



Clark County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife

MEETING MINUTES

Date: January 28, 2014
Location: Clark County Government Center
500 S. Grand Central Pkwy.,
Las Vegas, NV 89155-1111

Time: 5:30 pm

Board Members Present: Paul Dixon, Chair J. Michael Reese, Vice Chair
John Sullivan Brian Patterson William Stanley

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: January 21, 2013

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1. Call to Order

- The meeting was called to order at 5:30 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 Asked Brian Patterson to lead the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Approval of Minutes of December 3, 2013 CCABMW Meeting - Action

- Vice Chair Reese noted what appeared to be formatting problems with the distributed Minutes document.
- A motion was made and seconded to approve the Minutes of the Board Meeting held on December 3, 2013 as written once the formatting issue is resolved. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Approval of Agenda for January 28, 2014 – Action

- Chairman Paul Dixon proposed that items 7, 8, 9, and 10 would be addressed after item # 11.J.

- 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 Informational Items 7, 8, 9, and 10 to be taken following item 11.J. 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).

 - Brian Patterson announced that WHIN is having a Banquet on March 15th, and Las Vegas Woods and Waters is having a Banquet on March 1st.
 - Vice Chair Reese added that last Saturday, Nevada Sportsmen Unlimited had a Banquet at the Gold Coast for 281 attendees. Ducks Unlimited will be holding a Match Feb 20-23 at the Clark County Shooting Park.
 - Chairman Paul Dixon noted that Garnett Pasquale passed away Jan 27th from cancer. Also, the Trapping Committee will be meeting Friday morning starting at 8:15 am.
 - Vice Chair Reese noted that recently, the Bear Committee met, but no minutes or action items were published for the CABs to discuss. He asked Chairman Paul Dixon to include a recommendation in his notes to the Commission that all subcommittees make information available to the CABs.
- 6. Appointment of new board member William Stanley (Informational) –** Mr. Stanley was appointed to the CCABMW to replace Mike Pergola who resigned in December 2013.

 - Bill has been a resident of Clark County since age 6. He has been hunting and fishing in Nevada most of his life and feels that given his love for the outdoors it is time to give back.
- 7. Disease Event Update – Southern California Desert Bighorn Sheep – Dr. Peregrine Wolff or Pat Cummings (Informational) –** A wild sheep disease report will be provided and impacts on the Southern Nevada Big Horn populations.

 - Pat Cummings, NDOW, provided an update on the progress of studies of the pneumonia strains currently infecting Bighorn Sheep in Southern Nevada and the impact of contact with domestic sheep.
- 8. Wild Horse Update - (Informational) -** An NDOW representative will lead a discussion about the status of the wild horse issues pending in Southern Nevada.

 - This topic was tabled due to lack of time to discuss.
- 9. Desert Tortoise Program update - (Informational) -** An NDOW representative will lead a discussion about the status of the tortoise issues in Southern Nevada.

 - This topic was tabled due to lack of time to discuss.
- 10. Status update on the Overton Conceptual Management Plan - (Informational) –** An NDOW representative will lead a discussion about the status of the Overton CMP.

 - This topic was tabled due to lack of time to discuss.

11. Action Items:

Discuss & make recommendations regarding the following Action Items from the Board of Wildlife Commissioners December 6th and 7th, 2013 Agenda and additional items brought forth to the Clark CABMW 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 December 2, 2013 at http://www.ndow.org/Commission/Schedule_and_Agenda/

A. Commission Regulation 13 - 04, Big Game Seasons, Amendment #1 - (*For Possible Action*)

The Clark CABMW Board will review, discuss and make recommendations to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners about amending the 2014 (2014-15) 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. Note: Support material sent separately from Game Division.

- Chairman Paul Dixon introduced this item and recommended addressing the proposed seasons by species.

Antelope -

- Hearing no comments on proposed antelope hunts from the Board or Public, a motion was made and seconded to approve hunts 2151, 2251, 2171, 2161, 2261, and 2181 as proposed. Motion passed unanimously.

Elk -

- Hearing no Board comments on antlered and spike elk hunts, Chairman Paul Dixon opened up Public Comment.
- Commissioner McBeath highlighted some season notes regarding hunts in Unit 223.
- A motion was made and seconded to recommend approval of hunts 4201, 4156, 4256, 4161, 4261, 4651, and 4641 as proposed, add Unit 223 back with Units 221 and 222 for hunts 4151 and 4251. Motion passed unanimously.

