



# Clark County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife

## MEETING MINUTES

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Date: January 21, 2020

Location: Clark County Government Center  
500 S. Grand Central Parkway Pueblo Room  
Las Vegas, NV 89155

Time: 5:30 pm

Board Members Present: Paul Dixon, Chairman John Michael Reese, Vice Chair  
Therese Campbell Dave Talaga John Hiatt Dan Gilbert

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

- Nevada Department of Wildlife, 3373 Pepper Lane, Las Vegas, Nevada, 89120;
- 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.

### 1. Call to Order – Roll call of Board Members for determination of quorum

- The meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm by Chairman Paul Dixon.
- Roll call of Board Members was performed by the Secretary, Julia Ontiveros. A quorum was present. 6 members present. Molly DiBlasi was absent.

### 2. Pledge of Allegiance

- Chairman Paul Dixon requested all stand and asked John Michael Reese to lead the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

### 3. Approval of Minutes of the October 29, 2019 CCABMW Meeting (*For Possible Action*)

- Chairman Paul Dixon asked the Board and attendees for any comments or corrections to the Minutes of the October 29, 2019 CCABMW Meeting.
- Board Comments:
- Vice Chair notified the Secretary of corrections needed in the October 29th, 2019 advisory board meeting minutes. Page 2- need to add the word “services” to the 8th bullet under agenda item # 5. Page 9- Action Item 7F, 11th bullet down changed the wording of deer to fawn.
- Public comment: None
- **A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of October 29, 2019 CCABMW Meeting with the following corrections made 1) Page 2- need to add the word “services” to**

**the 8th bullet under agenda item # 5. Page 9- Action Item 7F, 11th bullet down changed the wording of deer to fawn**

- Motion passed 5:0

**4. Approval of Agenda for January 21, 2020 (For Possible Action)** 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.

- Chairman Paul Dixon introduced this topic.
- Board comments:
- Chairman Dixon advised he would be omitting agenda Item 7F “Shed Antlers” as it was not listed on the Commission’s Agenda nor was their backup info provided on the NDOW website.
- Public Comments: None
- **A motion was made and seconded to approve the Agenda for January 21, 2020, with the omitting agenda item 7F “Shed Antlers” as it was not listed on the Commission’s Agenda**
- Motion passed 6:0

**5. CCABMW Member Items/Announcements/Correspondence: (Informational)** 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).

- Chairman Paul Dixon introduced this topic.
- Dave Talaga announced found the map and location for the Unlawful Firearm Discharge Area for Clark County is at [www.blm.gov/sites/blm.gov/files/documents/files](http://www.blm.gov/sites/blm.gov/files/documents/files). PDF will pop up. Chairman Dixon advised Dave Talaga to email the secretary who will email to the board.
- Dan Gilbert announced that heritage tag for a desert big horn sheep that was sold last Saturday for \$100k which was about \$50k off the market from previous year. Most of the chatter was around the movement of the date of the beginning of the season from August 1<sup>st</sup> to September 1<sup>st</sup>. That potential date change might have cost the state and recommends to add to agenda at later date to have that date changed back to August 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Vice Chair Reese asked where it was auctioned at
- Dan Gilbert stated up in Reno at Wild Sheep Banquet
- Vice chair Reese listed the dates and locations of the following banquets:
- Feb. 1<sup>st</sup> SCI at the Gold Coast; Feb. 8<sup>th</sup> Las Vegas Woods and Waters at the Gold Coast; Feb 22<sup>nd</sup> at the South Point the Fraternity of the Desert Big Horn Sheep and WHIN First Saturday in March. Notified the CAB regarding the loss of legend Chris Klineberger and celebration of life is being held this Saturday (January 25<sup>th</sup>) at the Green Valley Baptist Church 270. North Valley Verde Drive at 11am. After the Ely meeting, Tony Wasley reached out to Vice Chair Reese and spoke with him over the phone and he was advised to work with Brian Wakeling only to find out that Brian had been let go as of January 10<sup>th</sup>. Brian was to be guest speaker at the Woods and Water meeting in February. At this time there is no chief of game. Nothing was sent through the advisory boards to announce this personal change officially though.
- Chairman Dixon announced there is a wildlife commission meeting here at the Government Center Friday at 10:30am. Before that meeting there are two committee meetings being held at the Government Center; One at 8am on landowner compensation tags and the second is Regulation Simplification meeting at 9am in the same chambers.
- New board member Therese Campbell had no emergent items
- John Hiatt had no emergent items
- Closed agenda item.

**6. Recap of November 1st and 2nd, 2019 Commission Meeting Actions (Informational) A recap of actions taken by the Wildlife Commission will be compared to Clark CABMW Recommendations will be presented by John Hiatt.**

- Chairman Paul Dixon introduced this topic.
- John Hiatt advised Chairman Johnson discussed that regulations are too complex and looking forward to regulatory simplification. John suggested to Chairman Johnson using common wording. Tag transfer and return had long discussion. There are more than 1,000 tags returned every year before the season and if returned more than 14 days prior to the season the person returning the tag gets a refund and that tag can be reissued. However, if they return the tag 14 days or less, they get a refund but they cannot reissue the tag. This is costing the department \$129,000 in revenue.
- Chairman Dixon stated is the additional \$129,000 in new funding that they cannot recoup. Issue might be with the refunds given if tag turned in 14 days or less before the start of the season when the tag cannot be reissued and funds recouped, may want to reconsider this process if this is the case.
- John Hiatt added most common tag return is deer archery. Waterfowl season for active military and veterans going to be finalize but LCB kicked back per language (one word). Showed a movie called “Re-connect” found on youtube about deer being killed while crossing highways when there is no over crossing.
- Closed item

**7. Action Items:**

**Discuss & make recommendations regarding the following Action Items from the Board of Wildlife Commissioners January 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>, 2020 meeting agenda, as well as additional items brought forth to the CCABMW from the public for discussion.** CCABMW agenda & support materials are available upon request to Julia Ontiveros (702) 455-1612 or [julia.ontiveros@clarkcountyNV.gov](mailto:julia.ontiveros@clarkcountyNV.gov). The final Commission agenda & support at [http://www.ndow.org/Public\\_Meetings/Commission/Agenda/](http://www.ndow.org/Public_Meetings/Commission/Agenda/).

