



Clark County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife

MEETING MINUTES

Date: May 1, 2018
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, Chair J. Michael Reese, Vice Chair John Hiatt
Brian Patterson Dave Talaga Howard Watts III 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: April 25, 2018

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 the Secretary, Stacy Matthews. A quorum was present.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

- Chairman Paul Dixon requested all stand and asked Bill Stanley to lead the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Approval of Minutes of the March 13, 2018 CCABMW Meeting (*FOR POSSIBLE ACTION*)

- Chairman Paul Dixon asked the Board and attendees for any comments or corrections to the Minutes of the March 13, 2018 CCABMW Meeting.
- Board Comments: None
- Public comment: Jana Wright noted on Page 8, corrected spelling for ADA Steven Sweikert, and added that in her Public Comment, documented on Page 11, she had further indicated that the Legislative Commission had, in fact, passed the Shed Antler regulation.

- A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of March 13, 2018 CCABMW Meeting as amended.
 - Motion passed 7-0
4. **Approval of Agenda for May 1, 2018 (*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: Change March to May in the footing.
 - Public Comments: None
 - A motion was made to approve the agenda for May 1, 2018 as amended.
 - Motion passed unanimously.
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).
- Bill Stanley announced that the Southern Nevada Building Trades Union will hold their 9th annual trap shoot Sept 29th Clark County Shooting Park. The beneficiaries will be the Silver State Clay Breakers who will be given funding to buy ammo.
 - Vice Chair Reese noted that the Fraternity of the Desert Big Horn will hold their Banquet at the Silverton, May 19th doors open 5 pm.
 - Howard Watts III shared that the Backcountry Hunters and Anglers will have another Pint Night tomorrow, May 2nd, at the Tenaya Creek Brewery at 5:30 pm.
 - John Hiatt noted that last week, BLM announced they are doing away with cooperative assistance agreements. This means that non-profits can no longer do work for BLM. This will probably introduce a delay of a year. Since non-profits are prohibited by law to contract with the government, they will no longer be able to work on Public Land. UNR will be laying off people in the next six weeks.
 - Chairman Paul Dixon asked does this affect Guzzler Projects.
 - John Hiatt does not know, but it will impact NDOW. He added that the Department of Interior was unhappy about budget that was passed. They got more money than they expected. So to avoid spending the excess, they will put procedural obstacles in place and change rules. It's not clear what is happening in Washington.
 - Vice Chair Reese asked if NDOW has letter of understanding with BLM they will get a new one.
 - John Hiatt responded if there is a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with no money attached, it should be okay. If it is a contract, or a Cooperative Assistance Agreement, there will be no funding.
 - Close topic
6. **Recap of March 16th Commission Meeting Actions (*Informational*)** A recap of actions taken by the Wildlife Commission will be compared to CCABMW Recommendations.
- Chairman Paul Dixon introduced this topic stating that
 - Predator Management Plan submitted same comments as last two action reports. Paul they will now post the plan and the report from the previous year will be in the same link.
 - Migratory Bird Game Seasons voted to go forward. No swan season in the south, because Feds require an environmental assessment. NDOW does not have money for environmental assessment.

- Safe hunting distance: no one liked it; sent back to be changed or not to come back; too many caveats.
- Land Owner Compensation 2 ½ % gives them enough leeway in things. They did not like the idea of banking tags or banking animals. If they did not have enough tags you could carry over. 560 animals with current quotas for harvest. They do not see demand rising at a rate we will see hitting the statutory limit going forward. They may not give out tags. No one like first come first serve.
- John Hiatt asked if the Ranch guys on the Commission like banking.
- Chairman Paul Dixon responded that the Ranch guys liked it, no one else did.
- Duck Stamp: we suggested other ways of marketing this and making it profitable. Deputy Director Robb has been tasked with cutting NDOW's expenditures and one way is to end the Duck Stamp program. People keep stamps as collectable.
- Miscellaneous petitions: is back before us.
- Pitfall Traps: the 700 traps that had been put out have all been reclaimed. In addressing the 700 known traps they have identified many more traps. NDOW has removed 400 unidentified Pitfall Traps.
- Elk in Cold Creek. Law enforcement and NDOW. Paul asked Pat Cummings if he knew about that. Paul asked who the NDOW Biologist is for Charleston. He added that people were feeding hay to wild horses, then Elk came down for the hay, and when the hay was in short supply, a bull elk gored a number of horses which ultimately had to be put down.
- Heritage Tag: we will discuss tonight. We have lost a lot of money on Mule Deer for keeping in state.
- Turkey Hunting: Chairman Paul Dixon brought up why 20 gauge or larger. There is a petition in process.
- Chairman Paul Dixon will be attending the Heritage Meeting on Thursday.
- Brian Patterson stated that Utah passed a law allowing .410 gauge got Turkey.
- Chairman Paul Dixon responded that the law currently allows the use of 28 gauge for Turkey, but they are evaluating .410.
- Muzzle Loader Hand Gun regulation: since the caliber length was passed by a consent agenda, that is cleared, so Chairman Paul Dixon can now bring up the Muzzle Loader Handgun and the .410 and 28 gauge Ammunition. He hopes he won't need to submit a Petition, but will let the Board know where it stands.

