



# Clark County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife

## MEETING MINUTES

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Date: September 22, 2015  
Location: Clark County Government Center Pueblo Room  
500 S. Grand Central Parkway  
Las Vegas, NV 89155

Time: 5:30 pm

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

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: September 16, 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.
- Joe Luby was excused.

### 2. Pledge of Allegiance

- Chairman Paul Dixon requested all stand and asked Dave Stowater to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Chairman Paul Dixon asked Vice Chairman Reese to announce the need for public comment cards for anyone wishing to make public comment during the meeting.
- Chairman Paul Dixon announced to the attendees that the agenda item on trapping is to discuss the license dates and the trapping questionnaire. Any reference to the recent incidents in Mountain's Edge will have to wait for Public Comment at the end of the meeting. He also reminded the attendees that Public Comments are limited to three minutes or six minutes if representing a group.

### 3. Approval of Minutes of August 4, 2015 CCABMW Meeting (*FOR POSSIBLE ACTION*)

- Chairman Paul Dixon asked the Board and attendees for any comments or corrections.

- A motion was made and seconded to approve the Minutes of the Board Meeting held on August 4, 2015 as written. No public comment. Motion passed unanimously.

4. **Approval of Agenda for September 22, 2015 – (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)**

- Chairman Paul Dixon introduced this topic and asked for comments on the proposed Agenda.
- Hearing no comments from the Board, Chairman Paul Dixon opened the floor to public comment.
- Hearing none, a motion was made and seconded to approve the Agenda for the September 22, 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. 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 Hiatt noted that he had recently become aware of the amount of wildlife imported into the US every year. A lot of species cannot survive in our climate. Pathogens are a major issue our native wildlife. The non-native invasive pathogens can be devastating to wildlife and plant communities.
- Vice Chairman Reese noted that:
  - Governor Sandoval declared Sept 26<sup>th</sup> as National Hunting and Fishing Day in Nevada.
  - Woods & Waters had pig roast and sporting clay event at the Shooting Park. About 100 people attended the first ever swap meet with hunting and fishing items.
  - CC Shooting Park on Wednesdays has a Trap league this fall. Shooting park is being widely used. Go to the Clark County website to get involved.
  - West Nile virus is on the increase. A 27 year old contracted it. West Nile is hard to diagnose, most doctors run tests for meningitis. It has 7-10 days incubation. If you start flu-like symptoms after having been in the field, tell doctor you have been in field. There has been one reported death in Southern CA, and 12 cases in August.
  - Fraternity of the Desert Big Horn painted close to two dozen guzzlers in the Overton WMA. They were painted to better blend in with the surrounding area.
  - Nevada Sportsmen Unlimited installed guzzler back in August that holds 1800 gallons of water.
  - Shadow Ridge High School will be the first school with Trap and Skeet Club in the school. Vice Chairman Reese will hold a meeting with parents tomorrow at 6 pm at the school. Several schools are involved in archery, but this is the first with Trap and Skeet.
- Brian Patterson announced that:
  - The Mule Deer Foundation Banquet will be held on Sat Nov. 7<sup>th</sup> at Santa Fe Station. He has a flyer with more information.
  - Director of NDOW along with Governor Sandoval and the US Secretary of the Interior announced that listing the sage grouse as endangered species or a threatened species is no longer warranted. It will be another five years before reevaluation.
  - State of Utah and South Dakota have a free app for hunting and fishing license. It allows you to pull up the app on your smart phone to see if you're current. Not sure who is in charge of program in Utah. A Cost benefits analysis should be completed. Electronic age. Chairman Paul Dixon said he will bring the question to the Commission.
- Howard Watts III noted that

- The Friends of Nevada Wilderness are doing a Spring monitoring program in the Spring Mountains. They are looking for volunteers in determining flow rates and water quality. Over 200 springs.
- There is an article in Desert Companion this month that featured Vikki Werner and examined what she is doing and good education on hunting ethics.
- Chairman Paul Dixon stated that this is the first year Nevada offered electronic duck stamp. Hard copy is available. Can be added right to hunting licenses.
- Hearing no further announcements, Chairman Paul Dixon closed this item.

**6. Introduction of new CABMW Board Member Howard Watts, III**

- Chairman Paul Dixon introduced the newest member of the CCABMW and noted the reappointment of J. Michael Reese to board.
- Howard Watts III, introduced himself. He was born and raised in Las Vegas. Started fishing last few years, went through hunter education and drew an Elk Tag. Howard sees being on the Board as an amazing opportunity. His previous work has been with non-profit issues. Howard has followed the activities of the state legislature. His plan is to work on these issues.

**7. Recap of August 2015 Commission Meeting Actions (*Informational*)** – A recap of actions taken by the Wildlife Commission will be compared to Clark Recommendations.