- A. Commission General Regulation 485, Tag Transfer, Deference, and Return Program, LCB File No. R022-19 (For Possible Action)** The CCABMW Board will review, discuss and make further recommendations to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners about a regulation relating to amending Chapter 502 of the Nevada Administrative Code (NAC). This regulation would provide direction for allowing the transfer, deference or return of tags under certain extenuating circumstances after the passage of Assembly Bill 404 of the 80th Legislative Session.
- Chairman Paul Dixon introduced this topic
  - Chairman Dixon touched on the previous comments given by the CAB regarding this regulation. Explained that the commission changed the wording of unanticipated sever or catastrophic illness the commission changed the wording to “terminally ill”, which is basically 12 months left live to transfer a tag. Added both the transferor and the transferee both lose bonus points. Looking at the changes with the new definition it really negates a lot.
  - Vice Chair Reese added doesn’t necessarily mean if you are terminally ill you have to transfer the tag, it’s another avenue. The regulation creates an option that is not currently there today. Again doesn’t mean someone has to transfer their tag and will more than likely see this regulation again in the future with more definitions being added.
  - Chairman Dixon referred to the return or defer program; not transfer reads that either the holder of the tag or family member of the tag holder incurs an unanticipated, severe, catastrophic event,

injury or illness both will lose bonus points. Asked the where does the reg say you get your money back for returning your tag?

- Dan Gilbert added that the terminally ill wording makes regulation pretty clean
- **A motion was made and seconded to recommend to approve Commission General Regulation 485, Tag Transfer, Deference, and Return Program, LCB File No. R022-19, as presented**
- Motion passed 6:0

**B. Commission General Regulation 490, Party Bonus Points and First Come First Serve, LCB File No. 103-19 (For Possible Action)** The CCABMW Board will review, discuss and make recommendations to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners about a regulation relating to amending Chapter 502 of the Nevada Administrative Code (NAC). This regulation would allow customers to purchase a bonus point for a type of hunt for a season that is not open. The regulation also addresses bonus points for sportsmen who apply as a party. Lastly, the regulation would allow a first-come-first-serve opportunity for returned tags that miss the 14-day return deadline to be awarded.

- Chairman Paul Dixon introduced this item
- Chairman Dixon stated that there is a 2nd draw list but they cannot reissue from it if it less than 14 days from the season opener. He asked why there cannot be a 2nd draw list- 14 day countdown list could be created but how it is implemented is unknown- how do you make it fair on paper and give everyone an equal chance? If it's over the counter need to show the public it's fair.
- Vice Chair Reese added that after the 14 days the 2nd list goes away
- Therese Campbell asked how the process is done now.
- Chairman Dixon answered that if you turn in a tag 14 days before the season starts you get your money and bonus points back and they reissue the tag. If you turn in a tag after the 14 days you get bonus points but not the tag fee and they cannot reissue the tag because the window is too tight to get the announcement out. So the issue becomes can we reissue and sell these 14-0 days turned in tags for additional revenue by using the first come first serve process.
- Vice Chair Reese added has to be some software that can accommodate this process for example, Expedia
- Dan Gilbert asked for clarification regarding what was breakdown post and pre 14 days
- Chairman Dixon clarified it was \$129k in lost revenue
- Dave Talaga asked how do you get the info out to the public?
- Chairman Dixon added how do you get it out to the public and make is fair and is equal on paper.
- Vice Chair Reese added Kalkomey can allocate how many tags are available and use the first come first serve.
- Dan Talaga asked Chairman Dixon if he's looking for wording where it says you get reimbursed.
- Chairman Dixon stated yes, that what he is looking for and can see where it reads a person lose their bonus points when they get drawn. Or if you don't apply for two consecutive year. Reinstate bonus points if during the entire two calendar years the person was mobilized, deployed, training or stationed outside of the United States as an active member of the Armed Forces of the United States, as verified by a copy of his or her orders...request no later than one year after the date the person has returned to the United States.

