



Clark County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife

MEETING MINUTES

Date: February 3, 2015
Location: Clark County Government Center
ODC Classroom 3
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
Brian Patterson Joe Luby John Sullivan John Hiatt

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

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

Date: January 28, 2015

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1. Call to Order

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

2. Pledge of Allegiance

- Chairman Paul Dixon requested all stand and Brian Patterson led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Approval of Minutes of November 5, 2014 CCABMW Meeting (*FOR POSSIBLE ACTION*)

- Chairman Paul Dixon asked the Board and attendees for any comments or corrections.
- Hearing none, a motion was made and seconded to approve the Minutes of the Board Meeting held on November 5, 2014 as written. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Approval of Agenda for February 3, 2015– (*FOR POSSIBLE ACTION*)

- Chairman Paul Dixon introduced this topic and asked for comments on the proposed Agenda.
- Hearing none, a motion was made and seconded to approve the Agenda for the February 3, 2015 Board Meeting as written. The 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.

- Vice Chair Reese highlighted several organization banquets: Safari Club (SCI) convention tomorrow through Saturday at Mandalay Bay, SCI-Boy Scout Shoot held today at the CC Shooting Park, WHIN Banquet set for March 14th, Las Vegas Woods and Waters Banquet set for February 20th at the South Point. Nevada Sportsman's Unlimited banquet was 2 weeks ago with over 300 in attendance.
- Mule Deer Foundation for Lincoln County are separating from the Mule Deer Foundation. They will hold a banquet on March 28th.
- State Wildlife Meeting out at Lake Mead within the LMNRA. Thirteen locations in town were surveyed; NDOW does not pay for the room. Needed room large enough to accommodate the group. No charge for entrance to attend the meeting.
- Brian Patterson noted that the National Archery in the Schools Program is holding a tournament at South Point. Starts Thursday the 5th.
- Chairman Paul Dixon shared that as a judge on the Wayne E Kirch Conservation Award panel this year. Jim Rackley of Winnemucca is this year's winner.

6. Recap of November 2014 Reno Commission Meeting Actions (Informational) – A recap of actions taken by the Wildlife Commission will be compared to Clark Recommendations.

- Chairman Paul Dixon introduced this topic and highlighted actions taken by the Commission.
- All of the boating regulations passed.
- The controversial things discussed at the last CAB: ability to carry hand guns during archery season and use of cross bows by disabled persons. Commission voted to allow hunters to carry a hand gun with barrel less than 8 inches long. The Commission also authorized handicapped persons with a doctor's note to use a cross bow.

7. Open Meeting Law Presentation by DA Ofelia Monje (Informational) – This training was requested on behalf of Commissioner Chris Giunchigliani (30 Minutes).

- Chairman Paul Dixon introduced Ofelia Monje, from the Clark County District Attorney's Office.
- Ofelia Monje, a member of the Civil Division in Clark County, prepared a handout for the Board and interested members of the public.
- Ofelia Monje noted that the Open Meeting Law (OML) regulations are found in Chapter 241 of the NRS.
- The Nevada Attorney General's website has a section dedicated to OML. The AG is responsible for investigating any claims of violation of OML.
- The AG website provides the statutes, and opinions that have been handed down in the past regarding OML cases.
- Ofelia Monje provided a 2012 copy of the OML Manual to Stacy Matthews.
- Ofelia Monje made special notice of chapter 241.010 which discusses intent. You cannot always find answer in statute, so you must look at the intent to give you the answer to whether or not this was an OML violation.
- She noted that OML is applicable when a public body deliberates, takes action on any matter over which the public body has supervision.