7. Action Items:

Discuss & make recommendations regarding the following Action Items from the Board of Wildlife Commissioners May 4th and 5th 2018 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 Stacy Matthews (702) 455-2705 or smatthews@co.clark.nv.us. The final Commission agenda & support at http://www.ndow.org/Public_Meetings/Commission/Agenda/.

A. Commission Regulation 18-11, 2018 Big Game Quotas for the 2018–2019 Season (For Possible Action) The CCABMW Board will review, discuss and make recommendations to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners about Big Game Quotas for the 2018–2019 Season.

- **Resident Quota Black Bear – Any Legal Weapon Hunt 6151 and Black Bear any sex– Any Legal Weapon Hunt 6251**

- Chairman Paul Dixon introduced this item stating that the Black Bear 2018 quota is 45 for resident and 5 for non-resident tags. No change to the quotas from 2017. One change is they have broken the hunt into regions, so once you have reached the limit of bears in a region that region closes. NDOW estimates there are 500 to 600 bears currently. In California the population is near 36,000. If there is dryness or issues on the California side, it drives bears to the Nevada side.
- Public Comment:
- Stephanie Myers continues to oppose the Black Bear hunt. Just because we can, it is not a legitimate reason to justify the black bear hunt.
- Jana Wright would like the CAB to consider reducing the quotas for resident to 41 and nonresident to 4, this continues to remain controversial to some of us and they added Hunt unit 203. Her request for the reduction in quota is so the Black Bear was not automatically kicked into a Dream Tag.
- Ralph Willits stated he can't help but think that the current management objective is based on science and not emotion. They should base it off science.
- Board Comment:
- John Hiatt said it seems irrelevant what we set the quotas at, very few bears are actually being killed. We could cut the quota in half and it would not make a difference.
- Chairman Paul Dixon stated that even if we left the quota at 45, we can only can take 20 bears total. We have never reached the total number of bears. We are trying to reach a harvest objective of 20 which is why the quota is set at 45. The comment from the public that 45 and 5 allows us to have a Dream Tag draw, anyone know about that.
- Vice Chair Reese stated that was discussed last time.
- A motion made and seconded to accept the Big Game Quota Recommendations for Black Bear – Any Legal Weapon Hunt 6151 and Black Bear - Any Legal Weapon Hunt 6251, as well as the Black Bear Harvest Limits Combined Resident Hunt 6151 and Nonresident Hunt 6251 as proposed.
- Motion passes 7-0.
- **Resident Antelope – Horns longer than ears – Any Legal Weapon Hunt 2151, Resident Antelope – Horns longer than ears Muzzleloader Hunt 2171 & Resident Antelope – Horns longer than ears – Archery Hunt 2161**
- Chairman Paul Dixon introduced the hunts. Horns longer than ears, all weapon classes, are there any changes to the recommendations for Antelope? The Department is recommending 4,465 antelope tags for the upcoming 2018 hunting season (2/3 of the tags are for horns-longer than ears). This is a slight increase of ¼% compared to the quota approved by the Commission for the 2017-2018. The Department uses a management objective of 20-30 bucks per 100 does (including bucks of 2 years of age or greater) to guide quota recommendations. The Department is recommending 1,330 tags for the 2018 hunting season.
- Public Comment: N/A
- Board Comment: N/A
- A motion was made and seconded to approve as presented Resident Antelope – Horns longer than ears – Any Legal Weapon Hunt 2151, Resident Antelope – Horns longer than ears Muzzleloader Hunt 2171 & Resident Antelope – Horns longer than ears – Archery Hunt 2161. Motion passes 7-0. Antelope – Horns shorter than ears – Any Legal Weapon Hunt 2181, 2251, 2261.
- Motion passes 7-0.
- **Resident Antelope – Horns shorter than ears – Any Legal Weapon Hunt 2181, Non-Resident Antelope – Horns longer than ears Muzzleloader Hunt 2251 & Non-Resident Antelope – Horns longer than ears – Archery Hunt 2261**
- Chairman Paul Dixon introduced these hunts.