- Vice Chair Reese referred Chairman Dixon to page 7 of the regulation where it references the 14 days. Section 4.4 specifically.
- Dave Talaga added to review section 6
- Chairman Dixon read section 4.4, and was actually looking to determine if money was returned if tag was turned in less than 14 days. Then read from Section 6.5.b, which doesn't seem to be the case that a refund is being issued. So again, he asked the CAB how is the department losing money? They are losing additional funding that they could get.
- John Hiatt recommended to ask at the next commission meeting
- Dan Gilbert asked if ability to be reissued for a sheep tag for example 16 days rather than 14 days. Was there a way to get the tags reallocated?
- Dave Talaga advised Dan it was in the summary. Dan read from the summary from page 1 of 7B to clarify.
- Dan Gilbert added it's based on potential loss
- John Hiatt added this regulation would be a prime example of regulation simplification.
- Public Comment:
- Brian Patterson stated if we do this first come first serve it can be difficult to notify hunters that these tags are available. Curious how they plan to notify people.
- John Hiatt added that certain tags like a sheep tag will be highly monitored but announcement is not clearly explained in the wording.
- Chairman Dixon acknowledged there is no wording in the regulation on exactly how they plan to implement notification when tags become available. Should be some discussion how this is done.
- Vice Chair Reese said perhaps Kalkomey can create a tickler to provide a notification alert
- Mark Transue asked isn't there an extra list, is there a phone line or way to call for a 2nd draw?
- Dan Gilbert added the draw has taken place they just cannot reissue the tag, they have the 2nd alternate list and why go to first come
- John Hiatt added the tags don't all get turned in within the 14 days- becomes a complicated process so first come first serve is more ideal.
- Dan Gilbert gave example of an Elk tag he received and the department should allow to issue after the 14 day window
- Vice Chair Reese explained NDOW staff would need to do this process- may not have the man power
- Chairman Dixon explained cannot legally issue the tag in less than 14 days - Perhaps offer a 3rd box/option to allow for last minute tag issued
- Dan Gilbert recommended already have a process in place and instead just extend the notification process by 24 or less hours but at least send notification to the alternate list.
- Chairman Dixon will see this regulation at least one or two more times to review
- Dave Talaga mentioned that after the 1st year not everyone will know about the first come first serve tags but with the 2nd and on more people will become aware of the process.
- Chairman Dixon reiterated Dan Gilberts point that if on the alternate list for big horn sheep, for example- and someone turns one in 10 days before and "Joe Smith" just shows up and gets the tag instead who hasn't followed the bonus point system.
- Dan Gilbert added have the ability to refuse the tag

- Chairman Dixon added maybe add a 3rd box that would say you would take the tag no matter what. Alternate list is based on bonus points. Added maybe they May check the 3rd box and have to pay for it
- John Hiatt added let's say you have 1000 tags turned in within the 14 days how does this notification process get manned? Over the counter first come first serve avoids a nightmare.
- Vice Chair Reese added they will probably talk to Kalkomey and get feedback on how to notify when tags become available
- Chairman Dixon added if you follow the fist come first serve then the person who follows the bonus point rules then the first come first serve cannot get primo tag- this could disenfranchise the system and upset people, department ends up with more money this way rather than lost money.
- Vice Chair Reese added not always the person who has the most bonus points will get the alternate tag
- Chairman Dixon added if NDOW needs to log the tag somehow so tags can be reissued then there has to be a way to notify
- Vice Chair Reese suggested to have Kalkomey set it up that if you check that box you will be billed automatically- and less than the 14 days. Knowing you will get short notice you will take that fee.
- John Hiatt sees issues with being charged that way
- Brian Patterson stated the system works now they just draw an extra 10 tags or numbers for the guys on the alternate list and only notify the alternates. Just notify the guys on the alternate list in that unit and that hunt. But by forcing them to put in for the tag they may have already made plans. If putting apps in January or March and don't get notified by October they already made plans and hunting season are off their calendar or radar.
- Chairman Dixon added if you click that box you are already aware and should be monitoring if less than 14 days
- Therese Campbell asked what the process is after the CAB decides how to proceed with the action item
- Chairman Dixon explained the process of how the CAB make the motion and then presents the action items to the commission.
- Vice Chair Reese would like to discuss input for those in the trenches when it comes to doing the process right now because they see the ins and outs.
- **A motion was made and seconded to recommend to approve with the following recommendations 1) That before going to first come first serve, follow the alternate list basis for distribution and 2) Request input from Kalkomey on what the process is.**
- Motion passes 6:0

- C. Request for up to 30 Pygmy Rabbits by the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (*For Possible Action*)** The CCABMW Board will review, discuss and make recommendations to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners about a request by the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife for up to 30 pygmy rabbits from Nevada during late winter-early spring 2020 to augment their restoration efforts. Pygmy rabbits from Nevada are similar genetically to the Columbia Basin pygmy rabbits, and these rabbits would be used to augment their semi-wild breeding population. The Commission may vote to endorse this request.
- Chairman Paul Dixon introduced this topic

- Chairman Dixon introduced this topic regarding Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife requesting permission to capture and translocate up to 30 pygmy rabbits from Nevada for release in their semi-wild breeding population during spring 2020 in Columbia Basin.
- Therese Campbell asked if they are asking for volunteers
- Chairman Dixon clarified it's a request for the Department of Wildlife to move and replenish up to 40 to grow their population.
- Therese Campbell asked if it falls on NDOW
- Chairman Dixon advised Washington State will pay for the labor and cost of getting the animals caught and relocated but NDOW will carry out the request
- Public Comment:
- Mark Transue has about 100 feral rabbits in his neighborhood, will they take his rabbits
- Brian Patterson cautioned how many of each sex they are getting- don't want to over populate when taking 30 females and 10 males and should be taken into consideration.
- Dan Gilbert agreed with Brian's comment regarding the logistics of it
- **A motion was made and seconded to recommend to accept the Request for up to 30 Pygmy Rabbits by the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife Motion, as presented**
- Motion passes: 6:0

**D. Commission General Regulation 486, Veteran and Active Military Waterfowl**

**Season, LCB File No. R027-19 (For Possible Action)** The CCABMW Board will review, discuss and make recommendations to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners about a regulation to amend Chapter 503 of the Nevada Administrative Code (NAC). Federal statute was adopted in 2019 which, should a state desire, would allow for veterans and active military to exclusively hunt waterfowl for a period of two days within the maximum allowable days of the existing season. If adopted, this regulation would provide authority to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners to establish such a season at some future point if they choose.