Delk and Belk - (Delk: cow elk tag issued with deer tag. **Belk:** cow elk tag to be issued when a bull elk tag)

- Chairman Paul Dixon opened the discussion asking if Unit 223 needs to be added and asking what "Belk" is.
- Commissioner McBeath explained the "Belk" allows for a cow elk tag to be issued when a bull elk tag is drawn.
- Richard Pabst asked if Belk means a hunter can take both a bull and a cow elk. Chairman Paul Dixon answered yes.
- Brian Patterson noted that you don't apply for a Delk tag, when you apply for a deer tag in certain units; a pop-up asks if you want to be included in the drawing for a cow elk tag.
- Steve Kimble, NDOW, stated that there is a separate quota of cow tags from the deer tag quota. Not everyone who draws a deer tag will get the cow elk tag they requested.
- Kensen Lee asked if a hunter draws a cow tag with his deer tag, can he also draw a bull elk tag? Commissioner McBeath answered that the hunter would be disqualified from the bull elk draw.
- Arlene asked if there is any documentation on the NDOW website regarding elk herds.

- Chairman Paul Dixon responded that there is an Elk Management Plan that documents herd objectives across the State.
- Steve Kimble added that the Big Game Status and Trends area of the website shows herd status by area.
- A motion was made and seconded to recommend approval of hunts 4476 and 4411, and "Belk" hunts 4481, 4476, and 4411 as proposed, add Unit 223 back with Units 221 and 222 for "Delk" hunt 4481. Motion passed unanimously.

Antlerless Elk -

- Chairman Paul Dixon opened the discussion. Hearing no Board comments, opened to public comment.
- Richard Pabst stated that he was disappointed that there is no Youth Hunt.
- With no further discussion, a motion was made and seconded to approve hunts 4181, 4281, 4176, 4111, and 4107 as proposed. Motion passed unanimously.

Desert Bighorn Sheep --

- Chairman Paul Dixon introduced this topic.
- Brian Patterson noted that for hunt 9151, Unit 091 is closed to hunting this year because that Unit is shared with Utah, and it is Utah's year to issue tags for that unit. He also asked why the ewe hunts have a different season than the ram hunts.
- Pat Cummings, NDOW, explained that during the ewe hunts, aerial surveys will be taking place. It is his belief that the quotas for the ewe hunts will be quite low.
- Bill Stanley asked what the source of controversy was over having a ewe hunt.
- Commissioner McBeath responded that the population of ewes has grown and options for translocation within Nevada are fewer and fewer as well as disease in herds means animals cannot be moved. A ewe hunt is the last resort to manage herds.
- Pat Cummings highlighted the pending need to haul water to areas where herd sizes are too large. Water supply areas should be full at this time of year, but most are not. It costs \$4 per gallon to haul water into the Muddy Mountains.
- A motion was made and seconded to approve hunts 3151, 3251, 3181, 8151, 8251, 8181, 9151 and 7151 as proposed. Motion passed unanimously.

Mule Deer --

- Chairman Paul Dixon introduced this topic.
- Hearing no discussion from the Board or Public on Junior hunt 1107, a motion was made and seconded to approve hunt 1107 as proposed. Motion passed unanimously.
- Brian Patterson asked what a "Restricted Non-resident" hunt is.
- Kensen Lee responded that it is restricted to Guide Tags.
- Hearing no further discussion from the Board or Public, a motion was made and seconded to approve hunt 1101, 1181, 1235, 1331, 1371 and 1341 as proposed. Motion passed unanimously.

Antlerless Elk Landowner Hunts - Hunt 4781

- Chairman Paul Dixon introduced this topic.
- Bill Stanley asked what the difference is between this hunt and the Landowner Bull Elk hunt.
- Steve Kimble answered that in the past with depredation hunts, NDOW selected eligible hunters and assigned them to the landowner hunt. The landowner had no say as to who was permitted to hunt on his property. This hunt allows the landowner to submit a list of hunters to NDOW for tags.

