



Clark County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife

MEETING MINUTES

Date: June 18, 2013

Location: Department of Forestry Conference Room
4747 Vegas Drive, Las Vegas NV 89108

Time: 5:30 pm

Board Members Present: Paul Dixon, Chair Michael J. Reese, Vice Chair
John Sullivan (arrived 6:10) Brian Patterson Jacky Holt

The agenda for this meeting was posted in the following locations;

- Nevada Department of Wildlife, 4747 West Vegas Drive, Las Vegas, Nevada, 89107;
- Clark County Government Center, 500 Grand Central Parkway, Las Vegas, Nevada, 89108;
- City of Henderson, City Hall, 240 Water Street, Henderson, Nevada, 89015;
- Boulder City, City Hall, 401 California Avenue, Boulder City, Nevada, 89005;
- Laughlin Town Manager's Office; 101 Civic Way, Laughlin, Nevada, 89028;
- Moapa Valley Community Center, 320 North Moapa Valley Road, Overton, Nevada, 89040;
- Mesquite City Hall, 10 East Mesquite Boulevard, Mesquite, Nevada, 89027.

Date: June 12, 2013

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1. Call to Order

- The meeting was called to order at 5:31 pm by Chairman Paul Dixon.
- Roll call of Board Members was performed by Stacy Matthews. A quorum was present.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

- Chairman Paul Dixon requested all stand and led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Approval of Minutes of May 7, 2013 CCABMW Meeting - Action

- A motion was made and seconded to approve the Minutes of the Board Meeting held on May 7, 2013 as written. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Approval of Agenda for June 18, 2013 – Action

- Chairman Paul Dixon noted that informational item #6, Nevada Wildlife Disease Report will need to be taken out of sequence, as the speaker, NDOW Biologist Peregrine Wolff, would speak via conference call once she has returned to her office from the field.
- A motion was made and seconded to accept the Meeting Agenda as written with the addition of a restroom break around 7:30, and allowing for the Disease Report to be taken out of sequence. Motion passed unanimously.

Unless otherwise stated, items may be taken out of the order presented on the agenda, and two or more items may be combined for consideration. The Board may also remove an item from the agenda or delay discussion relating to an item at any time.

5. **CAB Member Items/Announcements/Correspondence: (*Informational*):** Clark County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife (CCABMW) members may present emergent items. No action may be taken by the CCABMW. Any item requiring CCABMW action will be scheduled on a future CCABMW agenda. CCABMW board members may discuss any correspondence sent or received. (CCABMW board members must provide hard copies of their correspondence for the written record).
 - Jacky Holt noted that he has been working on tortoise issue with Chris Tomlinson (NDOW) and others. Exploring options for registration, spay/neuter procedures, etc. Chris Tomlinson offered more details on progress and areas being discussed.
 - Chairman Paul Dixon suggested that tortoise topic be added to the CCABMW agenda for the September meeting in Las Vegas, as most of the turn-ins of tortoises are in the Las Vegas area.
 - Brian Patterson reminded attendees that registration of ATVs due July 1. He also noted the formation of a new sportsman's organization in Southern Nevada, the Nevada Sportsmen Unlimited.
 - Chairman Paul Dixon reminded attendees of the second chance draw for deer, elk, and antelope tags. Applications are due by June 25 for draw on July 13. He also reminded attendees that anytime a speaker or member of the public provides hardcopy materials to the Board, they must also provide copies for members of the public.
6. **Nevada wildlife disease report. (*Informational*)** Department of Wildlife DVM Peregrine Wolf provided a Nevada wildlife disease report.
 - Peregrine Wolff presented (by conference call) an update on disease status in Nevada Wildlife. See a copy of her PowerPoint for details.
7. **Wild Horse Update – NDOW (*Informational*)** will provide an update on the status of wild horse issues pending in Nevada.
 - Chairman Paul Dixon introduced this topic and asked Pat Cummings (NDOW) if anyone was able to speak to this at this meeting. Pat Cummings stated that no one from NDOW was able to provide an update, but he suggested inviting BLM to come speak.
 - Chairman Paul Dixon noted roundup funds were reduced this year so only emergency roundups will be held.
8. **Trail Camera Usage – (*Informational*)** Chief Game Warden Rob Buonamici or his representative will discuss development of a regulation to limit trail camera usage before and during hunting seasons to preserve and maintain ethical hunting practices.
 - Chairman Paul Dixon introduced this topic. It has been determined that trail cameras are being used to sell hunting opportunities to non-residents.
 - Mike Maynard –NDOW stated there are currently no regulations on trail cameras. Selling hunts is not new. NRS statutes currently exist allowing NDOW and the Wildlife Commission to establish regulations on the use of Trail Cameras.
 - Frank Mirabelli asked if there were restriction regarding use on private property. Chairman Paul Dixon responded that there are no regulations at this time.