- Chairman Paul Dixon summarized as follows:
  - All of the waterfowl regulations we recommended were passed as written with no changes.
  - The first four agenda items for tonight have been discussed at the previous two CCABMW meetings. The Commission passed them back down to the CABs. No action was taken.
  - He noted that two people were recommended to the Governor per NRS Statue for State Wildlife Commission: John Hiatt and J. Michael Reese. Commissioner Valentine stated no decision has been made that he is aware of. Commissioner Valentine added that Bill Young also put in his name in for the Sportsman position.
  - The Annual Big Game Release plan was approved. We asked for clarification on the origin of the sheep being released in the Garfield Hills. The sheep being moved will be ones that have survived similar pathogen events. These sheep will be used to repopulate in other areas.
  - Tag Allocation and Application Hunt Committee (TAAHC) will meet Friday 10:00 am – 12:00 noon University of Nevada Cooperative Extension, 8050 Paradise Road, Classroom A & D.

**8. Title 10 proposed changes discussion on Feral '*Community*' Cats (*Informational*)** – Chris Tomlinson (NDOW) will discuss the title 10 proposed changes.

- Chairman Paul Dixon introduced this item and Chris Tomlinson discussed NDOW's position.
- Chris Tomlinson, NDOW, shared the following regarding the proposed changes to Title 10
- NDOW sent a letter to Jason Allswang, Chief of Code Enforcement on the Animal Advisory Committee. The letter established NDOW's position on the proposed changes including language changes using the term "community" cats in place of stray or feral cats, and proposing changes to wording regarding feral cat colonies in proximity to wildlife areas.
- NDOW objects to the Trap-Neuter-Release practice as it puts more feral cats back into urban areas increasing the risk to wildlife.
- An article in the Las Vegas Sun estimated that of the over 12,000 cats taken in by the Animal Foundation in 2014, about 8300 cats were euthanized. If this ordinance is passed, these 8300 cats would be released back into the community and be a potential threat to wildlife.
- A 2013 study shows that 1.4 to 3.7 billion bird deaths and 6.9 – 20.7 billion mammal deaths are attributable to feral cats annually.

- The numbers of feral cats in Clark County are going down, and that is a good thing. The proposed changes to Title 10 are premature. The Animal Foundation is making good progress. It's too early to take this action.
- NDOW objects to changing the term "feral" to "community" cats. NDOW would like these cats to continue to be referred to as feral.
- NDOW is pleased that the proposed wording prohibits colonies of feral cats on or near any public land. NDOW would like that expanded to include any wildlife conservation areas.
- Chairman Paul Dixon noted that this is an informational item, and as such there will be no public comment.
- John Hiatt shared that he attended a public meeting about language and definitions. He noted that the definitions of a domestic animal and wild animal have been changed in the current draft. However, the definition of a nuisance cat. The current draft talks about the ability to remove nuisance cat colonies, but not a nuisance cat. If the person were to trap the cat humanly and call Animal Control, the cat would be spayed/neutered, clip the ear, and be released to the same area where it was captured. Nuisance cats should be removed from the place where they are causing a problem.
- Vice Chairman Reese offered that to NDOW, a feral cat is a non-native invasive species.
- Chris Tomlinson clarified that the term feral refers to an animal that is not domestic or has escaped domestication.
- Brian Patterson stated that "community" cat is such a misnomer and a confusing term to use with feral cats. There are 1000 individuals who are colony care takers. He feels that calling feral cats "community" cats is an attempt to soften the push to eliminate feral cats. He further asked what the deadline to resolve title 10.
- Chris Tomlinson replied that Jason Allswang has set an October 20<sup>th</sup> deadline with plans to have it heard at County Commission meeting on November 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- Vice Chairman Reese asked how the public comments?
- Chris Tomlinson replied send comments to Jason Allswang, Chief Clark County Code Enforcement Officer and the general public can attend the meetings. Chris will forward an email with information.
- John Hiatt advised attendees interested to submit written comments by October 2<sup>nd</sup> deadline, and also follow up with your County Commissioner.

**9. Discussion of Cold Creek horses gather and the deplorable condition of the animals being removed. With a follow on discussion about the condition of other big game animals in the Spring Mountain Range. (Informational) – Pat Cummings (NDOW)**

- Chairman Paul Dixon introduced this topic and asked Chris Tomlinson (NDOW) is he was able to speak on this subject in place of Pat Cummings.
- Chris Tomlinson noted that Pat Cummings is doing Big Horn Surveys so he is unable to attend. He spoke with Pat and the State Veterinarian. To really determine what is going on, a necropsy is needed. Photos of big game animals will help. He asked people to send in photos of animals. Get pictures showing them at springs. Any photos of animals with ribs showing.
- Chairman Paul Dixon added that well intentioned people have been feeding the horses in Cold Creek area, and the increased number of horses along with the drought conditions is drying up the water sources. Of 200 horses rounded up in the Spring Mountains, 64 had to be euthanized due to health issues. This suggests a very serious problem with horses up there. Wild Horses need to be left wild. Domesticating them is leading to this issue.
- Howard Watts III pointed out that there is a lack of management of them on BLM Land. There is not enough forage and water for the horses. The horses are clearly more than the land can support. Horses have congregated in the area. There needs to be better management practices. With horses rounded up and euthanized to that degree, something has to be done.

