



Clark County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife

MEETING MINUTES

Date: February 7, 2017

Location: Clark County Government Center
500 S. Grand Central Parkway ODC-1
Las Vegas, NV 89155

Time: 5:30 pm

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

Brian Patterson arrived at 5:32 pm

Howard Watts III arrived at 5:40 pm

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: February 1, 2017

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1. Call to Order

- The meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm by
- The Secretary, Stacy Matthews, performed roll call of Board Members. 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 November 15, 2016 CCABMW Meeting (*FOR POSSIBLE ACTION*)

- Chairman Paul Dixon asked the Board and attendees for any comments or corrections to the Minutes of the November 15, 2016 CCABMW Meeting.
- Public comment: None
- Board Comments: None
- A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of November 15, 2016 CCABMW Meeting as written.
- Motion passed unanimously.

4. **Approval of Agenda for February 7, 2017 – (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)** Unless otherwise stated, items may be taken out of the order presented on the agenda, and two or more items may be combined for consideration. The Board may also remove an item from the agenda or delay discussion relating to an item at any time.
 - Chairman Paul Dixon introduced this topic stating that he reserves the right to pull agenda items out of order, and he may call for a break as needed. He also noted some corrections to the proposed agenda:
 - The Action Items listed as numbered items #10 through #26 should be, instead, lettered items A through Q.
 - The Commission Meeting dates and location in agenda item 28 should read, "...at its February 10th and 11th meeting in Carson City, Nevada..."
 - Chairman Paul Dixon also noted that due to the length of the proposed agenda, and to ensure the important items are addressed; Informational Items #5 through #8 will be skipped to allow time to address Action Items. If time permits, these topics will be discussed at the end of the meeting.
 - Public Comment –
 - Jana Wright objected to Agenda Item #7, BDR 814. As there is no language available to discuss, the item should be deleted.
 - Chairman Paul Dixon responded that there has been a lot of controversy from Sportsmen that could be of interest to the public. Since it has been moved to the end of the meeting, it is unlikely it will be able to be discussed.
 - Board Comments - none
 - A motion was made to approve the agenda for the February 7, 2017 Board Meeting with amendments previously stated and moving informational items 5-8 to end of the meeting.
 - The motion passed unanimously. 5-0
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).
 - Moved to the end of Action Item discussion. Not discussed due to lack of time.
6. **Recap of November 18th and 19th, 2016 Commission Meeting Actions (Informational)** – A recap of actions taken by the Wildlife Commission will be compared to Clark Recommendations.
 - Moved to the end of Action Item discussion. Not discussed due to lack of time.
7. **BDR 814 “Nevada Wildlife Public Education Council” Perspective and Discussion (Informational)** - The Clark CABMW will discuss this new proposed legislation.
 - Moved to the end of Action Item discussion. Not discussed due to lack of time.
8. **Wild Harvest Initiative NGO Meeting (Informational)** -The Clark CABMW along with NDOW will summarize the take away from the Wild Harvest Initiative NGO Meeting.
 - Moved to the end of Action Item discussion. Not discussed due to lack of time.
9. **Action Items:**

Discuss & make recommendations regarding the following Action Items from the Board of Wildlife Commissioners February 10th and 11th, 2017 meeting agenda for discussion. CCABMW

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A. **Commission Regulation 17 - 03, 2017 Black Bear Seasons (*For Possible Action*)** The Clark CABMW Board will discuss and make recommendations about adopting 2017 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.