- Mike Kowal not familiar with the use of trail cameras, but concerned that selling hunts seems to be unfair.
- Vice Chair Reese addressed the difference between a fish finder and a trail camera. A fish finder does not record anything and is a real-time image of the proximity of the user. A trail camera can record date and time as well as the image, and can also uplink the information to a remote user.

9. Trap Registration Update – (Informational) Chief Game Warden Rob Buonamici or his representative will provide an update on the new trap registration legislation and expectations.

- Lt. Mike Maynard, NDOW, reviewed current regulation as a result of legislation.
- Chairman Paul Dixon asked if the visitation requirement was for trap lines or individual traps. Mike Maynard answered that it is per trap.
- Mike Maynard read from SB213 regarding trap registration. Registration numbers will be assigned to the trapper who will label each trap with the same assigned number.
- Vikki Werner asked what is the deadline for numbers on traps and age requirements.
- Mike Maynard read the due date is July 31, 2013.
- Commissioner Layne added that the Commissioners are trying to get registration implemented before the start of the season.
- Chairman Paul Dixon expects to have an agenda item for the next CCABMW meeting the end of July to discuss and perhaps take action regarding trap registration, etc.

10. Desert Tortoise Update – (Informational) Jay Holt, DVM will provide an update on the Desert Tortoises.

- This topic was addressed earlier in the CAB Board Member Comments (Agenda Item #5).

11. Action Items:

- A. Discuss & make recommendations regarding the following Action Items from the Board of Wildlife Commissioners June 21st and 22nd, 2013 Agenda and additional items brought forth to the Clark CCABMW from the public for discussion.** CCABMW agenda & support materials are available upon request to Stacy Matthews (702) 455-2705 or smatthews@co.clark.nv.us. The final Commission agenda & support materials should be available on June 17, 2013 at http://www.ndow.org/Commission/Schedule_and_Agenda/

1. Discussion of Overton WMA Conceptual Management Plan (For Possible Action): Public comment will be taken on the Draft Overton WMA Conceptual Management Plan. NDOW representatives will provide an informational update on the Overton WMA Conceptual Management Plan for public discussion and comment.

- Mike Zahradke -NDOW discussed Draft Conceptual Management Plan (CMP) and the proposed Duck Stamp funded projects and how they mesh. He highlighted a few changes since the public meetings in May, including changing one to the two dog training days per month from a Saturday to a Wednesday.
- Vice Chair Reese asked about access to Blind 8.
- Mike Zahradke answered plan to have in place by fall.