- Chairman Paul Dixon stated that the Spring Mountain Alliance has trained people to dart horses with contraceptive darts. But their efforts have been stopped. If we're going to have horses on range, we need to figure out ways to make sure horses are healthy on the range.
- Chairman Paul Dixon added that he would like to have an agenda item at a future meeting to see if we, as a community can come and work together to address this issue.
- Brian Patterson noted that BLM counted 470 horses when range should support about 70. After having to remove 200, you are still over the amount range can support. No one wants to see animals in the condition they are in. One animal gets precedence over others.
- Chairman Paul Dixon shared that the Bureau of Land Management needs to have funds to support the program.
- Bill Stanley stated that the issue of Wild Horses on the range, every time there seems to be places IUD's in Mares. At some point we have to come up with a solution to limit the amount of births on the range. The horses are emaciated and don't lift their head. They are suffering! We could have controlled it 20 years ago, we chose not to. Bill agrees this should be put on future agenda to see what we do about the suffering of the animals. We are at a crisis.
- Chairman Paul Dixon noted that now we have the right Commission support. The NGO's are interested in moving forward. We want to do what is right for the animals.

10. **New location for Las Vegas Commission meeting (*Informational*)** – University of Nevada Cooperative Extension 8050 Paradise Road Classrooms A & D

- Chairman Paul Dixon announced that the Commission Meeting on Friday 1:00 pm and 8:30 am on Saturday.
- Intersection of 215 and Windmill on northwest corner.

11. **Please try to attend the following meetings before the commission meeting Friday 9/24/15 (*Informational*):**

- Tag Allocation and Application Hunt Committee (TAAHC) – Friday at 10:00 am
- Wildlife Damage Management Committee
  - Meet Thursday at 6:00 pm Department of Wildlife 4747 Vegas to talk about reports for contractor.

12. **Action Items:**

**Discuss & make recommendations regarding the following Action Items from the Board of Wildlife Commissioners September 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>, 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](mailto:smatthews@co.clark.nv.us). The final Commission agenda & support at [http://www.ndow.org/Public\\_Meetings/Commission/Agenda/](http://www.ndow.org/Public_Meetings/Commission/Agenda/)

- A. Commission General Regulation 454, Firearm Carry During Muzzleloader and Archery Hunts, LCB File No. R007-15 (*For Possible Action*)** The Clark CABMW Board will review, discuss and make recommendations to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners to make permanent the adoption of the temporary regulation which expires November 1, 2015, relating to the carry of a firearm in the field while hunting under archery and muzzleloader regulations, including language changes from Assembly Bill 136 of the 78<sup>th</sup> Legislative Session.
- Chairman Paul Dixon introduced this item noting that the last time the Board discussed this matter, the CAB could not make a recommendation.
  - Open to Board comments.
  - This is to make permanent a temporary regulation allowing a hunter to carry a firearm with a barrel shorter than 8 inches during archery and muzzleloader season.