- Commissioner McBeath added that landowners can submit a claim for damage done by elk herds on their property.
- Brian Patterson offered that he sees this as a tool NDOW can use when a landowner has a big problem with elk on his land.
- Steve Kimble agreed that this is an alternative to a scheduled depredation hunt where the landowner having a problem with elk can designate five people to come on his land and hunt. As this is for cow elk, he sees no plans to do this for bull elk.
- Vice Chair Reese added that NDOW restricts the hunting to an area within a specified distance of the affected field.
- Steve Kimble confirmed that the hunt area is confined to a small area.
- Stephanie Meyers asked if it is legal for large landowners to charge people to hunt on their land.
- Chairman Paul Dixon responded that it is a legal and common practice for landowners to charge not only for the right to hunt on their land, but also they charge just to allow hunters to cross their land to get to the area to hunt.
- Steve Kimble clarified that the landowner is issued a number of vouchers which he can sell for the right to acquire a landowner tag from NDOW.
- With no further discussion, a motion was made and seconded to approve hunt 4781 as proposed. Motion passed unanimously.

B. Commission Regulation 14 - 03, 2014 Big Game Application Deadline and Information - (For Possible Action) The Clark CABMW Board will review, discuss and make recommendations to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners about the adoption of language regarding 2014 big game tag application deadline and information.

- Chairman Paul Dixon introduced this topic noting the separation of the Deadline and Eligibility.
- A motion was made and seconded to recommend approval CR 14-03 as written. Motion passed unanimously.

C. Commission Regulation 14 – 04, 2014 Big Game Tag Application Eligibility Information - (For Possible Action) The Clark CABMW Board will review, discuss and make recommendations to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners about the adoption of language regarding 2014 big game tag application eligibility.

- Chairman Paul Dixon introduced this topic noting the separation of the Eligibility has been separated by species. Only elk and bighorn sheep eligibility rules have changed since last year.
- Brian Patterson asked if you apply for a ram sheep tag, can you get a bonus point for a ewe?
- Chairman Paul Dixon answered no. You can only apply for a ram or a ewe tag, not both.
- A motion was made and seconded to recommend approval CR 14-04 as written. Motion passed unanimously.

D. Commission Regulation 14 – 05, 2014 Silver State Tag and Partnership in Wildlife Season and Quotas - (For Possible Action) The Clark CABMW Board will review, discuss and make recommendations to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners about the adoption of the 2014 Silver State Tag and Partnership in Wildlife hunt species, seasons and quotas.

- Chairman Paul Dixon introduced this topic noting that while the limit of Heritage and Silver State tags available under NRS is 15, only nine tags were issued for Heritage hunts and four Silver State tags.

- A motion was made and seconded to recommend approval CR 14-05 as written. Motion passed unanimously.
- E. Commission Regulation 14 – 06, 2014 Dream Tag Seasons - (*For Possible Action*)** The Clark CABMW Board will review, discuss and make recommendations to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners about the adoption of the 2014 Dream Tags seasons.
- Chairman Paul Dixon introduced this topic noting that the quotas for Dream tags are set by NRS. Hunts and tags will be the same as last year with four Dream tags issued.
 - A motion was made and seconded to recommend approval CR 14-06 as written. Motion passed unanimously.
- F. Commission Regulation 14 – 07, 2015 Heritage Tags Seasons and Quotas - (*For Possible Action*)** The Clark CABMW Board will review, discuss and make recommendations to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners about the adoption of the 2015 Heritage Tag hunt species, seasons and quotas.
- Chairman Paul Dixon introduced this topic noting that the quotas for Heritage tags are set by NRS. Hunts and tags will be the same as last year with nine big game tags and 5 wild turkey tags issued.
 - Vice Chair Reese asked Pat Cummings (NDOW) regarding the number of tags for the California Bighorn Sheep that was reduced from 2 to 1 a few years ago and remains at 1.
 - Pat Cummings does not know, but speculates that because of the number of specialty tags available, that enough are being given out.
 - Commissioner McBeath noted the dates for turkey seasons were moved up a week.
 - Kensen Lee suggested that the wording for the wild turkey Heritage season be changed to be more in line with the wording for the big game seasons.
 - CKL asked Kensen Lee for clarification based on his turkey season requests at the CCABMW meeting last August.
 - Kensen Lee replied that he had requested that the three spring turkey seasons for Overton be moved up one week. Only the frost season was moved a week. The end of the third season falls at the end of April when there are often 100 degree days. His proposal for next year will be three seven-day seasons back to back to end before the last week of April 2015.
 - Arlene Gawne asked why turkey seasons are in the spring rather than the fall.
 - Kensen Lee answered that some states still have both a fall and spring hunt for turkey. Nevada dropped the fall hunt due to diminished population. The number of tags available for Southern Nevada (Overton) is 13 toms. Three for the first season and five each for the second and third seasons. He also asked last year for hunt statistics to be published.
 - A motion was made and seconded to recommend approval CR 14-07 as written with the exception that the Heritage Hunt season for wild turkey begin one week before the start of the regular season. Motion passed unanimously.
- G. Commission Regulation 14 - 08, Black Bear Seasons - (*For Possible Action*)** The Clark CABMW Board will review, discuss and make recommendations to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners about the adoption of 2014 (2014-15) 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.