- She described a "walking quorum" as a series of meetings with subsets of the board that when totaled equates to a quorum. You can't have a walking quorum, make sure meeting is open and within intent of law.
- A meeting can happen intentionally or by accident. You don't want to have a secret meeting, or with the intent to circumvent the OML.
- Lectures and social functions are not meetings unless you are talking about business.
- If you are talking about the issue you are deliberating.
- OML is applicable when you take action or deliberate.
- Under OML, there is a whole statute regarding an agenda. An agenda is designed for members of the public. I reviewing an agenda it is important to determine if the average person knows what the item is about.
- Meetings must follow the agenda. If a topic is not on the agenda, then it cannot be discussed since people weren't properly noticed.
- Any limits on discussion must be reasonable and listed on the agenda.
- Public Comment can be provided at the beginning and end of agenda, or after discussion of each action item prior to vote.
- The purpose of meeting is for the public. The agenda must be available three full days in advance of the meeting.
- At closed meetings, you can only discuss issues but cannot take action.
- Record keeping requirements are as follows: minutes kept 5 years. Meetings must be taped or transcribed. Tapes and recordings are kept for 1 year.
- John Hiatt asked about items brought up during Public Comment and received confirmation that the Board can listen and put on a future agenda but cannot discuss the items.
- Ofelia Monje added that when an entity makes a comment on behalf of self or an organization, you can take the comment for what it is worth. We cannot limit public comments. It's up to the public to fully disclose any affiliation. The board can impose a time limit on public comments.
- Chairman Paul Dixon asked about situations during public comment where issues become heated and comments become rude or defamatory between attendees.
- Ofelia Monje responded that OML does not stop you from removing someone from a meeting or stopping the Public Comment time. When you cross the line and become disrespectful, you can be removed.
- John Hiatt asked about members of the public engaging with another person making public comment.
- Ofelia Monje stated that there is to be no engaging in back and forth comment. Public comment is limited to just that.
- There were several questions from the Board regarding when it is appropriate to interact with members of the public outside of a meeting. Board members cannot discuss business at social gatherings.
- Ofelia Monje stressed to be careful of walking quorum. Soliciting facts in preparation for an upcoming meeting is ok, but do not offer an opinion.
- Ofelia to provide Chapter 241 Statutes and exceptions.
- Walking quorum is the biggest issue that becomes an OML violation.
- Elected Officials meet with lawyers, special interest groups, etc. Ofelia stated exceptions could apply.
- Chairman Paul Dixon brought up E-mails. Board members receive emails all the time. Emails are sent to multiple Board Members. Ofelia Monje responded that if there is no discussion between Board Members and no opinion sent in reply, that is ok. If you are not taking action, not deliberating, and there are no discussions, that is fine.
- Ofelia further noted that sending a proposed Agenda back and forth among Board Members for grammatical error and content is not an OML Violation. You are not deliberating.

- Member of board should not be discussing items that are action items. Don't engage in conversations, as it could be a walking quorum. Deliberation can become an issue.
- Vice Chair Reese asked if he approached Pat Cummings with NDOW to be briefed and educated, is that a violation? Ofelia responded as long as there is no conversation that would be construed as deliberating, you can get information and data, just no deliberation.
- Chairman Paul Dixon introduced the newest Commissioner - Paul Valentine Wildlife Commissioner.

8. Action Items:

Discuss & make recommendations regarding the following Action Items from the Board of Wildlife Commissioners February 6th and 7th, 2015 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. The final Commission agenda & support at http://www.ndow.org/Public_Meetings/Commission/Agenda/

A. Commission Regulation 15 – 09, Big Game Seasons (*For Possible Action*) The Clark CABMW board will review, discuss and make recommendations to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners about adoption of 2015 – 2016 and 2016 – 2017 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.

- ANTELOPE
 - Resident Antelope- Horns Longer Than Ears Any Legal Weapon Hunt 2151
 - Nonresident Antelope - Horns Longer than ears Any Legal Weapon Hunt 2251 mirrored dates for 2151.
 - Resident Antelope - Horns longer than ears Muzzleloader Hunt 2171
 - Resident Antelope- Horns longer than ears Longbow Archery Hunt 2161.
 - John Hiatt asked if you kill an animal August 1st, how keep meat from spoiling?
 - Chairman Paul Dixon answered you have an ice chest in your vehicle and you quarter the animal and transport as quick as you can.
 - A motion was made and seconded to recommend approval of seasons for hunts 2151, 2251, 2261, 2171, 2161 and 2181, as written. Motion passed 6-0
- ELK
 - Hunt 4102 trying to remove Elk out of Units 101-103
 - Hunt 4151
 - Chairman Paul Dixon noted that Dana Johnson requested no Elk or Deer Hunts in January.
 - Brian Patterson noted that there are Elk hunts from August 1st through January 15th. That's a long time of pursuing Elk. It seems like a lot of pressure on a resource. Elk herds at capacity and trying to manage. Deer hunters, Elk hunters, Sheep hunters, and Antelope hunters are in the field where seasons overlap with each other in September.
 - Chairman Paul Dixon stated that hunts for Antlerless Elk extend through January. Pushing animals is a concern. He agrees with Dana and questioned why they are pushing season past Christmas.
 - Chairman Paul Dixon added that depredation and antlerless hunts are for purpose of reducing numbers. We are not meeting our numbers.
 - Vice Chair Reese noted that weather affects the people who go out late in season.
 - Brian Patterson asked if depredation hunts are shut down after numbers are achieved.

