



# Clark County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife

## MEETING MINUTES

Date: May 6, 2014  
Location: Clark County Government Center  
500 S. Grand Central Pkwy.,  
Las Vegas, NV 89155-1111  
Time: 5:30 pm

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

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

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

Date: April 30, 2014

### 1. Call to Order

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

### 2. Pledge of Allegiance

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

### 3. Approval of Minutes of March 18, 2014 CCABMW Meeting - Action

- Chairman Paul Dixon noted that Stephanie Myers had emailed comments on the minutes stating that she felt she was misquoted during her Public Comment presentation at the last meeting. Stacy Matthews said she believed the summation of Ms. Myers' statements was accurate, but would review the audio recording from the March 2014 meeting and correct the Minutes as necessary.
- A motion was made and seconded to approve the Minutes of the Board Meeting held on March 18, 2014 as written with the stipulation that Stacy Matthews would review the audio and make necessary changes. The motion passed unanimously.

### 4. Approval of Agenda for May 6, 2014 – Action

- Vice Chair Reese asked for a break to be scheduled mid-meeting.
- A motion was made and seconded to accept the Meeting Agenda as written with the addition of a break when possible. 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).

- John Sullivan noted a recent article in the Review-Journal regarding the discovery of non-native exotic deer lice in Nevada. These lice have been known to kill deer, especially fawns.
- Vice Chair Reese highlighted several items: The Wilson Creek wind farm is officially dead; the Willow Beach Hatchery is still open due to pressure from Arizona sportsmen. It will remain open short term; Fraternity Banquet will be held at the South Point on May 17; Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation will have a banquet on May 31st at the South Point; The Clark County Shooting Park nearing 2 million visitor mark. Woods & Waters Silhouette Shoot will be held May 17 at the Ed Center at the CC Shooting Park.
- Chairman Paul Dixon shared that due to drought conditions, the Wild Horse Reservoir, the Wilson Sink Reservoir, and the Willow Creek Reservoir have no limits on game fish through the summer. He also advised on submitted budget for the Board. Chairman will continue to travel to attend meetings rather than use video conferencing. Nevada Association of Counties suing BLM on wild horse overpopulation.

**6. Action Items:**

**Discuss & make recommendations regarding the following Action Items from the Board of Wildlife Commissioners May 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>, 2014 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 April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at [http://www.ndow.org/Commission/Schedule\\_and\\_Agenda/](http://www.ndow.org/Commission/Schedule_and_Agenda/)

**A. Commission Regulation 14–10, 2014 Big Game Quotas for the 2014 - (For Possible Action)**

The Clark CABMW Board will review, discuss and make recommendations to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners about regulations for the numbers of tags to be issued for mule deer, pronghorn antelope, elk, bighorn sheep, mountain goats and black bears for the 2014-2015 seasons.

• **Black Bear**

- Brian Patterson noted that there is no change in quotas from last year or the year before.
- John Hiatt believes NDOW should lower quotas due to drought conditions.
- Brian Patterson sees no need to reduce the quotas since the harvest has yet to reach the quotas set.
- Vice Chair Reese noted that the hunt harvest is considerable less than mortality from other causes.
- John Sullivan stated that he endorses NDOW proposal.
- Bill Stanley agreed with John Sullivan.