- Public Comment: None
- Board Comment:
- A motion was made and seconded to approve as presented Resident Antelope – Horns shorter than ears – Any Legal Weapon Hunt 2181, Non-Resident Antelope – Horns longer than ears Muzzleloader Hunt 2251 & Non-Resident Antelope – Horns longer than ears – Archery Hunt 2261.
- Motion passes 7-0.
- **Resident Nelson (Desert) Bighorn Sheep – Any Ram – Any Legal Weapon Hunt 3151, Non-resident Nelson (Desert) Bighorn Sheep – Any Ram – Any Legal Weapon Hunt 3251, Resident Nelson (Desert) Bighorn Sheep – Any Ewe- Any Legal Weapon Hunt 3181, and Non-resident Nelson (Desert) Bighorn Sheep – Any Ewe – Any Legal Weapon Hunt 3281**
- Chairman Paul Dixon introduced these hunt 3151, 3251, 3181 and 3281.
- Board Comments:
- Brian Patterson asked Pat Cummings, NDOW in unit 264 and 265 south of Nelson the biggest drop went from 5 tags dropped to 1, is that because of pneumonia? Brian hunted in that area and had trouble finding any sheep.
- Pat Cummings, NDOW, responded absolutely. Two people turned in tags. Unfortunately the Mojave National Preserves Mycoplasma strain of pneumonia hit that population. That pathogen in concert with other pathogens has negligible effects on the herds.
- They lived to about 60 days or so.
- Brian Patterson hunting where we should be.
- Public Comment N/A
- A motion was made and seconded to approve as presented Resident Nelson (Desert) Bighorn Sheep – Any Ram – Any Legal Weapon Hunt 3151, Non-resident Nelson (Desert) Bighorn Sheep – Any Ram – Any Legal Weapon Hunt 3251, Resident Nelson (Desert) Bighorn Sheep – Any Ewe- Any Legal Weapon Hunt 3181, and Non-resident Nelson (Desert) Bighorn Sheep – Any Ewe – Any Legal Weapon Hunt 3281 as written.
- Motion passes 7-0.
- **Resident California Bighorn Sheep – Any Ram- Any Legal Weapon Hunt 8151, Nonresident California Bighorn Sheep – Any Ram- Any Legal Weapon Hunt 8251, Resident California Bighorn Sheep – Any Ewe – Any Legal Weapon hunt 8181**
- Public Comment:
- Ralph Willits asked why quotas are down.
- Pat Cummings, NDOW, 2017 season was 49.
- A motion was made and seconded to accept quotas as proposed for Resident California Bighorn Sheep – Any Ram- Any Legal Weapon Hunt 8151, Nonresident California Bighorn Sheep – Any Ram- Any Legal Weapon Hunt 8251, Resident California Bighorn Sheep – Any Ewe – Any Legal Weapon hunt 8181.
- Motion passes 7-0.
- **Rocky Mountain Bighorn Sheep – Any Ram – Any Legal Weapon Hunt 9151, Resident Mountain Goat – Any Goat – Any Legal Weapon Hunt 7151**
- Board Comment:
- Vice Chair Reese discussed when NDOW went to get 35 sheep when they lost most of the herd in the Rubies. He stated British Columbia gave us 35 of them in Rubies.
- Pat Cummings there was a release there and they did not fare well. The majority of those were lost.

- Chairman Paul Dixon added there was a large percentage of mortality.
- Pat Cummings the pathogen was devastating to the herd.
- Chairman Paul Dixon noted below 10, so no non-resident tags.
- Public Comment: N/A
- A motion was made and seconded to accept quotas as proposed for Rocky Mountain Bighorn Sheep – Any Ram – Any Legal Weapon Hunt 9151, Resident Mountain Goat – Any Goat – Any Legal Weapon Hunt 7151.
- Motion passes 7-0.
- **Elk**
- Chairman Paul Dixon introduced Elk by reading into the record the section about Elk from the CR 18-11, 2018 Big Game Quotas for the 2018-2019 Season. The Department is recommending 19,681 total elk tags for fall 2018. Quota recommendations are developed to attain 25-35% bull harvest with at least 50 inch main beam length. Quotas are also guided by the Nevada Elk Species Management Plan (1997) and sub-plans corresponding to individual herds. The Department will recommend varying intensities of antlerless elk harvest depending on population status with respect to population objectives identified in the sub-plans. Currently, 88% of elk herds are at or below population objectives resulting an 18.9% reduction in quota recommendations for antlerless elk (6,308 total antlerless tags).
- The Elk herd that occupies the Jarbridge is expected to be reduced to the population objective of 1,500 Elk due to management objectives being reached in Unit Group 072, 073. And 074. Quota recommendations for Unit Group 072, 073, 074 include a reduction in antlerless tags.
- **Resident Elk- Antlered – Any Legal Weapon Depredation Hunt 4102, Resident Elk – Antlerless – Any Legal Weapon Depredation Hunt 4017**
- Board Comment:
- John Hiatt noted there is a push by ranchers to increase above Management Plan quotas. Elk do well with climate and can go pretty wild here.
- Public Comment: N/A
- Motion to pass as proposed Resident Elk- Antlered – Any Legal Weapon Depredation Hunt 4102, Resident Elk – Antlerless – Any Legal Weapon Depredation Hunt 4017. Seconded. Motion passes 7-0.
- **Resident Elk Antlered Any Legal Weapon Hunt 4151, 4156, 4161, 4651**
- No public comment
- A motion was made and seconded to approve Elk Antler 4151, 4156, 4161, and 4651 as proposed.
- Motion passes 7-0.
- **Resident Elk- Antlered – Any Legal Weapon Hunt 4151, Resident Elk – Antlered – Muzzleloader Hunt 4156, Resident Elk- Antlered- Archery Hunt 4161, Resident Elk-Spike-Any Legal Weapon Hunt 4651**
- Public Comment: N/A
- Board Comment:
- Chairman Paul Dixon noted increased spike with cow elk harvest over last five years.
- A motion was made and seconded to approve Resident Elk- Antlered – Any Legal Weapon Hunt 4151, Resident Elk – Antlered – Muzzleloader Hunt 4156, Resident Elk- Antlered- Archery Hunt 4161, and Resident Elk-Spike-Any Legal Weapon Hunt 4651 as written.
- Motion passes 7-0.