- Vice Chairman Reese shared a call he had received from a bow hunter that was backed into his car by a Mountain Lion. It is against the law to use gun on archery hunt. This is for personal protection, as in the vicinity of a marijuana farm.
- Brian Patterson noted that there are no facts to say whether or not this is a good thing.
- Chairman Paul Dixon asked NDOW Officer Maynard if there had been incidents with anyone carrying a firearm to his knowledge. Officer Maynard stated there is nothing he is aware of.
- Bill Stanley further asked if Officer Maynard was aware of any situation in the where they thought having a hand gun would have made a difference.
- Officer Maynard again is not aware of any.
- Bill Stanley voiced his view that this is a solution looking for a problem. A hand gun is not the way out of a situation. It introduces a situation in the field that has never been there. Law Enforcement could have a problem.
- John Hiatt agreed with Bill adding that with a large number of handguns in the field, it could lead to an increased number of accidental discharges.
- Howard Watts III stated that he had reviewed how the regulation has evolved, and asked Officer Maynard if he sees any potential risks with a side arm on sportsmen in field.
- Officer Maynard replied that personally doesn't care. He checks people with high powered fire arms all the time. The person carrying firearms could be the issue.
- Howard Watts III stated that he intends to support it. Let's put it in place and monitor it. If there are issues, consider revisions at a later date.
- Brian Patterson conquers. Brian feels the individual should be able to make a choice to carry another weapon. It's a matter of personal choice, and each individual should have opportunity to make a choice.
- Howard Watts III added that this is an activity in a non populated area where weapons will already be in field, and thus doesn't see it as an issue.
- Public Comment -
- David Famiglietti read a statement for the record in favor of the regulation. He further stated that it is legal to carry side arm in the field when you are not hunting. While Mr. Stanley never had to use side arm, he believes in being prepared for the worst
- Frank Mirabelli stated that hunters that draw muzzleloader or archery tags do so because they want to kill with an arrow or a muzzleloader not side arm. Carrying a sidearm for protection is a good idea.
- David Stowater stated if you are archery hunting, you kill a deer with a bow and arrow. The Game Warden can determine how you killed the animal. He knows the difference between an arrow hole and a bullet hole.
- Neil Dille said he sees no difference having a rifle and a sidearm, a bow and arrow and sidearm, or a muzzleloader and a sidearm. He feels like he needs the protection.
- Chairman Paul Dixon added in archery season, an arrow is the only way to kill an animal. In Any Legal Weapon hunt, you may choose to use a sidearm to finish the kill.
- Officer Maynard clarified stating you are only allowed to shoot animal with lawful legal weapon allowed during that hunt. If the pistol is not a legal weapon, you cannot take the animal with that pistol.
- Neil Dille added that law abiding people don't want to break the law.
- A motion was made and seconded to accept the regulation in its entirety as written. Yeas: 4 Nays: 2 (Stanley & Hiatt)

**B. Commission General Regulation 455, Trapping Questionnaire Deadline and Trapping License Valid Dates, LCB File No. R008-15 (For Possible Action)** The Clark CABMW Board will review, discuss and make recommendations to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners to make permanent the adoption of the temporary regulation which expires November 1, 2015, relating to trapping questionnaires and trapping license valid periods.

- Chairman Paul Dixon introduced this topic.

- Board Comments – none
- Public Comment –
- Carmen Rhoda asked what kind of response NDOW gets from the trappers.
- Chairman Paul Dixon stated he believes it is close to 100%.
- Dave Stowater stated if you do not send in questionnaire, you will be fined and not be able to get a license the next year.
- Commissioner Layne disagrees that the response is 100%. We have not been getting them because there was no punishment if the questionnaire did not get turned in from people who trapped or who did not trap. Non trappers were not returning the questionnaire.
- Stephanie Myers voiced her support for this. She feels the regulation has no bite if a person who is suspended shall pay \$50 and turn in questionnaire to get reinstated.
- Jana Wright supports this. 70% of trappers turned in surveys and get their license. If not they must pay \$50 to be reinstated. This is just concreting the regulation on what is required.
- Dave Stowater agrees. He has had the questionnaire, filled it out and sent it in. A month later another questionnaire comes in the mail. Did it get lost in mail? With a deer tag, he can look on computer and see if they received it. He sent in the second questionnaire. He does not want to get fined. He would like to be informed on computer. Questionnaire is very important where were animals caught and jaw data for Bob Cat. As a trapper I help protect our natural resources. Dave trapper does paperwork. Feral cat trappers are not reporting. A Feral Cat colony should be kept up.
- Danielle Stowater said she is for this completely. She had a questionnaire get lost in mail. Danielle endorses an electronic solution.
- Chairman Paul Dixon will bring that up during talk with Russell Woolstenhulme, NDOW.
- David Famiglietti stated that while he is not a trapper, he has had a trapping license for the past five years so he can hunt fox. He received three separate trapping questionnaires. He sees a need for confirmation that surveys are received.
- Shannon Ireland agrees it is a good idea to have electronic confirmation.
- Vice Chairman Reese feels the trapper should be able to go online and download a blank questionnaire, fill it out, scan it, and send it back in. Anyone who signs on and gets a big game license knows they have to fill out a survey at the end of the season. There should be the ability to get a send receipt.
- Howard Watts III agreed with Mike. The questionnaire should be accessible online and there should be a way to track it.
- A motion was made and seconded to accept LCB File No. R0008-15 as written.
- Motion passed 6-0.

**C. Commission General Regulation 456, Special Incentive Elk Arbitration Panel, LCB File No. R031-15** *(For Possible Action)* The Clark CABMW Board will review, discuss and make recommendations to make permanent the adoption of the temporary regulation which expires November 1, 2015, relating to amending NAC 502.42283 by which the Commission may facilitate decisions by appointing or serving as the arbitration panel should arbitration of elk incentive tag awards become necessary; and other matters relating thereto.

- Chairman Paul Dixon introduced this. Members of the Commission will populate the Arbitration Board.
- No board comment, no public comment.
- A motion was made and seconded to support CGR 456 LCB R031-15.
- Motion passed unanimously.