- Chairman Paul Dixon introduced this item noting for Board members that as part of the back up that lists the open hunt units, the seasons are September 15th - December 1st, but that the season will be cut short in any hunt unit where harvest objectives are met. The back-up also includes a presentation stating that
 - this is the sixth year for the Black Bear Hunt,
 - Six females and 5 males were harvested in the 2016 hunt, (55% female)
 - Mean age for males was 10 years, for females was 8 years,
- John Hiatt responded that the numbers are so small the numbers are virtually meaningless. If you do not have 30 items in your sample, you are not discussing a statistically valid number.
- Chairman Paul Dixon said that the harvest numbers are there for people to look at.
- Vice Chair, Reese confirmed that the seasons for all open hunt units is September 15th - December 1st or until the harvest objective is met for each open unit.
- Public Comment:
- Jana Wright restated her objection to having a bear hunt. As the numbers are so small, the hunt does not seem to be a population management tool, but rather a trophy hunt. She recommended stopping the hunt for at least three years and see what happens with the bear population.
- Stephanie Myers voiced her opinion that purpose of the Wildlife Commission is to protect and preserve our wildlife. That does not mean going out and killing all of the black bears. We should take care of problem bears. However, most bears are not a problem. That does not mean we should go out and just shoot them. There should be no black bear shooting at all.
- Steve Linder, Las Vegas Woods and Waters, shared that he is a proponent of food on the table that is harvested and wholesome without commercial products injected into it. He finds black bear to be very nutritious. He cannot agree with trophy hunting, everything he hunts, he eats.
- Neil Dille stated that the black bear hunt is game management, not killing bears.
- John Hiatt asked if there was any new information on recruitment to the bear population due to it being dry.
- Chairman Paul Dixon responded that the back-up materials did not include any of that information. That would probably be information needed for quota setting. He further stated that he agrees that hunting an animal to hunt for trophy is wrong. Personally, he noted, the Black Bear Hunt doesn't generate as much revenue as other species, but it is generating funding used for studying bears more, genetic population, how they are being disbursed. If we did not have hunting program, he believes NDOW would not be investing in any black bear studies. Because we have the hunt, we are learning how we can do better conservation and population management. The harvest numbers very small, but the hunt program gives visibility to this animal. It needs to be studied. The black bears only have visibility because of hunt.
- Howard Watts III shared that he likes about seasons being broken up, and expects that during quota setting, when we look at harvest limits in three areas, hopefully we can address the fact that while there are multiple units, most of the harvest occurs in a very small area.

- A motion was made and seconded to accept the proposed black bear seasons as written.
- The motion passes unanimously.

B. Commission Regulation 17 - 04, 2017 - 2018 Big Game Mountain Lion Harvest Limits (*For Possible Action*) The Clark CABMW Board will review, discuss and make recommendations to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners about consider adopting 2017 - 2018 mountain lion hunting season open units, harvest limits by unit group, hunting hours, and special regulations.

- Chairman Paul Dixon introduced this topic.
- Vice Chair Reese stated that while he knows that the mountain lion season is year round, there is no mention of season dates being the whole year. In addition, the quota for the season is 245, but what is quota in each area? You do not even know how many are allowed to be taken in a given area.
- Chairman Paul Dixon added that you have to call every morning to see if the area you want to hunt is open and they will tell you how many lions are left in that area. As soon as you harvest animal you need to call in.
- Vice Chair Reese feels, the public should know the quota for each area.
- Brian Patterson stated that this is just setting the limit; the quotas will be set in May.
- Vice Chair Reese added that unit 033 is listed as closed. He feels it should not be closed and should have a quota of at least one.
- John Hiatt stated that he feels you should not be able to hunt year round, particularly during the time, they are having kittens, generally February through May, and that the limit is too high. There should be fewer mountain lions taken. In addition, hunting 24 hours a day means they do not get any rest.
- Chairman Paul Dixon noted that since he has been on the Board, there has been a running tally of mountain lions taken each year. Independent of quotas set, the harvest is somewhere around 250 over a 25 to 30 year period. He thinks the number is set as the statistical average of harvest over 10 plus years.
- John Hiatt noted that we are seeing significant changes in our state due to dryness. That will affect the prey populations and the predator populations. He feels we should back down on harvests for both prey and predators.
- Public Comment: none
- Chairman Paul Dixon summarized the suggestions to lower harvest limit based on current climate and impacts, we should not be hunting females during cubing season, January – May, we should add language to the Regulation that specifies that restriction in hunting season length or specifies 365 days, and a recommendation to open Unit 033 to have a quota.
- A motion was made and seconded to accept CR17-04, 2017-2018 Mountain Lion Seasons as published and take area 033 out of closed put into open.
- Motion passes 5-1. (Hiatt)

C. Commission Regulation 17 - 05, 2017 - 2018 and 2018 - 2019 Big Game Seasons (*For Possible Action*) The Clark CABMW Board will review, discuss and make recommendations to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners about adopting 2017 - 2018 and 2018 - 2019 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.

- Chairman Paul Dixon introduced this topic noting that the seasons will be discussed by species, and that in setting the seasons, NDOW is looking to minimize hunter congestion. The Delk and Belk tags combine hunts to reduce hunter congestion.

