

It was moved by Member Shea, seconded by Member Spencer, to recommend that the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners approve Commission General Regulation 443, #141-13, Wildlife Grants Program with the following modifications: 1) item 3 after the word “private” insert “accredited 501c3 and private universities; and 2) page 2 add the U. S. Department of Agriculture and U. S. Forest Service. The motion carried unanimously.

17. DRAFT FISCAL YEAR 2015 PREDATION MANAGEMENT PLAN [For possible action] – A review, discussion and possible action to recommend that the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners approve, deny or otherwise modify the draft FY (Fiscal Year) 2015 Predation Management Plan.

Chair Reed opened the agenda item

Member Flowers noted the proposed withdrawal of funding for Project 18 this year will release funds for other projects. Member Flowers suggested Project 21, Subproject 31-02 and Project 30 all be funded at 2014 funding levels. Subproject 22-14 to be funded at \$75,000.00, which in turn allows Project 22 Statewide Predator Control to be increased from \$110,000.00 to \$150,000.00. It appears that no funding will be given to Project 18 unless Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners decides otherwise.

Member Spencer commented that she does not believe that Project 18 should be cancelled as it is a very important project.

Bob Brunner expressed his support for the new recommendations.

Member Flowers noted that projects related to Sage Grouse can also seek funding from the Upland Game Stamp program.

Member Spencer believes that Project 21 may be cancelled.

Don Molde commented that Project 18, in his opinion, has been nothing more than a makeshift work project for Wildlife Services expending more than \$800,000.00 over a ten (10) year period to harvest 1,251 predators at a cost of \$645.00 per animal. Statistically there is no benefit for deer populations and is such a worthless project that it should be written up as a “how not to do something”. Mr. Molde

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does not believe that the conditions requiring the use of non-lethal control for ravens has been used as required in the permit's conditions of approval.

Chair Reed closed public comment.

Chair Reed noted that he owns property in the area and spends a lot of time there. It appears that the numbers are stable even in the midst of an eight (8) year drought. Additionally, horses have been removed from the area. Chair Reed expressed his support for Project 22 due to the flexibility to use funds throughout the state.

It was moved by Member Flowers, seconded by Member Shea, to recommend that Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners approve the Draft Fiscal Year 2015 Predation Management Plan with the following modifications: 1) increase funding from \$110,000.00 to \$150,000.00; 2) Project 21 Sub 31-02 and Project 30 be funded at fiscal year 2014 levels; 3) Sub project C22-14 be funded at \$75,000.00 and that additional funding for project rolled back to fiscal year 2014 levels seek additional funding from the Upland Game Bird Stamp Program. The motion carried: Members Flowers, Humphreys, Jr., Shea and Chair Reed assenting; and Member Spencer dissenting.

18. MUZZLELOADER SMOKELESS POWDER DEFINITION [For possible action] – *A review, discussion and possible action to recommend that the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners approve, deny or otherwise modify conceptual alternatives to the current muzzleloader regulation NAC (Nevada Administrative Code) 503.142. This agenda item is a result of a petition to amend NAC 503.142 to allow for Blackhorn 209 as a legal powder for muzzleloaders. This petition was withdrawn by the petitioner. The Commission will provide direction to the Department as to the potential development of a regulation, specifically amendments to NAC 503.142.*

Chair Reed provided an overview of the agenda item.

Member Flowers commented that the petitioner had withdrawn the petition and that Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners had directed NDOW (Nevada Department of Wildlife) to review Blackhorn 209 and report their findings on the various compounds and available options. Member Flowers noted that while he had some concern that this particular item was not on the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners agenda as an action item the matter will be brought back with proposed amendment(s) to NAC (Nevada Administrative Code).

Chair Reed recalled that there had been some concern that the powder was cleaner and required fewer barrel cleaning between shot, which might be construed as an unfair advantage over other types of powder.

Member Humphreys, Jr. noted that while muzzleloaders were advised not to use the powder. They were also told it was illegal.

Chair Reed noted that the other issue is that the powder looks the same as other powders.

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During the discussion it was noted that there was no known reason to not use Blackhorn 209 and that the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners decided that rather than revisit the issue annually, perhaps definitions and regulations need to be updated to encompass the full spectrum of substitute powders. Currently, the options are: 1) no change and allow only primitive powders; 2) remove prydex and allow only black powder or substitute; and 3) black powder with volume metric equivalent may be used.

Member Humphreys, Jr. recommended Option 3.

Chair Reed noted that might remove 209 as it uses less powder with varying degrees of success and may present some enforcement issues.

Mel Belding suggested Option 2.

It was moved by Member Humphreys, Jr., seconded by Member Flowers, to recommend that the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners approve smokeless powder definitions and Option 2.

During the discussion it was noted that there was no one present that could address questions concerning the various options. Therefore, the board might assume a powder is smokeless when in fact it is not. As the discussion continued, it was pointed out that the only true smokeless powder is manufactured by Savage.