- **Resident Elk- Antlerless – Any Legal Weapon Hunt 4181, Resident Elk – Antlerless – Any Legal Weapon Hunt 4181 – Wilderness Only, Resident Elk- Antlerless- Muzzleloader Hunt 4176, Resident Elk – Antlerless Elk Management Archery 4411 Option for Mule Deer Hunt 1341**
- Public Comment: N/A
- Board Comment: N/A
- A motion was made and seconded to approve Resident Elk- Antlerless – Any Legal Weapon Hunt 4181, Resident Elk – Antlerless – Any Legal Weapon Hunt 4181 – Wilderness Only, Resident Elk- Antlerless- Muzzleloader Hunt 4176, Resident Elk – Antlerless Elk Management Archery 4411 Option for Mule Deer Hunt 1341 as written.
- Motion passes 7-0.
- **Resident Junior Elk- Antlerless Elk Management Hunt 4407 Option for Resident Junior Mule Deer Hunt 1107**
- Public Comment:
- Cody Boor– forums are saying they are having issues in certain areas.
- Paul Dixon – Ranchers were not allowing access. Tony Wasley changed the land owner agreements so that ranchers had to allow access. They did it last year. This will be the first year with everyone in agreement. Ellison Ranch was an issue.
- A motion was made and seconded to approve Resident Junior Elk- Antlerless Elk Management Hunt 4407 Option for Resident Junior Mule Deer Hunt 1107 as written.
- Motion passes 7-0.
- **Nonresident Elk-Antlered-Any Legal Weapon Hunt 4251, Nonresident Elk-Antlered- Muzzleloader Hunt 4256, Nonresident Elk-Antlered-Archery Hunt 4261and Nonresident Elk-Antlerless-Any Legal Weapon 4281.**
- Public Comment: N/A
- Board Comment: N/A
- A motion was made and seconded to approve Nonresident Elk-Antlered-Any Legal Weapon Hunt 4251, Nonresident Elk-Antlered-Muzzleloader Hunt 4256, and Nonresident Elk-Antlered-Archery Hunt 4261and Nonresident Elk-Antlerless-Any Legal Weapon 4281 as written.
- Motion passes 7-0.
- **Nonresident Antlerless Elk Management Any Legal Weapon Hunt 4481 Option for Mule Deer Hunt 1331, Nonresident Elk – Antlerless Muzzleloader Hunt 4276 and Nonresident Elk- Antlerless- Archery Hunt 4211.**
- Vice Chair Reese in area 6
- Public Comment: None
- Motion to approve 4281, 4481 Option 1331, 4276 and 4211 as proposed. Motion passes 7-0.
- **Resident Junior Mule Deer- Antlered or Antlerless, Archery, Muzzleloader, or Any Legal Weapon Hunt 1107.**
- Chairman Paul Dixon introduced this item noting that the number of Youth Tags has been increased for the Eastern Counties.
- Vice Chair Reese stated he has changed his thoughts. Youth taking mostly doe because they are easier to find. He would prefer the Youth Hunt change to buck or spike only.
- Chairman Paul Dixon cautioned that we are only setting quotas now. We cannot change this right now. Bring it up during seasons in 2019.
- Vice Chair Reese is in favor of capping the number of tags at 3250 rather than allowing all who apply to get a tag.