ANTELOPE

- Vice Chair Reese said that he has heard no bad comments on Antelope seasons. It is one of the best hunts in the state.
- Brian Patterson commented on the fact that the archery season for resident and non-resident was shortened 6 days. Other than that, the proposed seasons seem to be in line with what we have been doing for the past several years.
- Joe Luby noted a strange break of dates for the late season. As it includes Labor Day weekend, the season is longer. Both seasons get one full weekend.
- Public Comment:
- Julius Fortuna, Nevada Firearms Coalition, asked if there is any major change in precipitation that would make us concerned about the numbers of tags in hunt units.
- Chairman Paul Dixon responded that we are just trying to set season lengths. He is assuming that season lengths are being set based on range demographics and populations. Populations are generally stable or rising. We do not have any falling populations.
- A motion was made and seconded to recommend approval of Antelope Hunts #2151, 2251, 2171, 2161, 2261, and 2181 as written.
- Motion passed 6-0.

ELK

- Chairman Paul Dixon introduced the proposed Elk hunt seasons noting that there are a lot of them.
- Brian Patterson mentioned that while he was in the field hunting, other hunters with comments approached him on hunter congestion, such that if you are hunting deer and have a cow elk tag, you probably have two or three helpers with you in case you need to pack out a large animal. There may be fewer hunters, but there may be more bodies in the area.
- Vice Chair Reese voiced a concern regarding the Hunt 4151 Units 241 and 242 recommending the season dates be changed to Sept. 17-24. For the Archery Hunt 4161 for Units 241, 242 change the dates to be August 25th through September 16, and for Muzzleloader Hunt 4156 for Units 241, 242, have the season end on Sunday October 22 instead of Saturday October 21.
- Howard Watts III observed that those changes would have Archery and any legal weapon hunters in the field the same time.
- Chairman Paul Dixon offered that in his opinion, an "any legal weapon" hunt during the rut is very unsporting.
- Vice Chair Reese further stated that he had been an advocate supporting cow elk seasons into January, but now wants to have all Cow Elk Hunts end by January 1st.
- Chairman Paul Dixon stated that he argued that very hard last year only a couple of the Commissioners supported him, the rest did not. All Antlerless end by January 1st.
- Brian Patterson relayed comments from other hunters that if the objective is to harvest more Cow Elk, it is easier to do that later in the year when they are down on the winter range. Eliminate August hunt and move to later in the year. He agreed that could harass the rest of the herd to harvest a few.
- Chairman Paul Dixon stated that he harvested his cow elk last year in early October. He is not a fan of the August Elk Hunts. It is very difficult to properly field dress an animal that large and maintain meat quality in the field in August.
- Joe Luby disagreed with ending the elk seasons January 1st. additionally, he noted that the reason NDOW has seasons into mid January is because the harvest objectives are not being met in the earlier seasons. He proposed that hunters with a cow elk tag should be allowed to harvest a second cow elk. That will help meet harvest objectives earlier in the year.
- Chairman Paul Dixon said he sees merit in that idea.

- Vice Chair Reese agreed and proposed that perhaps the first 25 or so who draw a cow elk tag are given the opportunity to take a second cow elk.
- Chairman Paul Dixon added that the herds are averaging 50 bulls per cow. There are many spike bulls, thus the spike hunt. We are doing a good job of removing cow elk.
- John Hiatt suggested that for Resident Elk – Antlered Any Legal Weapon Depredation Hunt 4102 Units 101, 103, combine the early and late seasons into one long season August 1st – January 1st, and for Units 144, 145, combine the three seasons into one Sept. 1st – January 1st.
- Public Comment:
- Commissioner Valentine (speaking as himself) stated that it might be possible to have a rut hunt on Mt. Charleston, Unit 262.
- Neil Dille voiced his agreement with John Hiatt.
- Julius Fortuna agreed with the suggestion on the depredation hunt, but disagreed with moving many hunts from October, November to September due to the loss of quality hunt.
- Stacy James asked if elk is prey for mountain lions.
- Chairman Paul Dixon responded that the prey for mountain lions is 1) mule deer, 2) feral horses, 3) animals of opportunity. Elk are rarely prey.
- Stacy James asked other than hunters are there any predators for elk?
- Chairman Paul Dixon answered no.
- A motion was made and seconded to approve the following changes to Hunt 4102 Units 101, 103, combine the early and late seasons into one long season August 1st – January 1st, and for Units 144, 145, combine the three seasons into one Sept. 1st – January 1st.
- Motion passed 6-0
- A motion was made and seconded to approve Hunt 4151 with the following changes:
- For Units 241, 242, change the season dates to Sept 17th – Sept 24th, and set the same dates for Unit 262.
- Joe Luby asked if this is the same as what the Lincoln County Cab recommended.
- Vice Chair Reese replied yes for Units 241, 242.
- John Hiatt suggested keeping the season length the same (2 weeks) end Sept 30th.
- The motion was amended and seconded to have the season for Units 241, 242 end September 30th.
- Motion passes 6-0
- A motion was made and seconded to accept Non Resident Elk – Antlered Any Legal Weapon Hunt 4251 written.
- Motion passes 6-0.
- A motion was made and seconded to accept Resident Elk – Antlered – Muzzleloader Hunt 4156 & Non Resident Elk – Antlered-Muzzleloader Hunt 4256 as written except any season in 2017 change any season ending October 21st to end October 22nd
- Motion passes 6-0
- A motion was made and seconded to accept Resident Elk – Antlered – Archery Hunt 4161 and Non Resident Elk – Antlered- Archery Hunt 4261 as written with exception to Hunt 4161 change the dates for Units 241, 242 to 8/25 – 9/16.
- Motion passes 6-0
- A motion was made and seconded to accept Resident Elk – Spike – Any Legal Weapon Hunt 4651 and Resident Elk – Antlerless – Any Legal Weapon Hunt 4181 as written except change all seasons closing 1/31 change to 1/1.