- Jana Wright stated that she doesn't understand need to hunt bears. She wants the quota set as low as possible.
- Stephanie Myers noted that she agrees with what Jana Wright said and it is her belief that bear hunting is trophy hunting.
- Richard Pabst stated that he hunts bear for the meat not for trophy.
- Dave Stowater wants the quota raised.
- Brian Cimperman also wants the quota raised. He believes that increasing the harvest will reduce other forms of bear mortality.
- A motion was made and seconded to approve Bear Hunts 6151 and 6251 as proposed. Motion passed unanimously.
- **Antelope**
  - Chairman Paul Dixon introduced the various antelope hunts.
  - Brian Patterson asked for clarification on quota changes. No NDOW biologist was in attendance to discuss antelope populations and quotas.
  - Vice Chair Reese noted that the antelope population is up 25% over the last 10 years.
  - Brian Patterson stated that he agrees with proposed quotas.
  - Vice Chair Reese shared that quotas are just number of tags issued not the number harvested which is usually 50% or less.
  - There was no public comment.
  - A motion was made and seconded to approve Antelope Hunts 2151, 2171, 2161, 2181, 2251 and 2261 as proposed. Motion passed unanimously.
- **Elk**
  - Chairman Paul Dixon introduced elk seasons. NDOW is trying to reduce elk populations, including a 51% increase in cow elk tags from 2013.
  - Vice Chair Reese is waiting to see results of DELK and BELK hunts. He is in favor of the proposed quotas.
  - Brian Patterson noted in Hunt 4111 Units 72, 73, and 74, cow elk quotas are reduced.
  - Chairman Paul Dixon asked Richard Pabst for input.
  - Richard Pabst was not able to give clear answer. Perhaps it is reflected in shift of quotas for Belk and Delk hunts.
  - Chairman Paul Dixon agreed with Richard Pabst.
  - Richard Pabst is not speaking for the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, but he personally is looking to establish a youth hunt for next year.
  - Janet Little asked about elk herd growth.
  - Chairman Paul Dixon stated elk are exploding in Nevada.
  - Richard Pabst stated that the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation is looking for projects in Southern NV (guzzlers, fencing, etc.) to fund.
  - Brian Cimperman stated that if we don't meet harvest numbers, increase the quotas
  - Chairman Paul Dixon advised that we don't need extra hunters in field, thus the Belk and Delk hunts. Rather than issue more tags, NDOW may extend the seasons into January.
  - Kensen Lee noted that the demand-success rate affects quotas.
  - A motion was made and seconded to approve Elk Hunts 4102, 4151, 4156, 4161, 4651, 4641, 4107, 4181, 4181, 4481/4151, 4481/1331, 4176, 4476/4156, 4476/1371, 4111, 4411/4161, 4411/1341, 4251, 4256, 4261 and 4281 as proposed. Motion passed unanimously.
- **Nelson (Desert) Bighorn Sheep**
  - Chairman Paul Dixon introduced the various Nelson Bighorn hunts.
  - Brian Patterson asked Pat Cummings about ewe vs. ram hunts in units where there are disease events.

- Pat Cummings answered that ideally, the ram and ewe hunts should be separated, but since the seasons are set first then the quotas, that did not happen this year. It will probably happen next year.
- Brian Patterson asked about units where there are disease events, is there any thought of increasing quotas to increase the harvest rather than letting the sheep die from the pathogens?
- Pat Cummings explained about the various diseases and the proliferation of those diseases.
- Chairman Paul Dixon noted that sheep will migrate over long distances and diseases can spread quickly.
- Pat Cummings went into more detail on the diseases and what biologists have learned by studying the sheep movements. When NDOW charted the various sheep herds in Nevada and drew a 20 mile circle around each herd, it showed connectivity of herds from Idaho to Laughlin. This connectivity allows for the transfer of parasites and pathogens. He believes there are too many sheep in too many places to be safe.
- Bill Stanley asked about "trading" with other states for different species as an alternative to the ewe hunts.
- Pat Cummings noted that there is no concept of trading. NDOW only responds to requests from other states.
- John Sullivan asked for clarification on hunt vs. disease.
- Pat Cummings explained that lambs get immunity from the mother and are strong when born, but the immunity wears off over a few months and the lamb gets sick and dies.
- Vice Chair Reese asked if guzzler water is ever tested for pathogens and parasites?
- Pat Cummings answered almost never. Sheep are social and tend to die near water.
- A motion was made and seconded to approve Nelson Bighorn Sheep Hunts 3151, 3181 and 3251 as proposed. Motion passed unanimously.
- **California Bighorn Sheep**
  - Brian Patterson noted reductions in quotas. All changes seem rational
  - A motion was made and seconded to approve Nelson Bighorn Sheep Hunts 8151, 8181, and 8251 as proposed. Motion passed unanimously.
- **Rocky Mountain Bighorn Sheep/Mountain Goat**
  - Brian Patterson noted the minor changes in quotas from last year
  - Vice Chair Reese asked Pat Cummings about transplanted RMBH from Alberta, Canada.
  - Pat Cummings said he is not knowledgeable as to their status.
  - Richard Pabst asked if Goats are affected the same as sheep?
  - Pat Cummings responded that Goats are also susceptible to the sheep pathogens but do better than the Sheep.
  - Janet Little stated that she had read an article that diseases are transmitted from domestic sheep.
  - John Sullivan asked if RMBH and Goats were indigenous?
  - Pat Cummings answered no and explained historical background for the Bighorn Sheep.
  - A motion was made and seconded to approve Rocky Mountain Bighorn Sheep Hunt 9151 and Mountain Goat Hunt 7151 as proposed. Motion passed unanimously.
- **Mule Deer**
  - Brian Patterson discussed quota changes from last year.
  - Hunt 1107 - Youth hunt - 3561 tags
  - Vice Chair Reese would like the quota to match the number of tags applied for
  - A motion was made and seconded to approve Mule Deer Youth Hunt #1107 with final quota number equal to number of applicants. Motion passed unanimously.