- Chairman Dixon introduced this item.
- Chairman Dixon noted there was lots of discussion on the commission level and has been asked to keep the regulation- commission may or may never approve but due to legislative directive.
- John Hiatt advised that the word May takes care of the problem.
- Secretary noted the typo on the agenda regarding 7D on the agenda needs to be changed from LCB File No. R027-19-19 to LCB File No. R027-19.
- Public Comment:
- Brian Patterson by implementing the regulations you are taking away days from the rest of the general public and by instituting something like this you are taking away from the rest of the population.
- Mark Transue stated is a veteran and doesn't see why needs two extra days, takes away from the rest and maybe handicapped but a regular veteran and an active doesn't see why they need extra two days
- **A motion was made and seconded to recommend NOT adopting Commission General Regulation 486, Veteran and Active Military Waterfowl Season, LCB File No. R027-19 as presented with the following recommendation: We accept the language change to "MAY" rather than "will" so that the commission is not obligated to have a two day veteran's hunt. We opposed actually having a veteran's hunt but supported the language change in order to comply with the legislative directive.**
- Motion passes 6:0

**E. Commission General Regulation 488, Landowner Compensation Tags, LCB File No. R083-19 (For Possible Action)** The CCABMW Board will review, discuss and make recommendations to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners about a regulation relating to

amending Chapter 502 of the Nevada Administrative Code (NAC). This regulation would provide direction for allocating landowner deer and antelope compensation tags if owner applicants cumulatively qualify for compensation tags in excess of the statutory limit.

- Chairman Paul Dixon introduced this item
- Chairman Dixon advised no changes made to this regulation since they had prior discussion about it. Unable to get final LCB on it and unsure why it's back.
- Vice Chair Reese advised it would be in the 8am meeting
- Chairman Dixon again stated because there were no changes since the last meeting will go to public comments and then to motion if no other discussion
- Public Comment: None
- **A motion was made and seconded to recommend to approve Commission General Regulation 488, Landowner Compensation Tags, LCB File No. R083-19, as presented**
- Motion passes 6:0

**F. Draft Fiscal Year 2021 Predation Management Plan (*For Possible Action*)** The CCABMW Board will review, discuss and make recommendations to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners about the 2021 Predation Management Plan.

- Chairman Paul Dixon introduced this item
- John Hiatt stated reading the statement of principles, it's not consistent plan with eco system management and held hostage with the 80% lethal, would like to get rid of that but until then not much can do or address regarding what predators are actual impacts.
- Chairman Dixon more or less held hostage on what can recommend on this plan. When Mike McBeath on the board ran the wildlife damage committee - it dealt with lethal and educational and habitat restoration factors. By making it 80% lethal the plan is compliant with what we are required to do legislatively. Unable to change anything in this plan because the guidelines are too confined.
- John Hiatt very restrictive and doesn't agree with 80% of funds going to killing predators
- Vice Chair Reese added probably the odd ball out and glad they are doing 80% because it's based on previous years since 2001 when it got started. When this was designed for the \$3.00 predator fee and was sold that we need to take care of the coyotes. Then the education portion came up and how do you know it's effective and was designed and sold that it was the coyotes that were the problem. Spent \$500k spent to study and determine what a coyote eats. Completed a study that consisted of using a helicopter to catch 38 coyotes and put collars on them and it was determined there was no deer hair. Need study on fawn mortality rate because that's what effects our entire population. Losing 80% of the fawns in the first 60 days. In southern NV in the last 3 years do not see two fawn with a doe. This last year was the first year we say an abundance of twin fawns. Need to control coyotes but need to consider time too, for example, January 1st through January 30th bulk should be dedicated to coyote control. Utah has best study for this. More money should be put in education and studies and glad to see the 80% got everyone's attention. Over \$325,000 in application for big game times \$3 going to the predator fund. \$5.9 mil has gone into the predator fund since its conception in 2002.
- Dave Talaga added that predation plan has its faults and probably the 20th time the predation plan has come up. We don't know the coyote count or how many are killed by coyote and correct him if he's wrong but his understanding is its written by young staff members or farmed out to college student. Data that doesn't exist- or not verifiable- not clear on what they are studying. 200k mule deer it's easy to manage. Nevada doesn't not have the discipline to create the data to create the predation plan.
- Dan Gilbert added tremendous study going on in Utah right now. Utah has exploding deer population. Scientific study is in the proof regarding the deer population.
- Dave Talaga clarified spend the money to do studies but in the meantime use your lethal techniques because that's all we have.