The motion carried unanimously.

19. COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 416, Shed Antlers, LCB File No. R155-12 [For possible action] – *A review, discussion and possible action to recommend that the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners approve, deny or otherwise modify proposed regulation relating to shed antlers; requiring a permit for the commercial taking of shed antlers from the field; authorizing a person to take shed antlers from the field for a noncommercial purpose during a certain period or at any time of the year upon completion of an educational course for the noncommercial taking of shed antlers; prohibiting the sale, trade or barter of shed antlers taken for a noncommercial purpose; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.*

Chair Reed opened the agenda item.

Member Flowers commented that, in his opinion, Paragraph 1 is needed and that Paragraph 3 can be deleted. Paragraph 2 need to be rewritten such that a non-commercial shed hunter may collect sheds year-round, provided a class is taken on shed hunting, similar to that provided to Chukar hunters.

Member Humphreys, Jr. commented that it was unclear to him if this applied only to sheep horns or antlers and deer horns as well.

Member Shea explained that it focuses primarily on antlers.

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Member Flowers noted that commercial hunters collect antlers for profit in eastern Nevada and have harassed Elk and other horned animals according to residents in that part of the State.

Chair Reed noted that he believes this may be over-regulation as harassment of animals is already covered in regulations.

Bob Brunner expressed his support for the proposal.

Mel Belding concurred with Member Flowers and expressed concern about the last sentence which could be applied to two individuals sharing or trading a broken shed. Mr. Belding recommended that Game Wardens be allowed to focus on poaching and other enforcement duties rather than making additional rules that may be difficult if not impossible to enforce.

Chair Reed closed public comments.

It was moved by Member Flowers, seconded by Member Spencer, to recommend that the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners approve Commission General Regulation 416, Shed Antlers, LCB (Legislative Counsel Bureau) File R155-12 with the following modifications: 1) delete paragraph 3 and 4; 2) add "any person may take shed antler for non-commercial purposes year round to paragraph 2.

Responding to Member Shea's inquiry Member Flowers explained that approval of this item will allow NDOW (Nevada Department of Wildlife) to set-up a permit and season for the commercial collection of shed antlers.

The motion carried: Members Flowers, Humphreys, Jr., Shea and Spencer assenting; and Chair Reed dissenting.

20. COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 430, Guide License Changes, LCB (Legislative Counsel Bureau) File No. R053-13 [For possible action] – *A review, discussion and possible action to recommend that the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners approve, deny or otherwise modify regulations relating to guides; revising provisions relating to the issuance and renewal of a license as a master guide or subguide; permitting a master guide to use the services of another master guide or a subguide licensed under another master guide in certain circumstances; removing territorial limitations imposed by the State on the operation of master guides; revising the grounds for denying an application for a license or for revoking or suspending a license; extending the period within which a master guide must notify the Department of Wildlife after terminating the employment of a subguide; revising provisions governing the licensure of habitual violators and the submission of records relating to the clients of a master guide; expanding the circumstances under which a client must physically accompany the master guide or subguide during the entire pursuit and taking of an animal; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.*

Chair Reed opened the agenda item revising provisions on the renewal license and use. Chair Reed noted that Member Shea is a licensed guide and that he welcomes his input on this agenda item.

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Chair Reed opined that Member Shea did not have to recuse himself as the disclosure had been made.

Responding to Member Spencer's inquiry as to why a guided hunter might not be with the guide, Member Shea explained that there are times when the guide and the client while physically together might be separated by a ridgeline. Member Shea noted that this streamlines the process.

Chair Reed noted that he had received correspondence on the proposal but had not received a return call to his telephone call.

Member Shea noted that NDOW (Nevada Department of Wildlife) had with outfitters and guides in the revision of the regulation.

Hearing no public comment Chair Reed asked for a motion.

It was moved by Member Flowers, seconded by Member Spencer, to recommend that the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners approve Commission General Regulation 430 Guide License Changes LCB (Legislative Counsel Bureau) Fie No. R053-13, as written. The motion carried unanimously.

21. WASHOE COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE MEMBERS AND/OR STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS, REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION AND SELECTION OF TOPICS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS [Non-action item] – *Selection of additional agenda item(s) for the March 13, 2014, meeting.*

Chair Reed expressed his desire to have a presentation on the effect of wind turbine on Nevada's bat population, which is a very beneficial species for human.

Member Spencer suggested a future item to address a raven hung.

Member Shea pointed out that Ravens are a federally protected species.

22. PUBLIC COMMENTS [Non-action item]

There were no public comments.

23. ADJOURNMENT [Non-action item]

Chair Reed adjourned the meeting at 10:19 p.m.

IF THE MEETING GOES BEYOND 11:00 P.M., THE WASHOE COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE MAY POSTPONE DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION ON REMAINING AGENDA ITEMS.

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