- Chairman Paul Dixon noted that Lincoln CAB recommended Hunt 1341 Unit 231 reduce the quota to 40 resident and 4 non-resident.
- Vice Chair Reese wondered why landowner tags numbers and units are not published. He requested that NDOW publish the numbers of Landowner and Guided Tags to be issued.
- Richard Pabst asked how landowner tags are allocated.
- Chairman Paul Dixon explained that one tag is allocated for every 50 deer found on property on day of survey by NDOW rep.
- A motion was made and seconded to approve Mule Deer Hunts 1101, 1181, 1331, 1371, 1341, 1331(NR), 1341 (NR) and 1371 (NR) as proposed except for Hunt 1341 Unit 231 40-4 resident/non-resident and request landowner tag distribution across units be published. Motion passed unanimously.

**B. Clark CABMW recommendation and nomination (Per NRS 501.171) of a replacement for Michael McBeath on the Wildlife Commission. (For Possible Action)** Draft a letter to the Governor per NRS 501.171, which has the Clark CABMW recommendation for a candidate to replace Michael McBeath on the Wildlife Commission.

- Chairman Paul Dixon introduced this item and announced his intention to seek appointment to the Commission. Kensen Lee stated he will also seek appointment.
- Vice Chair Reese commented on both candidates.
- Kensen Lee shared his history. He was a member of the CCABMW from 1997 thru 2003.
- Brian Cimperman advised the Cab to endorse both.
- Stephanie Myers asked both to discuss their day jobs.
- Kensen Lee is a branch manager for a HVAC supplier.
- Chairman Paul Dixon is a Senior Program Manager with Los Alamos National Laboratory focused on Nuclear Waste Clean-up Programs.
- Carmen Rhoads asked when will the appointments be made?
- Chairman Paul Dixon speculated that it would be in July.
- A motion was made and seconded to recommend both Chairman Paul Dixon and Kensen Lee to the Governor. Motion passed unanimously.

**C. Clark CABMW recommendation and nomination (Per NRS 501.171) of a replacement for Jack Robb on the Wildlife Commission. (For Possible Action)** Draft a letter to the Governor per NRS 501.171, which has the Clark CABMW recommendation for a candidate to replace Jack Robb on the Wildlife Commission.