- Chairman Dixon answered no; they don't shut it down because they are not meeting quotas.
- Joe Luby asked if there is any background explaining why NDOW is recommending the January dates.
- Chairman Dixon responded that the intent is to reduce the number of hunters in field and higher quota for hunter success. Cow Elk are the hunted animal, but you are impacting other species as well.
- Brian Patterson asked if there are any statistics on whether the Delk Tag had an impact positively or negatively.
- Vice Chair Reese noted that UNIT 121 has lots of fields.
- John Sullivan shared that snow could affect Cow Elk and where they would be found. With lots of snow they get pushed down to valley where it's easier to meet a hunter.
- Pat Cummings, NDOW, offered that there is an Elk Species Management Plan that manages Elk populations throughout the state. There are also Sub-plans or local plans put together by local interests. What are identified in those plans are population caps. What we are finding that Elk herds are expanding in most cases and it is a challenge to maintain population CAPS. We need to kill more Elk. Lincoln County survey shows even more Cows. What NDOW has found that in the middle of a Hunt, if the hunters put enough pressure on the elk, they become nocturnal?
- Chairman Paul Dixon asked if you are impacting other species by pushing elk seasons into late January.
- Pat Cummings replied that NDOW admits this is not the best hunting solution, and the presence of more hunters in the field into January can result in harassing animals.
- Robert Gaudet, Nevada Wildlife Federation, stated he is opposed to hunting Cow Elk in August and September if the Cow Elk has a calf, the calf can't survive. People don't look to see if calf with Cow. He further shared that last year he hunted for 14 days and never saw Cow. Last season a disaster. They ran the bull hunt up until the day the cow hunt started. He feels the seasons need to be split up a little giving them a rest period.
- Neil Dille responded to Brian Patterson comment on hunter pressure. Some guys wait a long time to get a tag. If the season is only a few weeks long, it can impact their ability to get out in the field. A longer time period means the hunt area will be less congested.
- Closed public comment.
- John Hiatt feels the Board and the Commission should have a conversation about Elk Management.
- Chairman Dixon asked Pat Cummings his opinion on improving elk management.
- Pat Cummings responded that most will agree that at some point you get saturated and a state of diminishing returns, success is consistently low, harassment level is high and of long duration. He stated that he doesn't have a solution and it will require a number of people coming together and developing a strategy.
- Joe Luby asked if that has been discussion of an over-the-counter Cow Elk tag or allowing multiple tags to one hunter. Success numbers are not high enough.
- Pat Cummings responded that there has been discussion, but he is not aware of the status.
- Brian Patterson acknowledged a lot of thought goes into setting the seasons. But they are just stacked one on top of another.
- Chairman Dixon worried about pushing number of people in field during animals wintering. Harassing other animals. He also feels we need to get better statistics on special hunts and extended seasons.
- Brian Patterson feels the over-the-counter opportunity could help the issue.
- A motion was made and seconded to ask Dept of Wildlife to provide statistics on the Belk, Delk, and extended seasons, and to ask the Tag Allocation Committee to consider over-the-counter Cow Elk tags.