- Chairman Paul Dixon introduced this topic noting that this item only sets the season, not the quota. If there is no quota set, there will be no hunt.
- Jana Wright noted that NDOW and the Bear Hunt committee feel there are enough bears to warrant a season. She proposed that now that there have been hunts for three years, there should be three years of no hunts.
- Chairman Paul Dixon responded that when bear season were first established, NDOW promised a full report following the third season with statistics on applicants, harvest rates, use of dogs vs. no dogs, etc. that report is scheduled to be presented to the Commission at this Commission Meeting, prior to an discussion of setting season dates for next year.
- Jana Wright further noted that the reports are available on the NDOW website, so the CCABMW could make a recommendation to not have a bear season.
- Stephanie Meyers asked if there are any black bears in Clark County. If not, why this CAB is concerned with black bear hunts.
- Chairman Paul Dixon answered that while, to his knowledge, there are no black bears in Clark County, nearly half, and if not more than half of the bear tags issued were to residents of Southern Nevada.
- Kensen Lee asked Pat Cummings if there was any thought to translocating bears to Southern Nevada.
- Pat Cummings answered that even if bears could survive in the Spring Mountains, there is an agreement in place restricting the introduction of non-native species to the Spring Mountain Range.
- John Hiatt commented on the people with dogs harassing wildlife in the Spring Mountains.
- Commissioner McBeath shared that maps were prepared that showed the areas inhabited by black bears. Southern Nevada was not on the maps. It has been determined that the black bear population is continuing to expand and expanding t the east from California.
- Greg Clark asked Steve Kimble about the fact stated by a NDOW biologist that mule deer are not native to Nevada, but were in fact brought in by the railroads to feed the miners.
- Steve Kimble, NDOW, had never heard that statement.
- Richard Pabst clarified stating that the mule deer biologist did no say that mule deer were not native, only that their population was minimal, and the railroads brought in more deer to feed the work crews.
- Chairman Paul Dixon stated that the biologist was Tony Wasley, now the Director of NDOW.
- Gina Greisen added her endorsement of Jana Wright's proposal for a three year moratorium on bear hunting.
- Brian Patterson brought up the ongoing reports of nuisance bears in the Tahoe region. Also, none of the hunts the last three years have reached the quotas.
- Chairman Paul Dixon added that 63 bears were euthanized, 34 killed by cars, and 14 taken in the hunt.
- CKL clarified that the nuisance bear problem is not being addressed by hunting.
- Chairman Paul Dixon explained that managing the nuisance bear problem relies on better trash receptacles, better awareness of bears within populated areas, etc. When the nuisance bear incidents increase, that is a sign that either the habitat is deficient that the population is on the rise.
- Jana Wright provided some statistics regarding the number of bears killed. She added that just because there are bears does not mean they need to be hunted.
- Robert Gaudet noted that in some cities back east, the wildlife intrusion into the city has prompted cities to permit bow hunting within city limits.