- Motion passes 5-1 (Luby - objects to shortening season)
- A motion was made and seconded to accept Resident Elk – Antlerless – Any Legal Weapon Hunt 4181 Wilderness Only Hunts, Non Resident Elk – Antlerless – Any Legal Weapon Hunt 4281, Resident Elk – Antlerless – Muzzleloader Hunt 4176, and Non Resident Elk – Antlerless – Muzzleloader Hunt 4276 as written except that for all seasons closing 1/31 change to 1/1.
- Motion passes 5-1 (Luby - objects to shortening season)
- A motion was made and seconded to accept as written
 - Resident Elk – Antlerless – Archery Hunt 4111 changing the season dates for Units 241, 242 to August 1st- August 24th ,
 - Non Resident Elk – Antlerless – Archery Hunt 4211,
 - Resident Elk Antlerless – Any Legal Weapon Depredation Hunt 4107 changing all seasons ending January 31 to end January 1,
 - Resident Elk – Antlerless Elk Management Any Legal Weapon Hunt 4481 Option for Mule Deer Hunt 1331,
 - Non Resident Elk – Antlerless Elk Management Any Legal Weapon Hunt 4481 Option for Mule Deer Hunt 1341,
 - Resident Elk – Antlerless Elk Management Muzzleloader Hunt 4476 Option for Mule Deer Hunt 1371,
 - Non-Resident Elk – Antlerless Elk Management Archery Hunt 4411 Option for Mule Deer Hunt 1341.
- Motion passes 5-1 (Luby - objects to shortening season)
- John Hiatt asked that Hunt 4107 be handled separately.
- Vice Chair Reese amended his motion to exclude Resident Elk Antlerless – Any Legal Weapon Depredation Hunt 4107.
- The amended motion was seconded and passed 6-0.
- A motion was made and seconded to accept Resident Elk Antlerless – Any Legal Weapon Depredation Hunt 4107 with all seasons for all units condensed into single season ending January 1st.
- Motion passes 4-2. (Brian Patterson - hunter congestion, Luby - shortened season)
- A motion was made and seconded to accept Resident Junior Elk – Antlerless Elk Management Hunt 4407 Option for Resident Junior Mule Deer Hunt 1107 as written.
- Motion passes 6-0

Bighorn Sheep

- Resident Nelson (Desert) Bighorn Sheep Any Ram – Any Legal weapon Hunt 3151
- Brian Patterson said that everything seems fine to him.
- Chairman Paul Dixon noted that the seasons look fine to him; he is just worried about a possible disease event in the Muddies. If we get a disease like the Mojave National Preserve Strain in the Muddies, it could be disastrous.
- Public Comment on Bighorn Sheep Seasons: None
- A motion was made and seconded to accept Desert Bighorn Sheep Hunts 3151, 3251, and 3181 as written.
- Motion passes 6-0.

- Pat Cummings, NDOW, stated that due to an oversight, the Nonresident Desert Bighorn Ewe Hunt was left out.
- Chairman Paul Dixon responded that the Board cannot discuss it with no back up.
- A motion was made and seconded to accept California Bighorn Sheep Hunts 8151, 8251, and 8181 as written.
- Motion passes 6-0.
- Brian Patterson noted that there is a new season for Unit 114 in Hunt 9151 and Unit 091 is open so the assumption is there will be at least one tag for Unit 091. He asked Pat Cummings if he is correct in his understanding.
- Pat Cummings, NDOW, confirmed that he is correct.
- A motion was made and seconded to accept Rocky Mountain Bighorn Sheep Hunt 9151 and Mountain Goat Hunts 7151 and 7251 as written.
- Pat Cummings confirmed that Hunt 9151 is alternating interstate hunt with Utah.
- Motion passed 6-0.