- Chairman Paul Dixon noted that Rex Flowers and Brad Johnston have both submitted letters seeking appointment to fill Jack Robb's seat on the Commission
- Vice Chair Reese endorsed both men.
- Chairman Paul Dixon endorsed Brad Johnston because of his legal background.
- Kensen Lee stated his preference to recommend both.
- John Sullivan asked if candidates need to have endorsements from all CABs or a certain number of CABs.
- Chairman Paul Dixon responded that the Governor, according to NRS, accepts letters and endorsements from the CABs and the Public, but is under no obligation to follow any recommendations.
- Richard Pabst asked if this is the only time recommendations are to be submitted to the Governor.
- Chairman Paul Dixon stated that the CCABMW was asked to provide recommendations at this CAB meeting.
- Kensen Lee noted that the application can be submitted at the Grant Sawyer Building.

- A motion was made and seconded to nominate both but highlight strengths of each. For: 5  
Abstain: 1 (John Hiatt)

**D. Fiscal Year 2015 Draft Predation Management Plan (Second Draft) - (*For Possible Action*)** The Clark CABMW Board will review, discuss and make recommendations to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners about the third draft of the proposed Fiscal Year 2015 Predator Management Plan.

- Chairman Paul Dixon introduced this item.
- John Sullivan noted the report discusses red fox and the potential of the sage grouse being classified as a protected species.
- Bill Stanley stated that there are four projects for sage grouse protection.
- John Hiatt noted that NDOW feels the red fox greater threat to sage grouse than ravens or coyotes
- Stephanie Myers asked for summary of the plan.
- Chairman Paul Dixon read the list of proposed projects.
- Jana Wright stated she is happy to see only \$10K on project 21, opposes 22-01, glad to see Project 25 is completing.
- Richard Pabst noted that only funds from hunting and tag applications other than matching funds, goes to fund these projects
- Vice Chair Reese again raised his objection to project 25 and provided background on the Predator Management Fee.
- Chairman Paul Dixon shared the fact that a former chairman of the Wildlife Commission felt that results from studies of coyotes done in Utah, Idaho, and California were not applicable to Nevada and thus a new five-year study was commissioned.
- Bill Stanley stated that while understanding and not necessarily disagreeing with Vice Chair Reese's comments on Project 25, he hopes that the PhD candidate studying the coyotes in Nevada is developing the knowledge and skills to apply to future studies that have more relevance.
- Shannon Ireland asked who pays for these projects.
- Chairman Paul Dixon responded that the Predator Fee and matching funds from various organizations and Pittman-Robertson funds.
- Truman asked what is in place to see that this doesn't happen again.
- Chairman Paul Dixon responded that now we have a different governor and a different commission.
- Brian Patterson believes general sportsman needs education on where \$3 goes.
- John Hiatt feels it's important to study what predators are eating.
- A motion was made and seconded to approve the Plan as presented.
- Vice Chair Reese feels there is a need for a caveat on Project 25.
- John Sullivan agrees with Vice Chair Reese on Project 25 and further noted that other projects are suspect.
- Bill Stanley agrees on Project 25 but the Plan needs to accent sage grouse habitat so it is not added to endangered list.
- The motion was amended and seconded to recommend approve all projects except Project 25.
- Bill Stanley objected to new amended motion.
- Vote on amendment Y:4 N:2 (Chairman Paul Dixon, John Hiatt)
- Vote on motion: Motion passed unanimously.

**E. Commission General Regulation 445, Black Powder Definition, LCB File No. R045-14 - (*For Possible Action*)** The Clark CABMW Board will review, discuss and make

recommendations to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners about the adoption of a regulation relating to hunting; revising provisions relating to hunting a big game mammal with a muzzle loading rifle or muzzle loading musket; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

**F. 2015 Nevada Department of Wildlife Legislative Proposals - (For Possible Action)**

The Clark CABMW Board will review, discuss and make recommendations to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners about new 2015 legislative proposals.

**G. Second Reading of Commission Policy #50, Duck Stamp Procedure - (For Possible Action)**

The Clark CABMW Board will review, discuss and make recommendations to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners about proposed updates to Commission Policy #50.

**7. Spot lighting discussion (Informational) –** A member of the public asked that the Advisory board have a public discussion on spot lighting in the Spring Mountains.