**D. Commission General Regulation 457, Awards, Issuance, and Use of Tags, LCB File No. R030-15** *(For Possible Action)* The Clark CABMW Board will review, discuss and make

recommendations to make permanent the adoption of the temporary regulation which expires November 1, 2015, amending license issuance and use clarification for elk incentive tags.

- Chairman Paul Dixon introduced this item. This item is to make permanent the temporary regulation that expires on November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015. This includes a new formula for how Elk Incentive Tags are issued, taking into account the total number of Spike Elk harvested in the spike only hunts.
- No board comments, no public comments.
- A motion was made and seconded to support CGR 457 LCB R030-15
- Motion passed unanimously.

**E. Commission Regulation 16 - 02 Fishing Seasons and Bag Limits for 2016 - 2018. (For Possible Action)** The Clark CABMW Board will review, discuss and make recommendations on the fishing seasons, bag and possession limits for the period of March 1, 2016 through February 28, 2018.

- Chairman Paul Dixon introduced this item stating that the reason the September Commission meeting is in Las Vegas is due to Lake Meade and the large number of anglers in Southern Nevada.
- Clark County Closed Waters and the Open Waters information were read into the record, including the bag limits and type of fish for each type of species.
- Lincoln County Closed Water and Open Waters were read into the record. Changes to the Eagle Valley Reservoir and Meadow Valley Wash above the reservoir were changed in the regulation.
- White Pine County closed waters and open waters were read into the record. Comins Lake was affected by invasive species of northern pike. Comins Lake has been poisoned to kill off the northern pike.
- Nye County Closed Waters and the Open Waters information were read into the record, including the bag limits and type of fish for each type of species. Increase of black bass limits from 10 to 15.
- Vice Chairman Reese asked a question of Mike Maynard involving different limits at two different bodies of water.
- Mike Maynard answered that limits in broad strokes are a daily limit. If you catch 9 or 10 trout at Lake Mohave and then go to fish at Lake Meade. If you have ten fish in your cooler and you're still fishing, you have some explaining to do. Total limit would be 10 trout. The reason for the regulation is to keep one person from taking more than the limit currently allows. You would need to be able to explain why. We don't want to delete the resource. It never seems to be an issue.
- Bill Stanley pointed out that in Lincoln County there is a change, you used to be able to fish above reservoir.
- John Hiatt was confused by the term North Marsh in the Lincoln County regulations.
- Chairman Paul Dixon clarified that it is the area north of the stone wall north end of upper lake for resting ducks.
- Mike Kowal questioned why waters are closed during the waterfowl season. April 1<sup>st</sup> why? Minimum size in place?
- Chairman Paul Dixon had no answer for Mike.
- Mike Kowal asked who is proposing the fishing seasons. John Sonenberg with NDOW Chief of Fisheries.
- Brandon Senger NDOW explained the limits at Kirch. The 10 inch size limit catch and release during three months, is to help to harvest larger bass. Larger fish over exploited during that time.
- Vikki Werner asked if on Lake Meade do NV limits match AZ limits and regulations.

- Mike Maynard and Brandon Senger (NDOW) stated they would have to read code to answer question.
- Chairman Paul Dixon said it should be the same.
- Mike Maynard enforces NDOW regulations.
- Vikki Werner asked how they would know if they don't need Nevada fishing license. Vikki asked how they would know. Setting people up for failure.
- Chairman Paul Dixon mentioned that AZ has a tag for 2<sup>nd</sup> pole in a boat.
- Mike Maynard explained that there are a lot of what if's. Some laws are reciprocal; some are not on the AZ side. He will enforce on the NV side. Each case depends on each scenario. Educational requirement for educating on every instance.
- Frank Mirabelli stated that if you fish Lake Meade, the limits are same. To fish off of a boat, you need a AZ license or a NV license. If you fish at Willow Beach off bank, you need an AZ License. You need an AZ Use stamp for fishing off boat.
- Close public comment
- Motion for Clark, Lincoln and White Pine Counties supports proposed season and bag limits CR16-02 Fishing Seasons.
- Passes 6-0.