- Chairman Paul Dixon noted it is at 3258 this year.
- Public Comment:
- Cody Boor suggested that once a youth harvests a buck or doe they are put into general lottery. That is how he was introduced to western hunting.
- Chairman Paul Dixon stated that to change the youth hunt it would have to go back to the legislature. You will get a mixed bag of opinions. Consider pros and cons going forward.
- Vice Chair Reese added if they go into general, they are competing with you for tags.
- Jelindo Tiberti noted that as hunters were becoming older by every year, hunter numbers were shrinking. We were trying to get youth involved. Single mothers, family friend can take kids out. One year per calendar year. Hunting could become extinct. Studied at that time that biologically the youth hunts had zero effect on deer and does. Life expectancy was less than a year. A lot of does died. We have had youth hunts for years. We might need an assessment of program. Is age class increasing, is the program working to recruit younger hunter. State program should be looked out. If deer population is as low as you heard, biologically it can be affecting it look at it as a whole. Look at overall.
- Dave Famiglietti stated the whole program needs to be looked at. Is there stuff needed besides what we need beyond NDOW. We need to look out
- Pat Cummings noted a number of factors affecting the deer herds: range conversion (wildfires, etc.), deer are browsers, we are seeing Elk taking advantage of habitats and doing well. It's not a rosy picture.
- Dave Famiglietti asked if we can maintain sage grouse eco system, why not the mule deer habitat.
- Chairman Paul Dixon mentioned the Western Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies (WAFWA). This has been the top topic. We are not the only state experiencing things. We are in driest state in the Union. We have been ravaged by wildfires.
- Pat Cummings Area 6 was affected by wildfires.
- Chairman Paul Dixon continued stating that the wildfires wiped out the browse for the deer. Less cattle and we are harvesting less. For Units 062 067 area they gave out like 700 tags for depredation hunt. They only harvested a fraction since the winter was mild and the deer did not migrate to the winter range as expected. Another winter like two years ago will hit the deer herds hard.
- Cody Boor noted tag and harvest numbers for the youth hunt in previous year.
- Ralph Willits asked what is being done for habitat improvement.
- Pat Cummings NDOW deer like it. When range burned BLM was not interested in wildlife habitat, they were worried about live stock. They seeded with crested wheat, which is not native, but it benefited cows. We did have Elk resource and deer did not eat it. Land Management agencies resources are limited. Working hard to beef up capacity for fire events.
- John Hiatt noted there have been some hard looks at seeding post fire. Federal Rules allow you to monitor for two years. Five years out no discernible difference between areas they seeded versus did not seed. UNR did a study on Commercial Seeds. Ranchers want bigger plants that offer more feed, but they are not durable on our range. Want plants that are not as big but tough. They are looking at strategies to reestablish grass post fire.
- A motion was made and seconded to approve the Resident Junior Mule Deer- Antlered or Antlerless Archery, Muzzleloader or Any Legal Weapon Hunt 1107 with no extra tags added.

- Motion passes 7-0.
- **Resident Mule Deer- Antlerless- Any Legal Weapon Hunt 1181**
- Vice Chair Reese noted that in Area 6, Units 061, 062, 064, 066-068 Early & Late, the quota increased to 700. We should be transplanting some. Opposed to doe hunting. NDOW does not have resources to relocate.
- William Stanley asked if the Mule Deer population is suffering the way it is, would a moratorium on hunting deer for a year help or is there a biological reason to hunt deer.
- Vice Chair Reese responded that he is not a biologist, but Area 6 burned. Deer did not migrate down.
- Chairman Paul Dixon interjected that they did a depredation hunt expecting 80% harvest and only had a 20% success rate.
- Vice Chair Reese continued stating if there are that many deer in that area, let's transport them to other areas. I know NDOW does not have the resources. Or leave the does there to see if they survive and fend for themselves. They can change migration routes. NDOW is getting money for all those tags. On social media people cannot see a deer for miles. Why put out 700 tags for deer.
- Brian Patterson if the habitat does not support them they will die a slow horrible death.
- Chairman Paul Dixon added that it won't be 700 that will die, more like 1500. They will all die.
- Pat Cummings it is not impacting deer herds. It is mortality management. If you read the herd reports on Area 6 and Area 7, you will see it is all habitat.
- Vice Chair Reese said he feels the does are not migrating up there.
- Pat Cummings responded that they tried to transplant deer and it was a disaster.
- Jelindo Tiberti said there is a basic premise that the mountain will recover if you get the deer off. Let the range repair itself and the animals will then come back. Maybe we should not have a deer hunt. If you keep the mountain ate off it won't come back. As to translocation, it's expensive, it does not work, only worked where the habitat was correct. We do not have a habitat. Agree with Pat probably 10 cases and it did not work. Sometimes, deer go back to farmer fields. If you let seeding be the answer, cheat grass is foreign invader, and it keeps burning again. He does not disagree. No money to relocate, land needs to regenerate.
- John Hiatt stated that when times are tough it is better to have fewer animals with healthier does that have healthier fawns than to have weak does who have weak fawns that ultimately die.
- Josh White said he went on depredation hunt, the deer were not on the hunt to find a doe. NDOW needs to do a better job at telling you where the doe are for a depredation hunt if they want to reach their objectives.
- Chairman Paul Dixon said that part of the issue was weather, they migrated. Collared tracks they moved differently due to fires, weather, etc.
- Vice Chair Reese asked Pat Cummings question if there had been any major dies offs in last 30 years for Mule Deer?
- Pat Cummings responded die offs from a disease event, no. From loss of winter range as a result of wildfire, yes.
- Vice Chair Reese stated that Wyoming had a severe winter and had die off. He offered some facts regarding public lands in Nevada, weather history, and Mule Deer herd sizes over the