- Chairman Paul Dixon introduced this item. It came from a letter from Carmen Rhoada regarding spotlighting in Cold Creek area
- Chairman Paul Dixon highlighted existing laws and regulations regarding use of lights in big game hunting, etc.
- Carmen Rhoada two does and a fawn were shot last January in Cold Creek. Many times there are spotlights on Camp Bonanza Rd. She suspects poaching but NDOW says the people could be looking for coyotes.
- Chairman Paul Dixon asked NDOW enforcement for input.
- Maynard, NDOW, offered that spotlighting is difficult to enforce due to the randomness and timing. No direct evidence of poaching by spotlight. Shining lights on big game is not illegal. Many times, the spotlighting is trying to find coyotes. There are many laws on firearm usage. There are also rules regarding spotlighting based on time of year, locale, etc.
- David Pfeiffer, NDOW, added that White Pine County passed a no-spotlighting ordinance due to the cattle industry in that county. At night, a cow's eyes look a lot like a deer's.
- Janet Little asked is it illegal to chase elk on ATVs and shoot at them to make them run? Yes
- Richard Pabst noted poachers are bad, spotlighting for coyotes is legal and will continue and will increase.
- Carmen Rhoada feels that Clark County should pass an ordinance against spotlighting.
- Chairman Paul Dixon agreed that the County Commission is where an ordinance needs to be enacted.
- Dave Stowater warned that if 24hr trap checks is approved in Clark County, spotlighting will increase.
- Shannon Ireland noted that ethical sportsmen catch the brunt of backlash from poachers and harassers.
- Cody Boor suggested reporting any harassment of elk or other animals to proper authorities and if possible photograph or video the activities.
- Steve Reiter shared that he often takes his horse trailers into Cold Creek and uses spotlights to find safe parking area or to highlight wildlife.
- Carmen Rhoada asked what solution is there for poaching? If you outlaw spotlighting then anyone using a spotlight is probably poaching.
- Richard Pabst offered that outlawing guns and bows won't even stop poaching. Poaching is done by criminals.
- Sean Beal shared that hunting with a spotlight is illegal.

**8. Disease Event Update – Southern California Desert Bighorn Sheep –Pat Cummings**

**(Informational)** – A wild sheep disease report will be provided and impacts on the Southern Nevada Big Horn populations.

- 9. Status update on the Overton Conceptual Management Plan (*Informational*)** – An NDOW representative will lead a discussion about the status of the Overton CMP.
- 10. Discussion of FY15 Heritage Project proposals (*Informational*)** The Clark CABMW will review and discuss the FY15 Heritage proposals
- 11. 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.**
- Janet Little made comments in favor of sage grouse protection.
  - Charles Brumback asked if the non-native exotic deer lice John Sullivan mentioned earlier would be classified as an invasive species.
  - Chairman Paul Dixon responded that he was not sure how the lice could be handled as an invasive species.
  - Richard Pabst commented on trapping in proximity to houses, etc., where the threat from coyotes is greater than threat from trapping.
  - Dave Stowater agreed with Richard Pabst asked where are any studies on roads and trails targeted to be closed, and on coyotes feral cats in Clark County.
- 12. Authorize the Chairman to prepare and submit any recommendations from today's meeting to the Commission for its consideration at its May 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> meeting in Reno, Nevada. (*For Possible Action*)**
- 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 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> meeting in Reno, Nevada. Motion passed unanimously.
- 13. The next Clark County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife meeting is scheduled for June 17th 2014 Clark County Government Center to support the scheduled Wildlife Commission meeting on June 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>, 2014 in Tonopah, Nevada.**
- 14. Adjournment**
- Meeting was adjourned at 8:56 pm

*This agenda was posted on or before the third working day before the meeting in accordance with NRS 241.020 at the following locations:* Nevada Department of Wildlife, 4747 West Vegas Drive, Las Vegas, Nevada, 89158; 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, Mesquite, Nevada, 89027.

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