**F. Overton handicap blind access by ATV/UTV's discussion (*For Possible Action*) – Vice-Chairman J. Michael Reese will lead a discussion on this topic that was initiated by a letter from a member of the public.**

- Chairman Paul Dixon introduced this topic. Vice Chairman Reese received letter from member of the public. Tim Woods from NDOW to present on this topic. Chairman Paul Dixon has received calls from waterfowl hunters regarding ATV usage. Overton ATV/UTV two to five time as many decoys. There is a fairness issue. There are a limited number of people who have ADA.
- Vice Chairman Reese read email into record. There are few ADA blinds to pick from, have to go where no other hunters want to go.
- Vice Chairman Reese spoke with Mike Ciraca who is in charge of the refuges for the State of Nevada. To use an ATV/UTV you must have an ADA sticker, certified handicapped, and proof of disability. Mike personally hunted there a long time ago. There were no ATVs or UTVs. Now decoys are bigger and heavier. He asked Tim Woods (NDOW) what are the regulations they would have to abide by.
- Tim Woods answered that they would have to have an ADA certificate valid for themselves. They would be allowed to go to one of 11 different ADA blinds designated parking space dependent on vehicles and weather. Access would be restricted in bad weather. Flooding can also be an issue.
- Vice Chairman Reese noted some big complaints about ATV / UTV or side by side scares birds causing them to fly out.
- Tim Woods added that if everyone is using ATV/UTV they will be coming back and forth for bathroom, lunch, changing blinds. It could be a disaster.
- Brian Patterson it will be a mess.
- Chairman Paul Dixon noted that ATV's are not used in the wilderness for hunting. It's a perceived advantage by being ADA.
- Benny Vann (NDOW) noted that ADA has advantage with decoys. Two or three people who use it to haul all their decoys.
- Vice Chairman Reese asked if there could be a set period of time to use ATVs, would that be feasible or logical.
- Tim Woods answered that a half hour prior to shoot time everyone will need to be ready.

- Benny Vann (NDOW) roads would be destroyed if everyone could use ATVs. For a Duck Hunter generally, a big part of hunting is carrying in your gear. You can get out there and get set up. If someone drives up to blind right before the hunt, the birds will be spooked.
- Bill Stanley recognized the enormous effort on Overton Wildlife Refuge to compile a management plan. Everyone was heard several times. Don't fix what is not broken.
- Tim Wood agreed that years of research to accomplish. Sky busting is the biggest complaint. ADA access designated closest to main road.
- Frank Mirabelli said you will scare ducks when you put out decoys. All ducks will fly off and you hope they will come back. Trucks drive around same road all week to get to and from the blinds. Everyone should be in blind 30 minutes before shooting time. ADA person cannot make it in that period of time. COPD people can't walk fast and can't carry a load. People who are complaining are mostly the younger hunters. He pushed a cart that carried decoys in and back in the day. ADA blinds are close to the road where no one wants to hunt.
- Wayne Fitzpatrick is handicapped used to hunt water fowl using UTV in 2008. He has not been able to hunt waterfowl since. Dove hunting in Elko cannot work. Can't go where birds are flying.
- Keith Williams is in support of reasonable accommodations to support handicapped vehicles. He does not support allowing everyone to use them. We don't want to turn these areas into off-road vehicle parking.
- Mike Kowal stated that ADA hunters can take themselves, their gear, and a personal attendant. 99% of handicapped people do not hunt alone. They don't need to be out there. Whose business is it if the decoys are from the person next to him. You can go to a blind that is designated as a handicapped blind. But there is an issue that needs to be addressed. Blinds are supposed to be level. There's an agreement with Southern Nevada Water Authority to do work to keep the area level. Pressure from ADA to fix the areas. We need to restore the areas.
- Chairman Paul Dixon noted there is limited funding. Let's ask next year for Heritage Funding to ask for leveling the blinds. Takes money like everything else.
- Ryan Werner stated that if it is not broke by not fixing it. Can they add time limits for ATV / UTV an hour before? NSU can do more seeding, work on blinds; we want to see everyone enjoy the hunts. Veterans and support that everyone can use the resources. Tim can be a resource. How many decoys you carry or bring is irrelevant.
- Mike Kowal stated that we hear every year we need to apply for Heritage Funds. He has been volunteering since 1978. It's always the same 9-10 guys that have been volunteering and are now handicapped are being treated unfairly. He commended Tim and Benny for their work.
- Chairman Paul Dixon suggested to Mike Kowal to write up a Heritage Proposal now and give it to Chairman Dixon. He will work with you but do it now.
- Ryan Werner shared that NSU does fund raisers every year; we have money to support the project. Don't delay this a year or two. Backup plan with Board Approval and fund projects.
- Tim Wood misspoke regarding regulations that hunters be in place 30 minute prior to shoot time. It is no longer a regulation. It is advisable.
- Vikki Werner has developed a prototype of handicapped blind ideas. She wondered if this board can provide an avenue to make ideas available.
- Chairman Paul Dixon advised that she can take ideas to Tim Woods and they can discuss this departmentally.
- Tim Wood added yes please bring ideas to department for follow up. ADA process has some loose ends that can be cleaned up and they are open to suggestions.
- Bill Stanley pointed out two issues – ADA blinds that are available are not the best places or in the sweet spot. Maybe that does not work the best solution. Vehicles are already allowed to be on refuge.
- A motion was made and seconded to table this item. Motion passed unanimously.