last 30 years. He feels the Mule Deer herd state-wide is healthy at 120K to 135K. He gets nervous at 100K or less. He feels it is time to start looking at the Mule Deer population and their migration trends now.

- Chairman Paul Dixon stated that if they believe the range is compromised. A greater number will perish by not hunting them. We need a more open discussion of what they are doing about Mule Deer to answer some of the questions. Doing nothing has a high consequence something bad will happen. Harvesting does will have a better chance to avoid massive death of animals.
- Vice Chair Reese Said he understands, but NDOW is proposing a 15% increase in tags in the state and we're at an all-time low. Habitat is number 3 on the list. Why are we not doing studies on fawn mortality rates? Predators are having a bigger impact. Maybe becoming easier pray. Times are changing, and the whole ecosystem out there is changing.
- Chairman Paul Dixon said he will bring this topic up to Commissioners for a presentation on Mule Deer to better understand what we are doing.
- A motion was made and seconded to approve Resident Mule Deer- Antlerless- Any Legal Hunt 1181 as proposed.
- Motion passes 6-1. Opposed: Reese - reduce quotas for does.
- **Resident Mule Deer- Antlered- Any Legal Weapon Hunt 1331, Resident Mule Deer- Antlered- Muzzleloader Hunt 1371, Resident Mule Deer- Antlered- Archery Hunt 1341**
- Vice Chair Reese said he is shocked that the number of tags is going up.
- Bill Stanley asked
- Pat Cummings read from a population report that significant adjustments were made to the management Area 10 deer population model in 2015 to reflect recent observations on recruitment and severe winters in 2016 & 2017. The population estimate dropped from 18000 in 2015 to 14000 in 2017. It was determined that the population was underestimated in 2017, and that, along with good range conditions in Area 10, will result in increased quotas for 2018.
- Public Comment:
- Jelindo Tiberti said that Mike Reese has a good public perception point. There are more non-hunters than hunters, 2% or less of the people hunt. The perception is the population is dropping and we are hunting more. Everyone in the room understands hunting is a management tool to be used by Unit. State wide perception, we have to be cognizant of it and aware of it. Talk to Commissioners and review the Mule Deer Management Plan. We are not out there murdering animals we are doing the opposite trying to manage them. There is a perception there. The average person on the street cannot understand killing more of an animal when we have less of them. He does agree with the biology based decisions.
- John Hiatt said that for the most part, the only Mule Deer people see are the dead ones they see on the side of the road. There is a lot of road kill which gives the impression there are a lot of deer.
- A motion was made and seconded to accept the proposed quotas for Resident Mule Deer- Antlered- Any Legal Weapon Hunt 1331, Resident Mule Deer- Antlered- Muzzleloader Hunt 1371, Resident Mule Deer- Antlered- Archery Hunt 1341, Nonresident Mule Deer- Antlered- Any Legal Weapon Hunt 1331, Nonresident Mule Deer- Antlered- Muzzleloader Hunt 1371, and Nonresident Mule Deer- Antlered- Archery Hunt 1341.

- Vice Chair Reese would like to see the quotas go back to the 2017 quotas. The 15% increase does not make sense. Is someone hurting for money? If they can show where we had a spike increase in populations, he could understand. For him, it's not there.
- William Stanley responded that the 2nd reason is the range cannot support the Mule Deer. The sooner we heal the mountain we can establish a stronger herd.
- Vice Chair Reese said one thing that will help the habitat is to get the horses off the range. Where is the trend where we need to increase the tags by 15%?
- Chairman Paul Dixon restated Pat Cummings showed you in Area 10 a 10% increase.
- Motion passes 4-3 opposition: keep quotas at 2017 and Mule Deer Management Plan.
- William Stanley agrees with public comment and look at Mule Deer Management Plan. Bill asked Pat Cummings when the last time the Mule Deer Plan.
- Pat Cummings two basic reasons for quota increases. Herd performance. Habitat capacity diminishes. That is what we are seeing across the state at the same time. You cannot stockpile Wildlife, you can only have the wildlife that the habitat can support.
- **Resident and Nonresident Deer and Antelope Landowner Compensation Tags Either Sex Hunts 1115, 1215, 2115 and 2215.**
- Chairman Paul Dixon introduced this item stating they can offer 558 Total # Deer and Antelope Landowner Compensation Tags.
- A motion was made and seconded to approve Resident and Nonresident Deer and Antelope Landowner Compensation Tags Either Sex Hunts 1115, 1215, 2115 and 2215 as presented.
- Motion passes 7-0.