- Neil Dille voiced his backing of the over-the-counter Cow Elk tag where the 2nd tag would cost \$100 or \$125, or \$25 for 2nd tag.
- Joe Luby added that he'd be willing to pay full price if he could get a second tag.
- Robert Gaudet said that he gets complaints about NDOW trying to raise funds. We need to find a solution to the problem.
- John Sullivan assumed that the over-the-counter Cow Elk tag would only be for units with excessive Elk. He feels this is a great idea. Wyoming did this for Antelope and it was very effective in two seasons.
- Motion passes 6-0
- An additional motion was made and seconded to recommend approval of the following Elk seasons: Hunts 4102, 4151, 4251, 4156, 4256, 4161, 4261, 4651, 4181 and 4181 Wilderness, 4281, 4176, 4111, 4107, 4481, 4476, 4411, and 4481 with the exception that no unit season runs past December 31st otherwise accept as proposed.
- Public Comment - none.
- Motion passed 5 - 1 (Vice Chair Reese opposed to January exclusion in certain units).
- DESERT BIGHORN SHEEP
 - 3151, 3251, 3181 Ewe hunt worried about disease (Management tool due to disease).
 - Pat Cummings stated that for the Desert Ewe Hunt there are four recommended. Unit 253 Bear Mountain and Muddy Mountains no confirmation of bacterial pneumonia. Sampled some sheep and found an exposure event to the pathogen. In Units 212 and 213, there is a confirmation of disease. In the Muddys and the Bears, there are finite water resources in those areas.
 - Hunt 8151, 8251, 8181, 9151 (Interstate Hunt), 7151
 - John Sullivan asked Pat Cummings overall what is the disease in Desert Bighorn.
 - Pat Cummings answered that the picture still is not clear. It appears that when the California and Rocky Mountain species herds in northern Nevada are impacted by disease, they are hit harder than the desert species in the lower 2/3 of the State. Information from Air Force biologist from surveys in the Cactus Peak, Paiute Mesa, into Thirsty Canyon. Lamb ratios are at a rock bottom low. Survey data detects a major problem, but we just don't have physical evidence yet. Bear Mountain will be impacted. Also, we are aware that adults are being impacted. Mortality rates higher than previous reports. More than one pathogen. They will continue to capture sheep continue to sample, and look closely at titers in blood. That should give an idea on exposure events. Titers should drop and taper down. Looking for more information.
 - Vice Chair Reese addressed the Rocky Mountain die off in 2010. Was there also any die off of the Mountain Goats?
 - Pat Cummings answered yes. In the 1998 disease event, about 80% of Rocky Mountain Big Horn succumbed to the disease. The Goats fared better, but still got sick. In this latest die-off, the Goats did better still. But there remains concern about clean sheep inserted into an area where Goats are carriers of the pathogen.
 - Vice Chair Reese asked if the Goat Hunt (8 tags) is still relevant?
 - Pat Cummings stated he believes there are enough goats for a hunt.
 - Brian Patterson noted they have added a couple of hunts split up a unit to create more opportunity. He was wondering if there are any statistics on the Ewe Hunt.
 - Public Comment - none.
 - A motion was made and seconded to recommend approval of seasons for Hunts 3151, 3251, 3181, 8151, 8251, 8181, 9151, 7151. Motion passed unanimously.
- MULE DEER
 - Chairman Dixon noted a concern raised by Dana Johnson about the youth hunt during some of the late seasons. Dana feels that youth wanting to hunt the late seasons should have to apply like everyone else. Furthermore, a Youth Hunt should be restricted from late seasons.

- Brian Patterson applauded the fact that the dates of one of the Youth Hunts were shifted to occur over Nevada Day.
- Joe Luby stated that he does not agree with Dana's views on Youth Hunts in late seasons. He feels the reason for Dana's view is the belief that youth are getting a bunch of big deer that those who go through the draw should get rather than the youth.
- Brian Patterson agreed with Joe Luby stating that youth get three seasons. Why do they need a late season hunt as well?
- Brian Patterson noted that seasons start right after early season 10/21 - 11/5. He would like to see a rest of 5 days and extend 5 days to have end date 11/10. Further, Brian suggested setting certain units aside as Trophy only hunts with limited entry. Utah has this program. Where Nevada has a reputation of producing "trophy" animals, there are no trophy hunts.
- Chairman Dixon stated the Silver State, PIW and Heritage tags are essentially Trophy Hunts where the hunter can hunt all seasons.
- Brian Patterson responded that those special tags allow you to hunt any season looking for a trophy animal, but there is no unit where the herd is managed for trophy quality animals. We have an opportunity to do that in a few units.
- Vice Chair Reese agrees with Brian. It makes little difference if you take an animal November 10th rather than the 1st. He backs the idea of giving the deer a 2-4 day rest in a couple of units and then open them up for a late season.
- Brian Patterson is not looking to take all of the big animals out of the unit, but he wants a chance to hunt them. You can still manage herd based on quotas, and set aside trophy units.
- Michael McBeath - Commissioned a survey to see if a trophy hunt would be supported. He thinks it would be a good idea to manage a couple of units at 40 bucks to 100 does rather than the normal 30 to 100. The vast majority of sportsman say Units 22, 23 and 24 should be those units.
- Vice Chair Reese asked if the idea was to keep the same number of hunting days, just splitting them up. Brian Patterson responded yes.
- Brian Patterson believes a few units should be set aside. Utah is doing premium, limited and general tags. He waited for 9 years for a limited entry tag in Utah and 17 years of tags in AZ. People will play waiting game for a premium tag. We just don't offer that.
- Motion was made and seconded to recommend approval Hunt 1107, 1101, 1181, 1235, 1371, and 1341 as proposed. Motion passed unanimously.
- Motion was made and seconded for Hunt 1331 for Resident & Non-Resident change hunt dates for unit 221 - 223 late hunt start Nov 6th end Nov 15th. Change dates for Unit 231 to Nov 1st thru Nov 15th in lieu of October 5th - October 28th.
- Motion passed unanimously.