- Neil Dille asked if the bear movement mentioned earlier was strictly from California to Nevada and if Oregon has bears as well.
- Chairman Paul Dixon indicated that there are bears in several areas within Nevada, but the heaviest concentration is around Tahoe/Reno. Oregon does have bears, and the migration is also west.
- Neil Dille added that perhaps the hunting areas should be expanded to reduce the number of bears killed by cars.
- Chairman Paul Dixon stated that until there is a loss of human life due to bears, any decisions regarding hunting of bears, hunt areas, quotas, will be based on emotions.
- Jana Wright reiterated her suggestion that there be no bear season or at least follow the recommendations of the Bear Committee that December be dropped from the season.
- Richard Pabst voiced his feelings about the people against bear hunting and their choice of data to justify their position.
- Gina Greisen voiced her belief that bear hunting came about because a bunch of guys decided that they should hunt bears just because they could. She further highlighted the facts that when the bear hunt was first proposed, the CCABMW Chair received a flood of emails from Nevada residents and non-residents against the hunt and that the Chairman stated that he needed scientific data, not emotional arguments in order to make a decision.
- Vice Chair Reese objected to the idea of shortening a season just because no animals were taken during the final days/weeks of the season the previous year. This is not the way to manage wildlife.
- John Sullivan stated that he believes that if any animal would be hunted, it would be bears. Bears are hunted all over the country. The reason bears were not hunted in Nevada for so many years are because the numbers were so low. That has changed. The numbers of bears are on the rise.
- Brian Patterson offered input from an article he had read stating that in the State of New Jersey they killed over 3600 bears last year.
- A motion was made and seconded to recommend approval CR 14-08 as written. Motion passed unanimously.

H. Draft Fiscal Year (FY) 15 Predation Management Plan - (*For Possible Action*) The Clark CABMW Board will review, discuss and make recommendations to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners about the draft FY15 Predation Management Plan.

- Chairman Paul Dixon introduced this topic discussing the parts of the predation plan.
- Jana Wright cited statements from Project 21 stating that long-term benefits have not been shown. She recommended dropping Project 21 and not funding it. She also stated that she is not happy with Project 22.
- Chairman Paul Dixon noted that the funding for these projects comes from the \$3 fee collected with every tag application.
- Vice Chair Reese added clarification on the \$3 predator fee.
- Chairman Paul Dixon noted that the raven population in Nevada is estimated to be 100,000. By law, only 2600 can be removed under predator control methods. He feels raven control is not working.
- Neil Dille asked how they control the number of ravens being killed.
- Chairman Paul Dixon responded that poison eggs are used.
- Vice Chair Reese Added that crows are hunted but ravens are not.
- A motion was made and seconded to recommend approval of the FY15 Predation Management Plan with the exception that Projects 21 and 21-02 not be funded.
- Bill Stanley objected to not funding a project that helps to ensure that the sage grouse is not listed as a protected species. Some predator control is better than none.

- Motion passed Yeas: 3 (Brian Patterson, Vice Chair Reese, BS); Nays: 2 (Chairman Paul Dixon, Bill Stanley).

I. Commission General Regulation 416, Shed Antlers, LCB File No. R155 - 12 - (For Possible Action) The Clark CABMW Board will review, discuss and make recommendations to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners about the adoption of a 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.

The need for the shed antler regulation is to reduce disturbance of big game animals, by shed antler hunters, during the critical time of year when these animals' energy reserves are at a low. The need for such a regulation was initially expressed by the White Pine County Advisory Board with support from the Lincoln County Advisory Board.

- Chairman Paul Dixon introduced this topic explaining that collection of shed antlers happens at a time when the animals are at their weakest, fresh shed antlers are much more valuable than ones that have been on the ground for a while, and shed antler collection is a very profitable business.
- Vice Chair Reese added more explanation stating that in Lincoln County, during the period from January through May, the number of out-of-state plates seen on vehicles in the hills is probably 4 to 1 vs. Nevada plates with people coming to collect shed antlers. Collectors also use different means to knock antlers loose and then drive around on off-road vehicles to collect driving herds away from the best habitat. He is in favor of regulating shed collection.
- John Hiatt stated that use of off-road vehicles is the real problem. He agrees that regulation is needed.
- Gina Greisen shared that she doesn't see a big difference between shed antler collecting and trapping. In both cases you are stressing the animals in their habitat. She further believes that there needs to be something in NRS regarding harassing animals in their native habitat.
- Thomas Reymer suggested a starting date or season for shed antler collecting similar to Utah, like April 1st thru December 31st.
- Bill Stanley pointed out that the way the proposed regulation is written, it requires non-commercial collectors to complete a training course, but commercial collectors do not.
- A motion was made and seconded to table this item pending more information. Motion passed unanimously.