- Vice Chair Reese we are not using our studies/data. This last year to get paid for bounty the metadata will take the info right there. Utah has bounty on coyotes versus Nevada does not.
- John Hiatt NDOW has compiled a lot of data from the 1970 and Tony Wasley has done the best studies on this subject. This year more fawn twin around Panaca because of a wet winter.
- Vice Chair Reese stated highest prices on coyotes. What's changing is the timeframe not the amount of the predators.
- Dave Talaga added where is the data and how is it captured? All he hears is "I don't know" and doesn't see proof that what we are doing is valid.
- Chairman Dixon added the way NDOW is doing predation is the 80% lethal is to remove the selective Coyotes from fawning areas, yet deer population numbers continue to drop. Predators is part of it but it can't be the only part and is probably habitat or other things.
- Vice Chair Reese restated believes in lethal control from 1/1-1/3. Advised the collars are being paid by the mines. There is data but NDOW not releasing and the plan is most likely cut and paste.
- John Hiatt if the mines are paying for the collars then they may be controlling the data and not releasing the info the public.
- Vice Chair Reese added the reason cannot release info from a study if one year hasn't passed. State of Nevada averages about 10,000 coyotes in one year. Down to 90,000 in deer since the year 2000.
- John Hiatt added habitat is changing in Nevada and becoming less favorable for deer. Killing coyotes doesn't seem like the answer.
- Therese Campbell what is causing the habitat to change?
- John Hiatt explained climate change is one of the main factors, effective grazing etc. Fire suppression.
- Chairman Dixon added fires in general changes the habitat
- Dan Gilbert stated Nevada has exploded in the horse population and mule deer has gone down
- John Hiatt horses and deer don't compete for the same
- Dan Gilbert advised yes, realizes this but is referring to the land/forage
- Dave Talaga stated NDOW not providing efficient data and need real info to allow the CAB to make a decision and if they have it, present it to avoid speculation.
- Therese Campbell asked the CAB if the board is submitting formal request or what is the next step?
- Dave Talaga advised of the process and how they can make request or recommendation in the motion and if up to him would have oversight for NDOW. Asked who or what has oversight over NDOW. NDOW is the official to provide the data
- Chairman Dixon added predator fees helps allow the big game population
- Vice Chair Reese refers to Project 40 – never seen it defined of what level they are trying to get. Chairman Dixon referenced the projects ties to the bigger harvest objective report where they based all their harvest report data
- Vice Chair Reese added what is the level to hit in Eureka, what is the X? The "X" doesn't seem to exist. (page 21 of the backup)
- Public Comment:
- Brian Patterson this year based on the surplus from last year, basically over \$500,000 for lethal control added to \$250,000 from last year's surplus, brings it to \$725,000. Believes there should never be a surplus. Eventually will be carrying over more money every year than actually putting in to the predator plan. Some raven control projects (2) for \$200,000 to kill 5,000 ravens, not good expenditure of our money. Predation Plan is better from prior years. Project 46 is only deer project at a mere \$50,000- good project and we are spending the least amount of money on it. Deer is the only one going down in population.
- Fred Voltz suggests clearly this predator control and requiring 80% is not working. Seems the commission/department leadership should be going to legislature to fix this. The plan is not

working and we are not going to eradicate coyotes. Should not be collecting the \$3 from the license applicants.

- Chairman Dixon added that lack of scientific studies not sure the impact of our lethal control are- to manage and fund a wildlife department- then we have to better understand what we are doing with our predators.
  - Therese Campbell brought up Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) she researched from prior meeting; asked if anyone is doing anything about it as it pertains to the population and decline of population.
  - Chairman Dixon briefly explained the spotty results in Nevada
  - Vice Chair Reese confirmed haven't seen that in Nevada yet
  - **A motion was made and seconded to recommend to approve with the following recommendations 1) given the backup data or lack thereof to substantiate the basis of the plan, the board requests Nevada Department of Wildlife to provide detailed data used to support the 2021 predation plan 2) create a fawn mortality rate study**
  - Motion passes 6:0
- G. Commission Regulation 19-05, Amendment #1, 2019–2020 and 2020–2021 Big Game Seasons – (For Possible Action)** The CCABMW Board will review, discuss and make recommendations to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners about amendments to the 2020–2021 hunting seasons and dates for mule deer, pronghorn antelope, elk, bighorn sheep, and mountain goat, including limits, hunting hours, special hunt eligibility, animal sex, physical characteristics and legal weapon requirements, hunt boundary restrictions, and legal weapon requirements, and emergency depredation hunt structure and statewide quotas. The Department is limiting amendments to those that correct errors from last year, address emerging management needs, address substantial changes in wildlife abundance, or address conflicts.
- Chairman Paul Dixon introduced this item
  - Chairman Dixon advised in the past, last year a two year season and doing an amendment to that. Commission is asking us to do an amendment on its resident antlered and resident antlerless hunt 4151 and 4481, had to look this up in big game status report from last year- not in the backup. Utah has changed their hunt dates so we are changing our dates to mirror for best results because it's interstate heard and not be able to harvest them. The rest of the regulation refers to the antlerless elk hunts tied to the mule deer option want to close those seasons, met the quotas. Close the hunts for 4151 and 4481 because it is no longer needed. Wants to fill out form with any comments that either agree or disagree and if disagree can write comments on why. Asked the board if any comments to the changes of the regulation.
  - Vice Chair Reese asked when Utah changed/established their season
  - Chairman advised we were out of phase that's why the change. Getting rid of the DELK tag for the 2021 season.
  - Public Comment:
  - Mark Transue asked if they are going to get rid of the combos (same unit) also known as the DELK tag.
  - Chairman Dixon advised yes they are getting rid of the DELK tag.
  - **A motion was made and seconded to recommend to approve Commission Regulation 19-05, Amendment #1, 2019–2020 and 2020–2021 Big Game Seasons, as presented**
  - Motion passes 6:0
- H. Commission Regulation 19-12, Amendment #1, 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 Restricted Nonresident Guided Mule Deer Seasons and Quotas- (For Possible Action)** The CCABMW Board will review, discuss and make recommendations to the Nevada Board of Wildlife

Commissioners about amending 2020–2021 hunting seasons and quotas for restricted nonresident guided mule deer including hunt boundary restrictions.

- Chairman Paul Dixon introduced this item
- Chairman Dixon advised regarding restricted nonresident guided mule deer season was not changed just the quotas.
- John Hiatt unsure what rational is to change it for nonresident guided, what's the point?
- Chairman Dixon read the regulations summary that this statute dictates that the quota for the restricted nonresident guided is subtracted for the total nonresident rifle quota, the total restricted nonresident guided quota must not exceed 16% of the total nonresident quota from the prior year or 400...or unit must not exceed 37.5 percent, rounded to the nearest whole number. Have bumped up against statute and this is to ensure we are in statute
- Public Comment: None
- **A motion was made and seconded to recommend to approve Commission Regulation 19-12, Amendment #1, 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 Restricted Nonresident Guided Mule Deer Seasons and Quotas as published**
- Motion passes 6:0

**I. Commission Regulation 20-02, 2020 Black Bear Seasons – (*For Possible Action*)** The CCABMW Board will review, discuss and make recommendations to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners about adopting 2020 hunting season dates, open management units, hunting hours, special regulations, animal sex, legal weapon requirements, hunt boundary restrictions, and dates and times for indoctrination courses for black bear.