B. Commission General Regulation 474, Trap Registration, LCB File No. R038-18 (For Possible Action) The CCABMW Board will review, discuss and make recommendations to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners about amending Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) 503.150. This regulation revises provisions relating to the registration of traps as mandated by Senate Bill (SB) 364 of the 79th Legislative Session. SB 364 states that with certain exceptions, each trap, snare, or similar device used by a person in the taking of wild mammals must be registered with the Department before it is used. SB 364 also states that for each trap, snare, or similar device registered with the Department, the person registering the device shall pay a registration fee of \$5. This proposed regulation provides a mechanism for the Department to register traps and charge \$5 per trap registered.

- Vice Chair Reese introduced this item stating that SB364 did pass the Legislature. He clarified the two registration options: Option 1) go to NDOW and register your traps and pay \$5 per trap and they will give you an owner id number that must appear on every trap. Option 2) you can put a tag with your name and address on your trap for free. All traps must be registered.
- Chairman Paul Dixon questioned Vice Chair Reese's assertion of Option 2, allowing self-identification of traps.
- William Stanley noted that the wording of the proposed regulation allows for persons who are not required to register their traps.
- Vice Chair Reese concurred stating that there was a list of those (e.g., researchers, etc.) that are not required to register with NDOW and must simply identify themselves as owners of the trap.

- Chairman Paul Dixon reiterated that he does not see in the proposed regulation that someone can just put their name and address on a trap and it is equivalent to registering the trap with NDOW.
- Howard Watts III read from the NRS to clarify the registration requirements. Thus, the only exemptions from the \$5 registration fee per trap is if you are trapping exclusively on private property, are part of a Government Agency, performing permitted pest control, or part of a research team.
- Public Comment:
- Jana Wright defended Vice Chair Reese's statement regarding Option 2, stating that SB364 included that provision.
- Dave Famiglietti agreed with Jana Wright in that Option 2 is included in SB364. He went on to state that he is totally against this law and regulation.
- Cody Boor stated that he had a camera monitoring his traps and recorded an "anti" purposely setting of his traps. NDOW had cameras on the road as an anti-poaching investigation. The person was identified and wanted NDOW to give him the name and address of the owner of the traps so he could confront him. In Cody's view, trap registration is asking for trouble.
- Ralph Willits asked if you pay the \$5 and get an owner id number, is that public information?
- Chairman Paul Dixon answered no, this is confidential information.
- Stephanie Myers noted that is against the law to remove or move traps. She added personal views from the time her dog was caught in an illegal trap.
- Public Comment Closed
- Chairman Paul Dixon stated that he is uncomfortable giving a vote on a partial regulation.
- William Stanley noted that this proposed regulation will go before the Interim Legislative Council, and any part of the proposed regulation can be changed.
- Vice Chair Reese added that in the past, when a trapper registered his traps, the fee was \$10 regardless of the number of traps. The new fee per trap is the problem.
- Howard Watts III clarified the conditions under which the trapper could simply attach a tag with the trapper's name and mailing address to the trap if that trap had been exclusively used on private land but before being used on public land.
- Chairman Paul Dixon asked if a PO Box satisfies the requirement. Yes.
- John Hiatt questioned the enforceability of this proposed regulation.
- Chairman Paul Dixon stated that while all of the information can be found, only part of the trap registration regulation is being presented. He feels the topic should be tabled until the full description of the regulation can be reviewed and discussed.
- A motion was made and seconded to accept Commission General Regulation 474, Trap Registration, and LCB File No. R038-18 as amended to include exemptions noted in SB364 to be added to the NAC Subsection 5.
- Motion passes 5-2 (Dixon/Stanley dissent)

C. Heritage Committee Fiscal Year 2019 Proposals and Vendors (*For Possible Action*)

The CCABMW Board will review, discuss and make recommendations to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners about the 2019 Heritage Program Proposals and 2019 vendors list.

- Chairman Paul Dixon introduced this item reading the list of Vendors who applied for Heritage Tags. He further commented that while the Mule Deer Foundation had returned up to \$135K for a deer tag, last year the tags were awarded to NSU a WHIN. While both organization had been very successful in the past, last year the NSU tag went for \$80K and the WHIN tag went for \$70K, both close to half of previous years. There has been talk that the Mule Deer Tag should have gone to the Mule Deer Foundation in Salt Lake City.