J. Commission General Regulation 430, Guide License Changes, LCB File No. R053 - 13 - (For Possible Action) The Clark CABMW Board will review, discuss and make recommendations to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners about a regulation relating to guides; revising provisions relating to the issuance and renewal of a license as a master guide or sub guide; permitting a master guide to use the services of another master guide or a sub guide 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 sub guide; 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 sub guide during the entire pursuit and taking of an animal; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

The need for the guide regulation is to update the existing guide regulations that were requested by the Nevada Outfitters and Guides Association. The changes are designed to streamline the guide license application process and address other changes requested by the Nevada Outfitters and Guides Board.

- This topic was tabled due to lack of time to discuss.

- K. CGR 442 Remove Truckee River Fishing Tackle, LCB File No. R140-13 - (*For Possible Action*)** The Clark CABMW Board will review, discuss and make recommendations to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners about adopt a regulation 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.

NDOW proposes to change the special fishing regulations (use of artificial lures and single barbless hooks only) for 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. This change will make fishing regulations consistent for the entire river, helping to alleviate tackle confusion among anglers and allowing greater angling opportunity. In conjunction with the recently modified, reduced possession limit of three fish for the Truckee River this regulation change is expected to have a neutral effect on resident sport fish populations in the affected reach.

- This topic was tabled due to lack of time to discuss.

- L. Commission General Regulation 443 – R141-13 - Wildlife Grants Program - (*For Possible Action*)** The Clark CABMW Board will review, discuss and make recommendations to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners about a regulation 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.

The need for the grant program regulation is to consolidate, clarify and streamline the Department of Wildlife's process to award funds for special projects. The Department of Wildlife currently uses a variety of granting and contracting processes for special project funds. This regulation will facilitate consolidation of these processes into a unified granting process to clarify rules for applicants and to streamline administrative processes.

- This topic was tabled due to lack of time to discuss.

- 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.**

- Arlene Gawne spoke about Garnette Pasquale who passed away yesterday. Arlene went on to characterize Garnette's feeling that wild horses and burros were the embodiment of the use of public lands for multiple purposes.

- Stephanie Meyers asked again for video conferencing for Commission Meetings held outside Las Vegas. Chairman Paul Dixon responded that he has been assured by Tony Wasley, Director NDOW, that video conferencing will be in place for one of the next two meetings. She further requested that the CCABMW actively solicit comments on trapping issues from anti-trapping people as well as trappers. Chairman Paul Dixon responded that the Southern Nevada Sportsmen's Coalition represents the interests of 17 groups in Southern Nevada and provides input on issues before the CAB.
- Robert Martinez spoke about a Committee recently formed to monitor and maintain the wellbeing of the wildlife at Sunset Park. He announced that they are having clean-up days. They have encountered several waterfowl tangled in fishing line or hooks in their feet or beaks. He is asking if NDOW can do something to increase awareness for fishermen at Sunset and other urban ponds.
- Gina Greisen revisited earlier statements regarding regulations in Utah and noted that the bobcat management plan in Utah requires trappers to visit traps within 48 hours in order to minimize a suffering on the part of the trapped animal. She went on to say that those with the ability to change things use comparable regulations from neighboring states only when it serves the interests of the hunters. There is no concern on their part for the suffering of an animal trapped for four days. She also implored the Chairman of this Board to propose an animal harassment regulation. And lastly asked why the alligator seized in a drug bust had been euthanized by NDOW.
- Chairman Paul Dixon responded that he had no direct knowledge as to why the caiman alligator was euthanized. He speculated, having seen the Doug Neilson TV interview, that the cost and protection of a three-foot long alligator was too costly, that there is no adoption protocol in place for an animal like this, and any disease testing, etc., needed to donate the animal to a zoo or refuge would be cost prohibitive.

13. Authorize the Chairman to prepare and submit any recommendations from today's meeting to the Commission for its consideration at its January 31st and February 1st 2014 meeting in Las Vegas, 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 March 18th 2014 Clark County Government Center to support the scheduled Wildlife Commission meeting on March 21st and 22nd 2014 in Reno, Nevada.

15. Adjournment

- A motion was made and seconded to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:55PM.