- Brian Cimperman asked about parking and the ability to do walk-in dog training on days other than the designated dog training days. Mike Zahradke responded that during the waterfowl season dog training would be limited to the designated days.
- Chairman Paul Dixon noted that it would be hard to differentiate between a day-hiker who throws a stick in a pond for his dog to fetch and a trainer not using noise makers.
- Mike Kowal noted this has been ongoing for a number of years. He feels this is a good compromise. He suggested a pond strictly for dog training be built, funded by dog trainers, and used exclusively for training.
- Frank Mirabelli concerned that only two rest days for dog training defeats the purpose of the "rest" day.
- Vice Chair Reese asked what latitude is there to change CMP and how often. Mike Zahradke answered that the CMP will be reevaluated annually at the end of the year.
- Vikki Werner suggested use of the Henderson pond near Stephanie and 215 for dog training. It has water year-round. Brian Patterson noted that that pond is fed from an underground spring, and a few years ago was found that the water contained chemicals making it hazardous to swim in. He sees no reason dogs couldn't be trained there.
- Jessie Broadway requested additional dog training day each month when there are 15 rest days per month.
- Chairman Paul Dixon noted that at any time, NDOW can eliminate dog training completely.
- Ryan Werner asked if blind reserved can you train dog or just watch birds. Chairman Paul Dixon answered yes.
- Brian Cimperman stated you should have dog trained before you go hunting, annoying to other hunters if you train.
- Mike Zahradke stated during hunting season hunters are confined to the blinds.
- Chairman Paul Dixon asked board for feedback.
- Brian Patterson feels no changes needed to strategies, Vice Chair Reese and Jacky Holt agree.
- Motion made and seconded to recommend approval of the strategies as written. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Review and Update of Clark County Heritage Committee FY14 Proposal Recommendations. (For Possible Action) The Clark CABMW Board will provide the Nevada Wildlife Commission funding recommendations on the 2014 Heritage project proposals.

- Chairman Paul Dixon introduced.
- Vikki Werner asked where the proposals were posted.
- Mike Kowal concerned with wood duck study.
- Vikki Werner asked what the Heritage Project process is and dates. Chairman Paul Dixon explained the process. It was recommended that she contact Jalindo Tiberti, who submits project applications for the Fraternity of Desert Bighorn.

- A motion made and seconded to accept the proposals as written. The motion passed unanimously.
- 3. Commission Regulation (CR) 13-07 Amendment #1, 2014 Heritage Tag Vendors. (For Possible Action)** Review, discuss and recommend to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners Heritage Vendor recommendations for the 2014 tags.
- Chairman Paul Dixon read list of proposed vendors and their tag allocations.
 - Brian Cimperman suggested keeping turkey tag in south.
 - Ryan Werner introduced new group, Nevada Sportsmen Unlimited, with banquet in February. They would like tags next year.
 - Vice Chair Reese happy WHIN has tags.
 - A motion made and seconded to accept as written. The motion passed unanimously.
- 4. 2014 Duck Stamp Proposal. (For Possible Action)** Review, discuss and recommend to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners that they adopt or modify proposals for projects submitted for funding from duck stamp funds.
- Chairman Paul Dixon introduced and highlighted projects in South.
 - Mike Kowal asked who can apply for duck stamp funds.
 - Commissioner McBeath suggested Mike get a copy of the regulations and directly submit project proposals.
 - Mike Kowal had trouble with Tim Woods getting project submitted.
 - Mike Zahradke noted that according to the NRS, Duck Stamp money cannot be used for building blinds, etc. But, goose nest platforms and blinds are within CMP operating budget, so there's no need for a grant.
 - Ryan Werner suggested Mike Kowal get with sportsmen's groups that can provide assistance in submitting project ideas and in some cases, funding.
 - Vice Chair Reese read from the NRS regarding use of duck stamp funds.
 - Brian Cimperman questioned the amount of funds allocated to Southern Nevada.
 - Chairman Paul Dixon stated that over the last 3 years, projects in Southern Nevada have received about 40% of the available Duck Stamp funds.
 - John Sullivan discussed Overton and the role played by the CAB and Chairman Paul Dixon in addressing the concerns raised during meetings in Overton.
 - A motion made and seconded to accept the Duck Stamp projects as written. The motion passed unanimously.
- 5. 2014 Upland Game Stamp Proposals. (For Possible Action)** Review, discuss and recommend to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners that they adopt or modify proposals for projects submitted for funding from upland game stamp funds.
- Chairman Paul Dixon introduced and read proposed project funding. No public comment.
 - Vice Chair Reese asked Pat Cummings if a sportsmen's group could purchase and raise game bird chicks and release them.

- Pat Cummings stated that there is a permitting process.
- Ryan Werner noted that Nevada Sportsmen Unlimited is sponsoring youth programs.
- Pat Cummings is not sure about releasing upland game birds on public lands.
- Vikki Werner what if birds released for training dogs and teaching youth.
- Pat Cummings sounds like part of NDOW volunteer programs. Pat Cummings if released on public land birds must be wild, not farm raised.
- A motion made and seconded to recommend approval of the proposed projects as written. The motion passed unanimously.