- Vice Chair Reese noted that he usually buys the tag for a person. The tag went for \$140K a year ago. His friend told him that every guide in the state saw 15 monster deer that year. Thirteen were harvested. There are no big deer this year. When Mike went to NSU, the tag went for \$80K. Even if it went to Salt Lake it would not have gone for more money. The fact that both tags went for low amounts that does not support Bill DeJuncker's case.
- Chairman Paul Dixon read numbers for the various Heritage Tags. He added that he had argued last year that keeping the tag in state gets people better representation. The guys are going to pay no matter where it is. Mike sits on the phone and does the bidding. Three phone bidders at NSU. At this point, he must disagree with Bill DeJuncker, both tags were considerably lower.
- Chairman Paul Dixon stated that in 2018 we supported Meadow Valley for Elk and this year we gave them Turkey. Also, NSU for deer and turkey.
- Vice Chair Reese informed Paul that NSU merged with Woods and Waters.
- Chairman Paul Dixon asked Dave Famiglietti for more details.
- Dave Famiglietti confirmed that NSU merged into Las Vegas Woods and Waters, their banquet will grow from around 400 to over 500 people this February. NSU will not be applying for tags, Woods and Waters will. With the combination Woods and Waters changed their bylaws, added 3 board positions and added a conservation division along the lines of what NSU was doing.
- Chairman Paul Dixon continued noting that WHIN got deer and turkey tags. He still prefers to keep tags in state.
- Public Comment:
- Mark Transue, Las Vegas Woods and Waters, said we deserve one.
- Dave Famiglietti agreed with Chairman Paul Dixon 100% that the location of the tags does not matter. The only thing at the NSU banquet they are not attending the banquet.
- Board Comments:
- A motion was made and seconded to recommend the following Vendors/Tags: Meadow Valley Unlimited for Elk & Turkey, NBU Reno for Nelson Bighorn Sheep, Las Vegas Woods and Waters Mule Deer & Turkey, Wild Sheep Foundation/Fraternity for Bighorn Sheep for Nelson Big Horn Sheep, and WHIN for Deer and Turkey.
- Vice Chair Reese noted for the record that Las Vegas Woods and Waters next banquet will be their 29th year.
- Motion passes 7-0
- Chairman Paul Dixon reviewed the proposed Heritage Projects. The requested funds exceed the available funds by over \$110K. He further identified projects he had been asked to help promote.
- Since all proposed projects seem viable and worthwhile, there was much discussion on how to support them all and still meet the funding limit. Options are to decrease funds to every project to accommodate the \$110K shortfall, or select a handful of the projects with the highest Heritage Fund needs and decrease them equally.
- Public Comment: None
- A motion was made and seconded to recommend all projects get funded, and to accommodate the shortfall, every project will have its funding reduced by 12.5%.
- Motion Passed 7-0

D. Predation Management Fiscal Year 2019 Plan (*For Possible Action*) The CCABMW Board will review, discuss and make recommendations to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners about the proposed Fiscal Year 2019 Predator Management Plan.

- Chairman Paul Dixon introduced this item.
- Board Comments: None

- Public Comment:
- Jana Wright recommended that the Board reject the proposed plan because it "stinks".
- A motion was made and seconded submit the same recommendations made at the last meeting and the meeting before that.
- Motion passed 7-0

E. Commission General Regulation 470, Miscellaneous Petitions, LCB File No. R095 16 (For Possible Action) The CCABMW Board will review, discuss and make recommendations about amending Chapter 501 of the Nevada Administrative Code (NAC). The regulation was developed by the Administrative Procedures, Regulations, and Policy Committee after several public meetings incorporating relevant suggestions from the public, legal counsel, the Department and the Committee. The amendments will simplify petition form requirements and the petition process overall.

- Chairman Paul Dixon introduced this item.
- Board Comments: None
- Public Comment: None
- A motion was made and seconded to pass CGR 470, Miscellaneous Petitions, LCB File No. R095-16.
- Motion passed 7-0

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.

- No Public Comment

9. Authorize the Chairman to prepare and submit any recommendations from today's meeting to the Wildlife Commission for its consideration at its May 4th and 5th, 2018 meeting in Reno, Nevada. (For Possible Action)

- Public comment:
- A motion was made and seconded to authorize the Chairman to prepare and submit any recommendations from today's meeting to the Commission for its consideration at its May 4th and 5th, 2018 meeting in Reno, Nevada.
- Motion passed unanimously 7-0

10. The next Clark County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife meeting is scheduled for June 26th, 2018 in the Clark County Government Center Pueblo Room, 500 S. Grand Central Parkway, Las Vegas. This meeting will be in support of the June 29 and 30, 2018, commission meeting in Dyer, Esmeralda County, Nevada.

11. Adjournment

- Meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm