



# Clark County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife

## MEETING MINUTES

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Date: May 7, 2013

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

Time: 5:30 pm

Board Members Present: Paul Dixon, Chair                      Michael J. Reese, Vice Chair (arrived 6:35)  
John Sullivan    Brian Patterson                                      Mike Pergola

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: May 2, 2013

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### 1. Call to Order

- The meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm by Chairman Paul Dixon.
- Roll call of Board Members was performed by Stacy Matthews. A quorum was present.

### 2. Pledge of Allegiance

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

### 3. Approval of Minutes of April 2, 2013 CCABMW Meeting - Action

- A Motion was made and seconded to approve the Minutes of the Board Meeting held on April 2, 2013 as written. The motion passed unanimously.

### 4. Approval of Agenda for April 2, 2013- Action

- Chairman Paul Dixon noted that the agenda, as published, called for approval of the Minutes for the March 12th CCABMW meeting. Those Minutes were approved at the April 2nd meeting. Thus, the Agenda should be corrected to state that, under item #3, the Board will be asked to approve the Minutes for the April 2nd, 2013 meeting.

- A motion was made and seconded to accept the Meeting Agenda as written with the correction of item #3 to read "Approval of Minutes of April 2, 2013 CCABMW Meeting". Motion passed unanimously.

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

**5. CAB Member Items/Announcements/Correspondence: (*Informational*):** Clark County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife (CCABMW) members may present emergent items. No action may be taken by the CCABMW. Any item requiring CCABMW action will be scheduled on a future CCABMW agenda. CCABMW board members may discuss any correspondence sent or received. (CCABMW board members must provide hard copies of their correspondence for the written record).

- Brian Patterson shared information he had from a concerned caller regarding Registered Guide fees for Lake Mead. The caller stated that Nevada charges \$650 per year for Nevada residents, and is now looking to require non-residents (Arizona guides) to register in Nevada as well for the same fee. The concern is that Arizona will probably turn around and do the same requiring Nevada guides to register in Arizona for their \$300 annual fee.
- Lt. Mike Maynard (NDOW) stated that there is no reciprocity agreement between Arizona and Nevada. If you want to fish on the Arizona side of the Lake, you need an Arizona permit.
- Mike Pergola suggested adding this topic to a future agenda and trying to get the states to start sharing fees.
- Chairman Paul Dixon noted that the Ruby Pipeline Supplemental EIS is out for review with 45 day public comment this summer.
- Chairman Paul Dixon 2014 CCABMW Budget request has been submitted.
- Chairman Paul Dixon toured mines in the lower end of the Rubies to see travel corridors for mule deer. Paul discovered the haul roads are impediment to mule deer migration. Chairman Paul Dixon is submitting his write-up for the record.
- Stacy Matthews announced all 2014 meetings, except the August meeting in Overton, will be held in the Pueblo Room at the Clark County Government Center.

**6. Status of Overton WMA Conceptual Management Plan (*Informational*):** Chairman Dixon and NDOW representatives will provide an informational update on the Overton.

- Mike Zahredka (NDOW) oversees operations at the Wildlife Management Areas around the State. He discussed specific strategies in the Overton CMP. He stated that those who received an email copy of the strategies can email [overtoncmp@ndow.org](mailto:overtoncmp@ndow.org) with comments by 5/17. Targeting completion of the CMP by mid-June.
- Chairman Paul Dixon and John Sullivan asked if Overton residents would have chance to give feedback before the CCABMW meeting in early August.
- Mike Zahredka believes it is possible that a discussion could take place at the June CCABMW meeting with the first draft available soon after. Then a discussion of the draft in Overton would be feasible.
- Mike Koval shared his issues on CMP: 1) dog training restrictions and noise making 2) moving blinds 9 & 10 to protect private property. Requesting blind #15 be reinstated facing east like 9 & 10.
- Tim Wood, NDOW, stated that dog training is limited to one pond, and training is permitted all day, but noise makers are restricted to the morning only.
- Chairman Paul Dixon urged everyone to read CMP draft and prepare to discuss in June.

7. **Legislative Committee Update (Informational):** Informational update on bill status of bill we have discussed for the 2013 Session.

- Chairman Paul Dixon reviewed bills discussed at the last meeting:
  - SB333 - died in Committee
  - John Sullivan reviewed latest status of trapping bill SB213. Assembly has changed what was approved by the Senate. Final version is still being discussed.
  - SB82 - bear hunting to be allowed to go 3 years then evaluated - left to Wildlife Commission to control.
  - SJR7 - Right to Hunt and Fish - died in committee
  - SB245 - Dangerous animals - left to counties to decide.
  - AB168 - CAB membership - next vacancy to be someone to represent the general public.
  - SB134 - Guzzlers - amended to only promote good stewardship of guzzlers.
  - AB461 - Sage grouse ecosystem - no funding planned. NDOW started project with money.
  - AB345 - use of predator funds for non-predator control purposes - still in discussion

8. **Wild Horse Update – NDOW (Informational):** will provide an update on the status of wild horse issues pending in Nevada.

- Chairman Paul Dixon introduced this looking for someone from NDOW with an update.
- Mike Zahredka, NDOW, had no input on wild horses, but noted that the NDOW person responsible for wild horse issues, Elmer Bull, has taken another job outside NDOW.

9. **Action Items:**

**A. Discuss & make recommendations regarding the following Action Items from the Board of Wildlife Commissioners May 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>, 2013 Agenda and additional items brought forth to the Clark CCABMW from the public for discussion.**

CCABMW agenda & support materials are available upon request to Stacy Matthews (702) 455-2705 or [smatthews@co.clark.nv.us](mailto:smatthews@co.clark.nv.us). The final Commission agenda & support materials should be available on May 6, 2013 at

[http://www.ndow.org/Commission/Schedule\\_and\\_Agenda/](http://www.ndow.org/Commission/Schedule_and_Agenda/)

1. **Nevada wildlife disease report. (For Possible Action)** Clark CABMW Board Member Mike Reese requested that NDOW start providing information through a link on their web page to what diseases are affecting our wildlife. Chairman Dixon will lead a discussion and develop recommendations that will be sent to the Nevada Wildlife Commission and NDOW.
  - Chairman Paul Dixon tabled this item as VCR is not present.
  - Pat Cummings noted that NDOW biologist, Peregrine Wolff, is willing to attend a future CCABMW meeting to discuss with the Board and the Public.
2. **Input to the Heritage Committee. (For Possible Action)** The Clark CABMW Board will provide recommendations on the 2014 Heritage project proposals to the Heritage Committee.
  - Chairman Paul Dixon reviewed proposed 17 Heritage Projects. Only about 50% of requests can be funded.
  - Commissioner McBeath noted that last year additional funds were made available to support Fraternity of the Desert Bighorn.
  - Chairman Paul Dixon read the list of proposed projects noting the funds requested for each. Given that the Heritage Fund balance is \$477,741.48 and the total requested is \$870,763.94, determining which projects are funded fully or partially will be difficult.

- Brian Patterson asked how we proceed.
- John Sullivan endorsed supporting the water improvement projects.
- Brian Patterson stated his support for all FDB and the respiratory pathogens projects.
- Pat Cummings, NDOW, noted that biologists are beginning to see that mountain goats are able to harbor and carry diseases and pass them to other species, like the Rocky Mountain Bighorn Sheep.
- Chairman Paul Dixon discussed 14-06 (Southern Eureka County Wildlife Habitat Enhancement) including donations of funds and resources.
- Chairman Paul Dixon asked Pat Cummings what species are included in Project 14-01, (Big Game Capture, Transplant, and Monitor Program).
- Pat Cummings, NDOW, stated that the Program covers Sheep and Antelope.
- Mike Pergola asked if relocations were to areas being hunted.
- Pat Cummings answered yes, and explained translocation strategies.
- Chairman Paul Dixon discussed Mule Deer Survivability study. Matching funds outpace requested funds 5-1.
- Mike Koval recommended that Project 14-12 be funded federally
- Commissioner McBeath explained reasons for 14-12 and 14-01. For 14-12 (Dispersal Patterns of Nevada Waterfowl) is looking to remove the requirement that hunters identify which species of duck they shoot. For 14-01 (Capture, Transplant, and Monitor) is essential to continue to grow the herds.
- Pat Cummings noted funding for 14-01 covers capture, transplant, and monitor. Monitoring equipment is becoming more sophisticated and more expensive. Another aspect of monitoring is funding biologists going into the field to observe herds, etc.
- Chairman Paul Dixon reviewed projects that have strong support leaving \$130K to be spread across remaining projects.
- Commissioner McBeath noted that NDOW has \$400K in predator funds for predator projects that show little return or success.
- Chairman Paul Dixon explained his rationale for supporting certain projects. Water is first importance for habitat improvement.
- Mike Pergola asked can we use predator funds.
- Chairman Paul Dixon noted that Predator funds discussed in AB345.
- Arlene Gawne asked who makes the decision on where predator funds are used.
- Chairman Paul Dixon replied that by statute, predator funds are required to be used for predator removal.
- Commissioner McBeath shared that the current law allows use of predator funds for habitat.
- Ryan Werner suggested enlisting trapping groups to assist in predator control.
- Commissioner McBeath noted that coyote trapping is not cost effective at \$40 per pelt.
- Mike Koval asked Commissioner McBeath if USFWS is still doing predator control
- Commissioner McBeath explained that most of USFWS predator control is oriented toward agriculture.
- John Sullivan agreed on focus on agriculture. Suggested having USFWS attend CCABMW to explain their role in Nevada.
- Chairman Paul Dixon asked the Board for a motion.
- Motion was made and seconded to recommend funding projects 14-01, 14-02, 14-05, 14-10 thru 14-12, and 14-14 thru 14-17, total: \$340K leaving the remainder to the Commission to distribute. Motion passed Yes: 4, No: 0, Abstained: 1.

**3. Commission Regulation 13 – 09, 2013 Big Game Quotas for the 2013 - 14 Seasons. (For Possible Action)** Review, discuss and recommend to the Nevada Board of Wildlife

Commissioners that they adopt or modify proposed regulations for the numbers of tags to be issued for mule deer, pronghorn antelope, elk, bighorn sheep, mountain goats and black bears for the 2013 - 2014 seasons.

### **Black Bear**

- 44 tags for harvest objective of 20.
- Last year, 10 males, 1 female harvested.
- Robert Gaudet asked if rules have changed regarding sows.
- John Sullivan answered that the rules for sows changed last year. No change for this year.
- Neil Dilly asked if a non-resident harvested a bear last year.
- Chairman Paul Dixon stated that no non-resident took a bear last year.
- Motion made and seconded to approve Hunts 6151 and 6251 as proposed. Motion passed unanimously.

### **Antelope**

- Chairman Paul Dixon noted hunt 2181 only hunt with significant increase.
- A motion made and seconded to approve proposed quotas for Hunts 2151, 2171, 2161, 2181, 2251, and 2261. Motion passed unanimously.

### **Elk**

- Chairman Paul Dixon noted that elk quotas increased across all hunts due to growth of herds.
- Mike Pergola asked about interstate herds and the number of tags in border areas.
- Pat Cummings no agreement with Idaho like we have with Utah on interstate herds.
- A motion made and seconded to approve proposed quotas for Hunts 4102, 4151, 4156, 4161, 4181, 4107, 4176, 4111, 4251, 4256, 4261, and 4281. Motion passed unanimously.

### **Nelson Bighorn**

- Chairman Paul Dixon asked Pat Cummings reasons for adjustments in quotas.
- Pat Cummings explained that the quotas are set based on lambing 6 years ago with adjustments for survival rate factors.
- A motion made and seconded to approve proposed quotas for Hunts 3151 and 3251. Motion passed unanimously.

### **California Bighorn**

- No comments
- A motion made and seconded to approve proposed quotas for Hunts 8151 and 8251. Motion passed unanimously.

### **Rocky Mountain Bighorn**

- VCR asked if there are any sheep in the Rubies.
- Pat Cummings only transplants.
- Commissioner McBeath stated that the remaining Rocky Mountain Bighorn Sheep were removed from Rubies then 20 added.
- A motion made and seconded to approve proposed quotas for Hunt 9151. Motion passed unanimously.

### **Mountain Goat**

- No comments
- A motion made and seconded to approve proposed quotas for Hunt 7151. Motion passed Yes: 4, No: 0, Abstained: 1 (Pergola).

### **Junior Mule Deer**

- The Board discussed the benefit of junior hunt

- Chairman Paul Dixon stressed that the number of tags should equal number of applicants so all juniors can hunt.
- A motion made and seconded to approve proposed quotas for Hunt 1107 with increase of tags to match number of applicants. Motion passed Yes: 4, No: 0, Abstained: 1 (Pergola).

#### **Mule Deer - Depredation Hunt**

- A motion made and seconded to approve proposed quotas for Hunt 1101. Motion passed Yes: 4, No: 0, Abstained: 1 (Pergola).

#### **Mule Deer - Antlerless**

- A motion made and seconded to approve proposed quotas for Hunts 1181. Motion passed Yes: 4, No: 0, Abstained: 1 (Pergola).

#### **Mule Deer - Antlered - 1331**

- Brian Patterson questioned split season. instead of 90/10 split early/late can we do 85/15?
- Pat Cummings answered that it can be done.
- VCR offered that early hunters are traditionally meat hunters, while late hunters are selective and looking for a specific type of animal.
- Commissioner McBeath stated that CABs are very protective of trophy deer allocations in their areas, and try to limit the late hunt numbers.
- A motion made and seconded to approve proposed quotas for Hunt 1331 with all units that have a 90%-10% split for early/late hunts be changed to 85%-15%. Motion passed Yes: 4, No: 0, Abstained: 1 (Pergola).

#### **Mule Deer - Muzzle Loader and Archery**

- A motion made and seconded to approve proposed quotas for Hunts 1371 and 1341. Motion passed Yes: 4, No: 0, Abstained: 1 (Pergola).

#### **Mule Deer - non-resident**

- A motion made and seconded to approve proposed quotas for non-resident Hunts 1331, 1371 and 1341. Motion passed Yes: 4, No: 0, Abstained: 1 (Pergola).

#### **Mule Deer - Land owner compensation**

- A motion made and seconded to approve proposed quotas for Hunts 1115, 1215, 2115, and 2215. Motion passed Yes: 4, No: 0, Abstained: 1 (Pergola).

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

- Arlene Gawne stated that they have 3 volunteers for the Spring Mountains wild horse project. The three men will attend 3-day training in Montana to learn how to prepare and administer PCP injections in wild horses (via rifle). Her group still needs to get BLM approval for the contraceptive program.
- Garnet Pasquale noted an error in the published Minutes of the February Wildlife Commission meeting regarding PCP contraceptive treatment of horses.

**11. Authorize the Chairman to prepare and submit any recommendations from today's meeting to the Commission for its consideration at its May 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> meeting in Reno, Nevada. (For Possible Action)**

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

**12. The next Clark County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife meeting is scheduled for June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2013 at the Clark County Government Center, Pueblo Room to support the scheduled Wildlife Commission meeting on June 21<sup>st</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup>, 2013 in Ely, Nevada.**

**13. Adjournment**

- A motion was made and seconded to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:35PM.