ANTLERLESS ELK LANDOWNER HUNTS

- Antlerless July 1st - June 30th - 2015 and 2016 Antlerless Elk Landowner Hunts Hunt # 4781.
- No board comments
- Jana Wright asked if Landowners can charge whatever they want for the 25 tags.
- Chairman Dixon answered yes; the landowner is being compensated for ranch losses.
- Vice Chair Reese noted that while landowner hunts for deer are for a limited season, Elk is for the whole year.
- Motion made and seconded to accept 4781 Landowner Hunt as written. Passes Unanimously.

B. Commission Regulation, 15 – 06, Silver State Tag and Partnership in Wildlife 2015 Season and Quotas (*For Possible Action*) The Clark CABMW board will review, discuss and make

recommendations to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners about adoption of the 2015 Silver State Tag and Partnership in Wildlife hunt species, seasons and quotas.

- Chairman Dixon introduced this topic. The statute limits the total number of big game tags to 14.
- Brian Patterson asked about proposal to take the PIW California Big Horn and making it a Silver State Tag.
- Chairman Dixon suggested we could recommend 1 more tag.
- Public Comment - none
- Brian Patterson suggested an increase of Nelson Desert Bighorn by 1 tag.
- Chairman Dixon stated they took away a tag because they were balancing.
- Brian Patterson decided he is ok with tags.
- Motion was made and seconded to approve CR 15-06 as proposed. Motion passed unanimously.

C. Commission Regulation, 15 – 07, Dream Tag 2015 Seasons (*For Possible Action*) The Clark CABMW board will review, discuss and make recommendations to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners about adoption of the 2015 Dream Tag seasons. Note: Support material sent separately from Game Division.

- Chairman Dixon introduced this topic noting that units where the Dream Tag harvest took place last year are no available for hunting this year.
- Public Comment - none
- Motion was made and seconded to recommend approval of CR15-07 2015 Dream Tag Hunts as written. Motion passed unanimously.

D. Commission Regulation, 15 – 08, 2016 Heritage Tag Seasons and Quotas (*For Possible Action*) The Clark CABMW board will review, discuss and make recommendations to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners about adoption of the 2016 Heritage Tag hunt species, seasons and quotas.

- Michael McBeath asked if the turkey season date had been changed.
- Chairman Dixon answered yes. Under the rules right now.
- Motion made and seconded to recommend approval of 15-08 2016 Wildlife Heritage Tags as written. Motion passed unanimously.

E. Commission Regulation 15 – 10, Big Game Mountain Lion Harvest Limits for 2015 – 2016 (*For Possible Action*) The Clark CABMW board will review, discuss and make recommendations to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners about adoption of 2015 – 2016 mountain lion hunting season open units, harvest limits by unit group, hunting hours, and special regulations.

- Chairman Dixon noted the harvest limits set to 200 to 250 ranges. Never closed season with harvest objectives.
- Jana Wright asked if we actually kill 83 Mountain Lions in a particular unit. Do we get feedback?
- Chairman Dixon stated that feedback on mountain lion kills is available on the NDOW website. Don Sefton handles all big game statistics. Mountain Lions when harvested are required to be checked in with NDOW.
- Stephanie Myers asked about the limitation of using dogs to hunt mountain lions only during the season. But the season is year round.
- Paul responded that it is written that way under statute so that if there were a reason to set a limited season, the dog issue is covered.
- Michael McBeath shared that dog owners take great care of dogs, not running them in summer time. The rule that allows them to be hunted does not mean we are killing them year round. We are not reaching objective.

- John Sullivan noted that he and many other hunters buy a Mountain Lion Tag when they deer hunting.
- Chairman Dixon stated that he also buys a mountain lion tag when hunting deer.
- Closed Public Comments
- Motion was made and seconded to recommend approval of CR15-10 Open Management Units and Harvest Limits 2015 Mountain Lion Season. Motion passed unanimously.

F. 5 min break

G. Review and Consideration of the Black Bear Subcommittee Report Entitled "A Three-Year Comprehensive Review of Black Bear Harvest through Regulated Hunting in Nevada" (*For Possible Action*) The Clark CABMW board will review, discuss and make recommendations to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners about a report submitted by the Black Bear Subcommittee entitled "A Three-Year Comprehensive Review of Black Bear Harvest through Regulated Hunting in Nevada".