**G. 2015 Wayne E. Kirch Conservation Award - (*For Possible Action*)** – NDOW is soliciting nominations for the 2015 Wayne E. Kirch Conservation Award. The Clark County CCABMW Board will review, discuss and possibly make a recommendation to NDOW.

- Chairman Paul Dixon introduced this item.
- Chairman Paul Dixon recommended Carmen Rhoda and her Alliance select a name be submitted.
- Vice Chairman Reese suggested the Werners of Nevada Sportsmen Unlimited be nominated.
- Priscilla Lane asked if can you nominate someone who passed away?
- Chairman Paul Dixon replied not to his knowledge.
- A motion was made and seconded to table this item. Motion passed unanimously.

**H. Urban Pond issues follow-up discussion (*For Possible Action*)** The Clark CABMW Board will follow up regarding urban pond issues topic and see if additional action is required. If additional action is required, the Clark CABMW Board will review, discuss and possibly make a recommendation to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners and the Department of Wildlife about urban pond issues in Southern Nevada.

- Chairman Paul Dixon introduced this topic.
- Bill Stanley stated that he had attended a meeting at Sunset Park with Doug Nielsen from NDOW. Malcolm White facilitated the meeting. Nicholas Budnick is heading up the group and compiled a list of tasks to alleviate some of the problems at the park. Bill became aware that there is a very different clientele at urban parks. Great recommendations to police issues. Willingness to educate. Introducing children to fishing for the first time.
- Annoula Wylderich noted that she met with Commissioner Scow to institute an ordinance requiring fishermen to display a fishing license at pond. Good deterrent for fishing illegally. Add to educational aspect. Accountability rather than anonymity.
- Ryan Werner stated that board has different opinions. He believes this issue was brought to the Board under false claims. He feels the initial intent was to ban fishing at urban ponds. Nevada Sportsmen Alliance has some solutions, even helping to police the pond areas. He cautioned to be aware of claims being presented and take everything into consideration. Bad people are going to do bad things.
- David Stowater stated that there is a lot of illegal fishing going on at the Park, especially after they stock catfish. He suggested that a Game Warden go there not in uniform and fish at night. He can catch 10-15 people catching over their limit. If Mr. Game Warden comes up in uniform, they throw fish in trash cans. You need a decoy Game Warden. Once you catch a few people, you will spook the rest.
- Close public comment.
- A motion was made to table this and give working group time to work through issues. Their goal is not to end fishing in urban ponds but to follow the rules.
- Brian Patterson noted that meeting minutes had a lot of good points. The problem is not the license to be displayed. The issue is the tangled fishing line and wildlife being tangled in their fishing line. Going to the commissioner and creating an ordinance is overkill. He is glad there is good discussion going on.
- A motion was made and seconded to table this item. Motion passed unanimously.

**13. 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; unless you represent a group then you will be limited to six minutes.

**NOTE: Please complete the Public Comment Interest - Card and submit to Vice Chair Reese.**

- Priscilla Lane Refuted the earlier claim that there are 400 or 500 horses on the mountain. She knows a gentleman that will vouch for the fact that there are not 400 or 500 horses. Also, if BLM had done this year ago, the horses would not be in the state they are now.
- Annoula Wylderich wanted to address Ryan Werner's earlier comments. She does not want to ban fishing; her goal is to invite people to work with them. She objected to statements of false claims or wild claims. She will bring all supportive photos, affidavits, and will meet with you any time.
- Dave Stowater addressed the Feral Cat issue. He noted that if you look at Karen Layne's Humane Society website, there are 200K Feral Cats in Clark County alone. The people who are head of colonies should take care of them. They should spay/neuter, keep shots up to date. In order to remove all of the feral cats, you would have to trap 548 cats a day for a year. These cats carry diseases. They need to do something on feral cats. You are supposed to have cats under control. Cats can catch diseases from other cats. People should be responsible. Trapping feral cats should be handled like a trapper. With 200K Feral Cats in Clark County, we have a problem.
- Danielle Stowater noted that wild horse's herds are in bad condition. Pet owner of cats and dogs and believes in being responsible. Her cats are community rescue cats trained to come inside by whistle. When she moved, she did not leave them out overnight. They are now indoor cats.
- Carmen Rhoda stated that she will be supporting the effort to convince BLM to use contraception on the wild horses. Drought no forage. Rabbits are running wild because of coyotes being hunted. Horses are not just overpopulated. We have darters, four people who have been trained. That effort has been put off for three years with the BLM. We need pressure from people who are in the wildlife section.
- Janet Rhea Little Stated that she and others were out there every day for two weeks with BLM staff during the roundup. They spent numerous hours and watching how it was handled. It went smoothly for the horses. Deteriorating range conditions based on the drought. She confirmed that there were over 500 horses in the mountains. There was a flyover count after the roundup and they said there were about 350 horses still on the range. They took 235 horses off the range leaving a herd of about 140. Because of the conditions, she would like to see the horses darted. Spading injection inoculation, Carla BLM said they are working on this. They can do a baited roundup where everyone gets darted during the drought and managed control or neutering the males. They do just fine. Building life time sanctuaries.
- Melissa Ohlsson of the Spring Mountain Alliance had several 8x10 photos of horses. There is no forage. People are feeding them from the road who wants to take pictures. When it was time to migrate up the mountain to better forage, they stay by the road and starve. The horses surrounded the cars waiting for people to feed them. No enforcement to stop them. Handed out fliers to people feeding horses. Need people to hand out tickets. People need to be educated and ticketed. Don't know if people have gotten hurt. Someone should enforce the law and give tickets. The horses are starving.
- Ryan Werner has three issues: The: why aren't these issues being addressed. Cold Creek, he's not sure why they are sick, there is plenty of water. A member gave some fishing line receptacles. Berkeley recycles it and makes more things for fish habitat. When speaking for a group, what group you are representing. There are different things being represented there. Not everyone has everyone else's proxy and consider the source.
- Dave Holman is another Spring Mountain Alliance member, who wants to compliment the BLM on round up done at Cold Creek. Used bait capture it was very humane in nature. Started working in 2011 they were cautioned this would happen. A group of academia leaders put together a critique of BLM doing things. It outlines the BLM horse problems. It is very expensive for the tax payers. It outlines not using PCP. We told you so; down the road we will have overpopulation and darter.