- Chairman Paul Dixon introduced this item
- Chairman Dixon stated the proposed season extends from September 15 through December 1 based on prior seasons approved by the Commission. The Commission will address harvest limits and quotas associated with these season at their meeting in May 2020. All we are doing is setting dates and units which is the same as last year, 2019 which we agreed to. Will say we have been fairly restrictive on where you can hunt black bear in this state and don't want to over harvest any one unit. Not short of any bears problems in Tahoe. Or bears coming interstate from California.
- John Hiatt added basically its habitat and that's where their habitat is
- Vice Chair asked if the harvest was 17 this year
- John Hiatt and Dave Talaga both confirmed it was 17
- Chairman Dixon asked how many tags
- Vice Chair Reese answered 45
- Vice Chair Reese stated largest take thus far
- Public Comment:
- Stephanie Meyers opposes the black bear hunt as many people do for many reason. There is no stated wildlife management objective to this hunt at all. Black bear hunt is a trophy hunt and objects to the use of hounds, which believes is destructive
- Fred Volts stated looking back at the Predation Plan regarding item G, NDOW doesn't really know the amount of bears we have and the numbers wildly fluctuated from year to year when supposedly using science to figure it out. It has gone from 600 to 800 and now its 400 yet the quotas don't seem to change. So there really isn't a good base point so we really don't know how many bears we have and how biologically and scientifically this is effecting whatever our population is. So for us to continue to have a black bear hunt makes no biological sense.
- Brian Patterson population is guesstimate and NDOW using same process for all their game species the fact that someone can claim that is just a guesstimate is erroneous. Sportsman is paying for project 45 spending 100k of sportsman's money this year on bear studies. Should

definitely being allowing the sportsman to harvest 20 of them. Sportsmen are putting up the money and should benefit from the money spent.

- Vice Chair Reese- when over the definition of sustainability; saddest part is that we are losing more bears to vehicular traffic than the actual black bear hunt and if we are really concerned with this really is microscopic to what's going on in the real world. The fact we are still averaging the same amount of casualties each year and with what is harvesting out haven't dropped down under 10. If we are at 48% harvest rate that is good and good quota and feels it is working until it drops down. If does drop down would for looking into changing the season dates and the quotas
- Chairman Dixon added that NDOW has a harvest objective, light, medium or high harvest, and even when the pop was estimated over 700, we harvested more females in that past than males and even then they were in middle or light harvest. As we increased the number of males harvested this year the males stayed in light harvest and females were light harvest based on population of 400, and based on the methodology they use for prediction of impact of harvest in the system it says we are doing light harvest. Also added, based on hearing from public comment that although hunting with hounds seems a little bit cruel, hunting with hounds does have its benefits and has led to overall increase of number of boars taken versus sows. So, we are being more selective removing boars from the population.
- Dave Talaga offered a word of caution during public comment regarding the predation report...the data is sketchy and is sympathetic that NDOW may not have idea of how many black bears are resident because they don't do censuses, but does think need to be careful of the data and that NDOW is providing the good data. We accepted the predation plan with the strong comment about the data and based on the info we got from NDOW on bears and as board members we are left to deal with what we have. The other thing we need to consider, as Paul pointed out we are going to continue to see bears based on the environment and management is important and contends far from being merely being a trophy hunt this is just another tool in the conversation tool bag to maintain the population of bears.
- Dan Gilbert added in order to coexist with bears that if we keep that population from over densifying that is going to eliminate territorial issues. Bear management is critical to our overall wildlife management in the state.
- John Hiatt added using dogs for hunting bears there is a lot of collateral damage because those people don't just keep those dogs home for the rest of the year they are taking them out all the time for exercise and training and it can cause wildlife harassment. Given the number of bears we have and the number harvested there is no relationship. We are not managing the number of bears to impact the population.
- Chairman Dixon agreed that there is no impact on population.
- John Talaga asked at the same point has not impact but at what point does it have an impact? Do we not manage bears and then we just wait until the bears become a management issue?
- John Hiatt added that bears are already an issue when scavenging and people's lack of attention is also contributing to the need of bear management.
- Chairman Dixon added just based on studies and articles if no external source of food the fact you have food in your house a black bear will find its way in.
- John Hiatt argued it's a learned habit
- Dave Talaga get data from hunting and what you use data for is up to the conservationist. The set the rules to allow the hunts. As much as they may issues with how NDOW does things, they are still the ones you do it.
- Chairman Dixon stated a lot of people are concerned about it and there is also misinformation out there as well. We never started this hunt with the public and the publics understand of why we are doing from a management perspective. Will continue to have those opposed to it and for it but until we find a way of funding a way to support it with studies outside of hunting funds, this is what we will use as a tool.

- Therese Campbell going to have to vote no on this, doesn't think trophy hunting is a good way to try to achieve the goal of management of the population, especially those coming in contact with humans, or "nuisance bears" if you will. Using trophy hunt to management the black bear population does not address the real issue. Human population is more the issue and area of focus.
  - Dave Talaga responded this is not by definition a trophy hunt, people in the public you can create a certain emotion by saying it's a trophy hunt when it is just a hunt, we hunt mule deer. An aspect of mule deer is specifically trophy hunting were you go for a particular rack, size, and you bypass everything else. A traditional hunt by definition you take out the oldest from the stock and leaves room for the stronger younger ones. In regards to bears, we have "x" number of bears and no real need to hunt them, it's simply a hunt. To use a supercharged word like trophy hunt doesn't do what we are talking about justice. Secondly, urbanized bears is moving an animal to the wild to an urban area such as Incline Village. Education and management is needed. Predation tag takes care of the lethal/troubled bears. That's not hunting that's a way of management and we don't have a trophy hunt. The hunt itself is about traditional hunt and trapping an animal and just because it's a bear doesn't make it a trophy. Suggest to be careful with the language in regards to trophy hunting. This is wildlife management and no different from any other wildlife management. NDOW uses hunting as a tool to manage wildlife and has set the quota that will not hurt the population based on the data.
  - Therese Campbell takes seriously and agrees with public comment from Fred Voltz on getting the actual bear population and her second point is when we are bear hunting it really is trophy hunting. It is her opinion and quite a lot of the general public that it can't really be defined than anything other than a trophy hunt.
  - Dan Gilbert stated in 2005, there was a cougar off El Capitan and Cheyenne, the reason the cat came down was due to over density of overpopulation off that animal. The improper conservation and over densifying forced that Mt Lion down and would contest that there is a management aspect to it that tis critical. There is a benefit to bear management
  - Vice Chair Reese added that wildlife only has a value if you're willing to pay for it and it's because of the sportsman who step to the plate who pay for the wildlife management. Having a celebration of life for Chris Klineberger, a man who started this back in 1950 went to other countries to teach them about their wildlife.
  - **A motion was made and seconded to recommend to approve Commission Regulation 20-02, 2020 Black Bear Seasons as presented**
  - Motion Passes 5:1 with a dissenting opinion that this is solely a trophy hunt and not a management tool and speaking not only on her behalf but her position is tasked with representing the interest of the general public
- J. Commission Regulation 20-03, 2020–2021 Mountain Lion Season and Harvest Limits – (For Possible Action)** The CCABMW Board will review, discuss and make recommendations to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners about adopting 2020–2021 mountain lion hunting season open units, harvest limits by unit group, hunting hours, and special regulations.
- Chairman Dixon introduced this topic
  - Chairman Dixon advised that mountain lion seasons are established running from March 1 through the end of February in the succeeding year unless the harvest limit established by the Commission is met prior to that date. There are multiple hunt groups and several closed units for mountain lions. Harvest unit is 245 for most of the state, and once that's met we stop. For area unit 091 it is set at 2. Unit area 033,269,280,281,282,283,284 and 286 are closed. In 12 years can tell you have never met the limit. Can hunt Mount lions year round.
  - Vice Chair Reese stated the lowest done was 180 and average is about 200-220. Never met a quota for mountain lions. Brings up unit 033 the Sheldon range and wants conversation to open up 033 to at least get a quota of 1. Stated knows a trapper that in the course of 10 days in an 8

mile stretch he had caught 10 mountain lions and the reason he knows this is because you have to contact NDOW to collar it. If you trap a mountain lion need to contact NDOW and they will collar. What is the true reason we cannot open up 033. Up in the top corner of that state seems to have abundance of mountain lions

- Brady Phillips added there is a study going on, they are taking off the traps and putting collars on them but it's not everyone and not state wide in the northern part of the state.
- Vice Chair Reese asked Brady Phillips he know roughly how many collars they have put on mountain lions so far?
- Brady Phillips replied could not give a number because they do not do it down here in southern Nevada
- Public Comment:
- Stephanie Myers opposes the mountain lion hunt especially when it's used with leg holed traps and that anytime of the day or night, 365 days is wrong for a hunt.
- Chairman Dixon clarified you are only allowed to harvest a mountain lion via a rifle or bow and arrow and you are not allowed to trap it because it is against the law. If you trap you have to release and right now every trapped one is evaluated and collared.
- Vice Chair Reese asked Brady Phillips even though a trapper may have a lion tag, he's not allowed to harvest that mountain lion. Is there a statute that says you cannot harvest that lion until "X" amount of hours after you released it.
- Brady Phillips advised there is not a set timeframe, you cannot do it my means of trapping so releasing and then shooting it immediately afterwards, no. That one of the things they are looking for during check in, marks of trapping. So saying there's a set time frame, then no.
- Brian Patterson stated the mountain lion hunt is like every other wildlife management tool used by NDOW and is for the regulation to help manage wildlife
- Chairman Dixon added that mountain lions have the steadiest data when checking for harvesting and Nevada is one of the few states to do this.
- John Hiatt stated not seeing what the vehicular death data was last year
- Chairman Dixon advised not sure either no real data to confirm this
- Therese Campbell asked what the season to hunt mountain lions be clarified, all over the state?
- Chairman Dixon advised its 24/7 365 days a year but only what the state has listed in the unit groups
- Therese Campbell stated since advocating for the general public, is opposed to the regulation and the way the mountain lion management is conducted, doesn't agree with the punitive mindset in general with open season on them and for that reason will be voting against this plan. General Public, state of Nevada or legislature, whoever as an advocate of the general public. Proposes only allowing hunting in certain times of the year and especially not when there are mother lions raising their cubs.
- Dave Talaga asked Therese why hunting mountain lions is so important. Brought up the prior regulation in the Predation Plan regarding coyotes and how Therese voted yes, not having an issue with that. Explained why the mountain lions hunt is much like the coyote control. The mountain lion is hunted 24/7, 365 days and even though they are hunted all year long the limit is 245 overall or 2 max per person and once that number is met, the hunt is done for that year. Addressed the use of the position of someone who represents the general interest of the public when it comes to those in current attendance versus the overall public's interest to the issue. Added that the sportsman contributes 100% of the money in Nevada, by way of paying for their tags, to manage wildlife.
- Chairman Dixon advised will have public comment to give opinion
- Brady Phillips did add that is it is illegal to harvest spotted kittens or females with spotted kittens
- Chairman Dixon advised already went to public comment on this topic once and wanted to make a motion first and would then go to general public comments so that anyone who wanted to speak could

- Vice Chair Reese made motion to include opening up 033 in the Sheldon's with at least 1 quota
  - Therese Campbell asked for information and thought board was going to open up for public comment before a motion was made
  - Chairman Dixon advised that board would go to general public comments on this topic and any other topic discussed in today meeting after the motion was made.
  - **A motion was made and seconded to recommend to approve, Commission Regulation 20-03, 2020–2021 Mountain Lion Season and Harvest Limits, as presented with the following recommendations 1) open up O33 at least for one tag to start being able to control mountain lions in the Sheldon's**
  - Motion Passes 4:2 First dissenting opinion, felt 24/7 season was unethical and not a management tool. Second dissenting opinion, felt the motion to open unit 033 was not something we should recommend until we here from NDOW why it's closed.
- K. Commission Regulation 20-04, 2021 Heritage Tag Seasons and Quota – (*For Possible Action*)** The CCABMW Board will review, discuss and make recommendations to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners about adopting a regulation to set the 2021 Heritage Tag species, seasons and quota.
- Board Comments:
  - Not addressed due to constraints
- L. Commission Regulation 20-05, 2020 Dream Tag – (*For Possible Action*)** The CCABMW Board will review, discuss and make recommendations to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners about a regulation to set the 2020 Dream Tag species, seasons and quota.
- Board Comments:
  - Not addressed due to constraints
- M. Commission Regulation 20-06, 2020 Partnership in Wildlife Tags – (*For Possible Action*)** The CCABMW Board will review, discuss and make recommendations to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners about a regulation to set the 2020 Partnership in Wildlife tags hunt species, seasons and quota.
- Board Comments:
  - Not addressed due to constraints
- N. Commission Regulation 20-07, 2020 Silver State Tags (*For Possible Action*)** The CCABMW Board will review, discuss and make recommendations to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners about a regulation to set the 2020 Silver State tag species, seasons and quota.
- Board Comments:
  - Not addressed due to constraints
- O. Commission Regulation 20-08, 2020 Big Game Application Deadlines – (*For Possible Action*)** The CCABMW Board will review, discuss and make recommendations to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners about regulation to set the 2020 big game tag application deadlines and related information.
- Board Comments:
  - Not addressed due to constraints
- P. Commission Regulation 20-09, 2020 Big Game Tag Application Eligibility and Tag Limits – (*For Possible Action*)** The CCABMW Board will review, discuss and make recommendations to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners about regulation to set the 2020 big game tag application eligibility and tag limits and related information.
- Board Comments:

- Not addressed due to constraints

### **8. Public Comment -Members of the public may provide public comment (*Informational*)**

Comments will be limited to three minutes. Any item requiring Board action not on this agenda may be scheduled on a future agenda.

- Fred Voltz stated very troubled about the misinformation he heard from one of the CAB members tonight that seems to be wide spread. First of all, hunters do not pay 100% for the cost of NDOW or any other wildlife. The amount of money raised from the selling tags, not to compensate the state for the destruction, but it's for the killing of animals not a harvest. Pittman- Robertson is the main source of the income, where most income is from gun owners and other weapon owners and not necessarily hunters and trappers who buy licenses, so this falsehood being perpetuated by the wildlife community is just flat out wrong. Killing is not conservation, it is permanent destruction. How can the general public know what is in the public's mind, well NDOW was forced to conduct a survey in the last couple of years called Nevada wildlife Value survey , and it is quite clear people don't want hounds chasing bears or their wildlife destroyed and want to keep as much as their wildlife in its natural state.
- Annoula Wylderichis asked if there is a trapping management plan in existence, in which the public can refer.
- Chairman Dixon stated can go to the NDOW website for this information and can contact Russell Walstonhugh
- Vice Chair Reese also went into the NDOW website will advise of the next state wildlife meetings date and times and where they are held and what the subject will be discussed, added to look up furberry
- Brian Patterson welcomes Ms. Campbell to the board, gave feedback on how to hold her position on the board when I comes to the general public. Stated the sportsman do foot the bill for all wildlife management and that the funds from Pittman- Robertson is from the sportsman primarily with some federal money.
- Chairman Dixon touched on the position of a person who represents the interest of the general public and points of contact that would be good references. Can also take advantage of the local meetings when held in Las Vegas or using the video conferencing option as well
- Closed item

### **9. Authorize the Chairman to prepare and submit any recommendations from today's meeting to the Wildlife Commission for its consideration at its January 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>, 2020, Commission meeting in Las Vegas, NV. (*For Possible Action*)**

- A motion was made and seconded to recommend to approve authorization for the Chairman to prepare and submit any recommendations from today's meeting to the Wildlife Commission for its consideration at its January 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>, 2020 Commission meeting in Las Vegas, NV.

**10. The next Clark County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife meeting is scheduled for *March 17, 2020 in the Clark County Government Center Pueblo Room, 500 S. Grand Central Parkway, Las Vegas. This meeting will be in support of the March 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>, 2020, Commission meeting in Reno, Nevada.***

### **11. Adjournment**

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Nevada, 89120; 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; and Mesquite City Hall, 10 East Mesquite Boulevard, Meeting was adjourned at 9pm

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