- Joe Luby on Item 5 on Recommendations to the Commission asked what a human dimensions survey is and who would be a recognized expert in the field.
- Chairman Dixon replied explaining that Human dimensions are how people feel about a subject or task someone is doing. Gather inputs, survey people. All people survey sides, larger population, and cross section. Get information
- Jana Wright confirmed Chairman Paul Dixon's explanation.
- Joe Luby asked who pays for that. What is the cost and funding source?
- Chairman Paul Dixon replied NDOW diversity and education program, sportsman funds and grants 3 to 1 match.
- John Hiatt noted that the report lacks any mention of the effective of long term drought. Bears eat a lot of ants. Bears need other things in the diet. We need information on how bears react to drought.
- John Hiatt asked if it is legal to let people exercise your dogs by letting them chase wildlife.
- Chairman Dixon answered that that is harassment of animals, it is illegal, and they can be cited.
- Chairman Dixon noted that we as a public can identify things, but there is limited coverage by NDOW Game Wardens. We are mostly on an honor system where resources are stretched.
- Pat Cummings added that of the 34 Game Warden positions, there are 1/3 vacancies.
- Commissioner Karen Layne said we really need to look at issues about drought and climate change especially with season setting. She hopes the Commission would explore this issue further. This has been the warmest January in recent years. We need to look at resources not just black bears.
- Closing Public Comment
- Chairman Dixon agreed with John Hiatt's comment about drought changing behavior in bears, and that topic should be addressed in reports. He feels any recommendation should be to have a drought section added.
- Chairman Dixon made a motion to approve three year comprehensive report with future revision of impact of drought on bear behavior which could change.
- John Hiatt asked that the motion include climate change affecting the time females stay in the den.
- Motion withdrawn.
- Motion to accept black bear study with suggestion of a revision to include the effects of drought and climate change on the behavior of the bear population.
- Joe Luby stated that he cannot support approval of the report with item 5 in report.

- Chairman Dixon stated that item 5 is public belief survey of the hunters surveyed less than 30% knew this board existed. This board represents a subset of people. The human dimensions portion would provide a subsection. He understands Joe's point.
- Motion seconded.
- Motion fails - 3 to 3
- A new motion was made and seconded to state that the report has been reviewed and accept as written.
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- Passes 5-1 (John Hiatt opposed due to lack of drought and climate change information)

H. Commission Regulation 15 – 11, 2015 Black Bear Seasons (*For Possible Action*) The Clark CABMW board will review, discuss and make recommendations to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners about adoption of 2015 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.

- Vice Chair Reese agrees with hunt dates as they mirror California hunts. .
- Chairman Dixon agreed that we changed seasons last year.
- Stephanie Myers asked about John's motion from Action Item G and why the board did not go with the motion.
- Chairman Dixon responded and will note John Hiatt's opposition to the Commission.
- A motion was made and seconded to recommend approval of CR15-11 as written Motion passed unanimously.

I. Commission General Regulation 454, Temporary LCB File T-14 – Firearm Carry During Archery Hunt (*For Possible Action*) The Clark CABMW board will review, discuss and make recommendations to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners about the carrying of a firearm in the field while hunting under archery regulations. The regulation will change NAC 503.144 to allow the carry of personal protection handguns while archery hunting. This regulation will be temporary and will require Legislative Commission approval to become permanent after the 2015 Session of the Nevada Legislature. The regulation was heard by the Commission during the workshop at the November 2014 Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners meeting. The Commission discussed different alternatives to handgun carry restrictions and the needs for archers to carry a handgun during archery only season. The language has been updated to reflect the changes requested by the Commission by allowing a person to carry any handgun that is not scoped and has a barrel length of 8” or more. The language change clarified the type of handgun to be carried in the field during archery only season.

- Public comment
- John Ridgeway stated that you could say that any firearm legal in the State of Nevada for self defense is covered. Why would you want to limit the size of the gun?
- Chairman Dixon answered that any long barrel handgun is most likely not strictly being used for self defense. A long barreled handgun is more likely being used as a hunting firearm.
- John Ridgeway added that the only people to follow this are law abiding citizens. A person should be allowed to carry what they are permitted to carry.
- Chairman Dixon stated that a Former Chief of Police came up with the recommendation.
- Public Comment closed.
- Vice Chair Reese asked if it would also be legal during muzzleloader season to carry a side arm.
- Motion was made to recommend approval of LCB File No. T-14 with the typographical correction of 'barrel length of 8" or less'.
- Motion passed unanimously.