6. Commission Regulation (CR) 12-06 Amendment #2 – Seasons, Bag Limits, and Special Regulations changes for Sage-grouse, Blue Grouse (Dusky and Sooty), and Wild Turkey – 2013-14 Season. (For Possible Action) Review, discuss and recommend to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners that they make possible changes to the existing CR 12-06 to modify regulations for seasons, bag limits, and special regulations for sage-grouse, blue grouse (Dusky and Sooty), and wild turkey for the 2013-14 season.

- Chairman Paul Dixon introduced this topic and called on Kinsen Lee for input.
- Kinsen Lee discussed turkeys he has observed in Overton. There are more jakes and toms than hens. He believes that raccoons are the big problem. Because of the imbalance and the number of birds in the area, he suggests adding 2 turkey tags and also eventually has a youth hunt.
- Chairman Paul Dixon concurred with Kinsen having observed at least 2/3 of the turkeys were jakes and toms.
- Pat Cummings suggested a surveillance project to determine the extent of the raccoon population on Overton WMA.
- Kinsen Lee suggested the seasons for southern Nevada a week earlier than the seasons in rest of the State. Also, a land owner has bulk of turkeys on his land might like a compensation tag.
- A motion was made and seconded to approve the proposed seasons and bag limits for all hunts and species with the exception that turkey hunts 243, 244, 268, 271, and 272 in Moapa Valley are moved up one week and one additional tag be added to the 2nd and 3rd hunts. The motion passed unanimously.

7. Biennial Upland Game Release Plan for Fiscal Years 2014 and 2015. (For Possible Action) Review, discuss and recommend to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners that they adopt or modify proposals for the biennial upland game release plan for fiscal years 2014 and 2015.

- Chairman Paul Dixon introduced and highlighted release plans. There was no public comment.
- A motion made and seconded to recommend approval of the proposed Release Plan as written. The motion passed unanimously.

8. Revised Commission Policy #25, Wildlife Damage Management - (For Possible Action) Review, discuss and recommend to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners that they adopt or modify the recently revised Commission Policy #25, Wildlife Damage Management.

- Chairman Paul Dixon introduced the proposed plan.
- Jana Wright asked who drafted the proposal.
- Commissioner McBeath stated that he prepared the original draft. NDOW has refined the draft, but key points are still there.
- Vice Chair Reese noted that the definition of "predation management" is the term "selective reduction". He asked Commissioner McBeath about the intent.
- Commissioner McBeath stressed that the approach for predation management is now to have a targeted plan with measurable results rather than blanket removal of a predator species.
- Motion was made and seconded to recommend approval of the revised policy with language consistent with AB235. The motion passed unanimously.

12. Public Comment: Members of the public who wish to address the Board may speak on matters within the jurisdiction of the Clark County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife. No action may be taken on a matter not listed on the posted agenda. Any item requiring Board action not on this agenda may be scheduled on a future agenda. Public comments on posted agenda items will be allowed at the time the agenda item is considered before the Board takes any action on the item. Comments will be limited to three minutes. **NOTE: Please complete the Public Comment Interest Card and submit to Chairman Dixon.**

- Janna Wright asked about availability of video conferencing for important meetings. Chairman Paul Dixon will get an update on status.
- Arlene Gawne gave a brief update on the status of the wild horse project in the Spring Mountains and alerted the attendees to a handout available on the back table.

13. Authorize the Chairman to prepare and submit any recommendations from today's meeting to the Commission for its consideration at its June 21st and 22nd meeting in Ely, Nevada. (For Possible Action)

- A motion was made and seconded to authorize the Chairman to prepare and submit recommendations from this meeting to the Commission. Motion passed unanimously.

14. The next Clark County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife meeting is scheduled for July 27th, 2013 at the Overton Community Center in Overton, Nevada, to support the scheduled Wildlife Commission meeting on August 2nd and 3rd, 2013 in Fallon, Nevada.

15. Adjournment

- A motion was made and seconded to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:59PM.