- Kim Plank addressed the illegal trapper in Mountains Edge where two cats were trapped. What are the laws that limit trapping is it going to be a child next. She is here to ask for help with this. NDOW showed up and took a report. Sad story one cat was hers and the other cat was from two streets over.
- Chairman Paul Dixon thanked her for coming and bringing this up. We don't answer public comment questions, but NDOW is investigating this issue and will get to the bottom of it. This looks bad for all of the law-abiding trappers in the State.  
Dave Famiglietti addressed the Feral Cat issue. They should not be called "community" cats. They spread diseases to children, pets, etc. With people feeding them, that will draw them closer to families. In turn, Mountain Lions and Coyotes, who eat the feral cats, will be drawn towards our families. He also addressed Mr. Stanley and John Hiatt and their position limiting the rights of hunters to bear firearms in the field.
- Frank Mirabelli wanted to thank Ryan Werner for offering to help in Overton. Also thank Mr. Stanley for understanding that Tim is trying to do the right thing. The blinds that are set aside are not where they want to go.
- Vikki Werner wanted to commend the horse people. BLM not problem good luck with that. Took 10k pictures don't give up! Rabbits will be gone soon. Question on Heritage Money to see where money goes. We need to support our Game Wardens. We don't have enough Game Wardens in this state. They have more authority then Henderson PD. They can't get the job done. Heritage money should sell stickers and it goes straight to Game Wardens. They are part of the solution for the issues. CA was successful. Why can't we do that, can Heritage Money support that?
- Chairman Paul Dixon summarized the enforcement budget and how that division gets augmented and donations. Point well taken. Paul will 100% support that idea.
- Vikki Werner asked why Park Police can't help out Game Wardens.
- Julius Fortuna represents a group of dedicated sportsmen. He recommends CGR 454 firearm carrying be permanently be added to the law AB 134. It is not up to anyone to decide how you defend yourself. There are reports of bears in Yellowstone. Mauling by bears and mountain lions in the west. Spirit of human life and defending yourself. AB 134 backed by sportsmen.
- Mike Kowal thanked board and everyone who volunteers. Education should be done however; lack of enforcement is an issue.
- Lori Marker pointed out that the Nevada Hunting Guide is not user friendly and poorly written. Before it goes to the printer it should be commented on. Also, Nevada needs a horse sanctuary ASAP. Please add to a future agenda. We also need a staff person who promotes women hunters. The benefits would pay for the position.
- Stephanie Meyers stated that for Kim Plank's cat to pull the trap home is unbelievable. Glad there will be an NDOW investigation.
- Close public comment.

**14. Authorize the Chairman to prepare and submit any recommendations from today's meeting to the Commission for its consideration at its September 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>, 2015 meeting in Las Vegas, Nevada. (*For Possible Action*)**

- A motion was made and seconded to authorize that Chairman to prepare and submit recommendations to Wildlife Commission. Motioned passed unanimously.

**15. The next Clark County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife meeting is scheduled for November 10, 2015 in the Clark County Government Cent Center Pueblo Room, 500 S. Grand Central Parkway to support the scheduled Wildlife Commission meeting on November 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> meeting in Reno, Nevada.**

## **16. Adjournment**

- Meeting was adjourned at 8:46 pm.