- J. Nomination of New Members to Serve on Central Nevada Elk Plan (CNEP) Coordination and Oversight Team (COT) (For Possible Action)** The Clark CABMW board will review, discuss and make recommendations to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners about nominees to serve on the CNEP COT, which include: Lorinda Wichman (Nominee for County Commissioner Representative), Paul Young (Nominee for Statewide Agriculture Group Representative), and Joe Clifford (Nominee for Local Ranching Representative).
- Table due to no back up provided.

- K. Commission Regulation 15 – 04, 2015 Big Game Application Deadline Information (For Possible Action)** The Clark CABMW board will review, discuss and make recommendations to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners about adopting language regarding the 2015 big game application deadline information.

- Public Comment
- Michael McBeath asked if this is changing deadline.
- Chairman Dixon replied no. There is really no change at all.
- Vice Chair Reese asked why it is on the agenda.
- Brian Patterson noted that applications are still accepted by mail. Of all Application submissions 2 1/2% people do it by mail. Most people file electronically.
- Michael McBeath clarified that the Tag Allocation Committee kept paper applications for the elderly or rural. They don't want to eliminate those people.
- Motion was made and seconded to recommend approval of CR 15-04 as written. Motion passed unanimously.

- L. Commission General Regulation 455, T-14 – Trapping Questionnaire Deadline and Trapping License Valid Dates (For Possible Action)** The Clark CABMW board will review, discuss and make recommendations to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners about a temporary regulation relating to trapping questionnaires and trapping license valid periods. The regulation will add language to specify the valid period of a trapping license as July 1 – June 30. The regulation amendment will also update the trapping questionnaire deadline language, changing the deadline from April 30 to May 31, making it consistent with other Department questionnaire language. The amendment includes having the Department be responsible for prohibiting the purchase of a subsequent trapping license, instead of the Commission, when a trapper fails to return a questionnaire. This amendment will allow the Department to administer the trapping questionnaire processes effectively in regard to the trapping seasons as established by the Commission. The regulation is intended to give trappers ample time to return their questionnaires but also provide an efficient license denial procedure if they fail to return their questionnaire.

- John Sullivan applauded the proposed change in Trapping License Valid Dates. Before, a trapper in Nevada has to buy two years license for 1season. The proposed date change allows a trapper to buy one license to cover the full trapping season.
- John Sullivan disagreed with the revision regarding the questionnaire. He feels it should be returned on a voluntary basis not be grounds for denial of license. There is one questionnaire that covers bobcats. This change does not apply to bobcats. Data on bobcats is returned at 100%. It is the only furbearer species that is regulated carefully and correctly.
- A second questionnaire covers every other species. This questionnaire is not used for management purposes. NDOW did not use data. They throw the questionnaire in the trash. It contains informational items, trend only. Deer questionnaires are required to be turned into NDOW. Data is used as a Management tool. John Sullivan does not like the idea of a Trapper losing his license for not turning in the questionnaire. The potential is to deny 400 trappers a license for a questionnaire that is not used. John accepts date changes but the questionnaire be done a voluntary basis. Survey not used for much not very important.

- Vice Chair Reese noted that furs are 100% documented, he feels the questionnaires are a waste of time.
- John Sullivan added that if a trapper moves and his mail does not get forwarded, he can be denied a new trapping license. NDOW did not enforce this in the past. The change is that NDOW will change this in this regulation.
- Commissioner Karen Layne feels the reason the survey is almost worthless is because so few were returned by Trappers. Non targeted animals people weren't turning in questionnaires. NDOW did not feel they did not have authority to do that. Trying to resolve issues
- John Sullivan stated that activists claimed only 10% were being returned, but when asked the Biologist to appear and he said no, over 70% were being returned. Getting about 90% of data from 70 percent return on a volunteer basis has a pretty good return. An individual put out a report stating a low amount returned. They pitched the data because they don't need it. They use a trend analysis.
- Commissioner Karen Layne disagreed. Russell was trying to make everyone happy at the meeting. Information is there, but we would like to see the data. NDOW would not be coming back if they did not want to use the data.
- John Sullivan added that data analysis passed two law suits. He is all for keeping the data and keeping the questionnaire, but returning the questionnaire should be optional. Someone's license should not be denied over a questionnaire that is not that important.
- Jana Wright stated that trappers are supposed to turn in questionnaire. When you get your trapping license you are told that you are required to turn in your trapping survey on a certain date. If you don't turn one in, you pay a \$50 fine before you can get a new license. Giving the regulation little more teeth might get Trappers to do this.
- John Sullivan agreed with putting the questionnaire online, and with reworking the survey. Collecting data is fine, charging people with \$50 fine are unnecessary.
- Stephanie Myers brought up the fact that trap registration used to be mandatory also. The public's perception of trapping is coming under increasing scrutiny. Non target data is really important. We need to know what is being trapped. Turn in the survey. Stephanie doesn't see the burden.
- David Stowater noted that bird hunters don't send in a survey of how many birds of what kind they shot. The trapping survey should be online and voluntary. Trapping of feral cats is not included in the survey. Data that is collected is good. Send it in voluntarily not get charged \$50.
- Joe Luby offered that to encourage behavior use the carrot rather than the stick to get more questionnaires returned. Offer \$10 less for trapping license if you've returned the questionnaire. Or get fined \$50.
- Brian Patterson asked if this is the same as the big game questionnaire. If you don't turn one in you pay your \$50 then you can get a new license and can put in for the draw.
- John Sullivan added that Big Game sets limits based on the data in the questionnaires.
- Brian Patterson said pay \$50 fine and apply for license and move on.
- Vice Chair Reese stated that the fur sales data will capture all of the data on muskrats, foxes, etc. What the questionnaire asks for is redundant. Coyotes and Jack Rabbits are not recorded. Why do we need the questionnaire at all?
- John Sullivan if you can get the same information from five Fur buyers vs. 1400 trappers, why bother with the questionnaire?
- John Hiatt feels the questionnaire is important to capture information on non-furbearing animals, such as golden eagles, etc.
- A motion was made and seconded to recommend approval of the proposed Trapper License Dates. Motion passed 6-0
- A motion was made and seconded to accept the proposed Questionnaire deadline outlined in CGR 455 as submitted also add that the questionnaire is to be returned on a voluntary basis and not grounds for license denial.

- Motion Fails - 4- 2
- Vice Chair Reese made a motion that the questionnaire be abolished and not used and that data for furbearers be obtained from fur sale data.
- Motion fails 3-3
- Table Motion due to time constraints.

M. Commission Regulation 15 – 05, 2015 Big Game Tag Application Eligibility (*For Possible Action*) The Clark CABMW board will review, discuss and make recommendations to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners about adopting language regarding the 2015 big game tag application eligibility.

- This item tabled due to lack of time.

N. Feral Cat Discussion (*Informational*) The CCABMW board members will lead a discussion about the Feral Cat issues in Southern Nevada.

- This item tabled due to lack of time.

9. 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.**

- Stephanie Myers raised the point that during the County Commission Meeting in October when the Commission was determining who should fill the two vacancies on the CCABMW Board, some unnamed Board member addressed the Commissioners as representing the Board and spoke in favor of reinstating Chairman Paul Dixon and approving Joe Luby.
- Dave Stowater voiced his disappointment that the Feral Cat issue was not addressed at this meeting as it was on the Agenda. He highlighted that there are over 200,000 feral cats in the Las Vegas Valley, that they carry multiple diseases, etc. His main concern is that a tourist visiting Las Vegas may catch some disease from these cats. Catch, neuter, and release doesn't reduce the number of feral cats or the diseases they carry.
- Keith Williams from the Clark County Feral Cat Colony Central Sponsor introduced himself and left materials for the Board to review.
- Commissioner Karen Layne briefly touched on some of the programs and history of the Feral Cat problem in Las Vegas. She stated that in the ten years prior to 2008, Clark County Animal Control trapped and killed 100,000 cats with no effect on the number of impound in shelters. In the last five years, using TNR (trap/neuter/release) the number of impounds in shelters has been reduced by 50%.
- Chairman Dixon stated that there will be a discussion of the Feral Cat issue at the next CCABMW Meeting and at that point, the Board will determine if they want to make a proposal to the County Commission on this matter.

10. Authorize the Chairman to prepare and submit any recommendations from today's meeting to the Commission for its consideration at its February 6th and 7th meeting in Las Vegas, Nevada. (*For Possible Action*)

- A motion was made and seconded to authorize the Chairman to prepare and submit any recommendations from today's meeting to the Commission. Motion passed unanimously (6:0).

11. The next Clark County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife meeting is scheduled for March 17th, 2015 at the Clark County Government Center to support the scheduled Wildlife Commission meeting on March 20th and 21st in Reno, Nevada.

12. Adjournment

- Meeting was adjourned at 9:02 pm.