Mule Deer

- Chairman Paul Dixon introduced the Resident Junior Mule Deer – Antlered – or Antlerless Archery, Muzzleloader or Any Legal Weapon Hunt 1107.
- Public Comment: none
- A motion was made and seconded to accept Resident Junior Mule Deer – Antlered – or Antlerless Archery, Muzzleloader or Any Legal Weapon Hunt 1107 as written.
- Motion passes 6-0.
- Chairman Paul Dixon asked for any Public Comment on remaining Mule Deer Hunts.
- Vice Chair Reese voiced his objection to the Antlerless Hunt 1181 in Units 221-223 and 231. The mule deer population is at an all time low. Taking out does will have an adverse effect on the population. Those Units are some of the key trophy areas.
- Brian Patterson pointed out that you can achieve the same goal setting the quota to zero.
- Vice Chair Reese prefers no season so no quota set for it.
- Paul Dixon offered that the state manages to a buck to doe ratio of 30 or less, buck to doe ratio in that area is less than 20. They are managing to the harvest guidelines they have set. That is why there is a doe season set in those units.
- Vice Chair Reese responded that he does not agree with the guidelines.
- Brian Patterson added that he prefers to go with what the biologists say rather than what Mike says.
- Public Comment re-opened:
- Robert Gaudet, Nevada Wildlife Federation, stated that he is in total agreement with Vice Chair Reese. Taking out is not beneficial. He does not care about ratios and non-sense. If you do not have grocery store where you live, what are you going to do. Having too many does in area, is not a problem. Killing does is only for the young. Young kids ok, but adults, he cannot go along with that.
- Chairman Paul Dixon noted that NDOW is trying to make science-based decisions for management. They do their surveys or foraging assessments of the carrying capacity for the herd size. Biologists weigh all of this health of animals, buck to doe ratio, carrying capacity, etc. When you get above a certain buck to doe ration, you tend to see a degradation of the herd.
- Julius Fortuna asked why can't we have a Saturday session with NDOW, to help citizens and hunters understand the various factors that go into management decisions?

- Chairman Paul Dixon stated that we have had Tony Wasley come down three times in years past. We are trying to explain things based on a set of guidelines established scientifically. We need to be able to explain to the non-consumptive public and the sportsmen why we are managing to the guidelines. Either we accept the guidelines, or we work to have the guidelines revised.
- Vice Chair Reese noted that there are 11 new doe seasons, all on the eastern side of state without any back up explaining why. They are trying to prescribe hunt, and he sees no scientific data documenting the need for the hunt.
- Robert Gaudet stated that when we had 250K mule deer in the state, we took surveys differently than we do today. Counting deer by hand gave us an accurate record. When you put it on a computer, you do not know what is right there. We need more people in the field. People who can count how many does to a buck. Not against science. Some things are just not right.
- Chairman Paul Dixon stated that the Baker Ranch hunt is a depredation hunt. By including it in Hunt 1181 you are not excluding yourself from other Units.
- Vice Chair Reese reiterated that Units 221-223 and 231 are our premier trophy hunting area. These are the big deer. The fact that it is on the radar screen, he is opposed to it.
- Chairman Paul Dixon recalled that last year in 061 and 068, there was a very low harvest of animals. To pull another year, they must feel we have not met the objective through winterkill or hunt harvest.
- Vice Chair Reese said, he is not arguing area 6.
- Chairman Paul Dixon is trying to figure out what is driving the decision to have a doe season in these areas- has to be demographics, cannot be food, not herd health or carrying capacity.
- Steve Linder, LVW&W, asked is there not any back up for the hunts.
- Chairman Paul Dixon responded that setting the seasons allows them to have the hunt if warranted based on the fall and Winter surveys. They want to establish the hunt and if they have a problem area, they can work it. They could just as easily set a quota of one.
- Steve Linder added that he drew area 22 last year and saw approximately 150 does, and practically no bucks. Those he did see were ½ dozen with horns, three bucks 2x2. The ranger said one 8-point and two 4-point were taken at end of early hunt.
- A motion was made and seconded to approve Mule Deer Hunts 1181, 1235, 1331, 1371, and 1341 as written.
- Motion passes 5-1. (Reese - doe hunts)
- Chairman Paul Dixon introduced the 2017 and 2018 Antlerless Elk Landowner Hunts 4781, noting that the season is July 1 through June 30 of the following year. There is a limit of 25 tags per landowner per year. He further stated that he worked with Ken Wellington and with property owners to allow access to the public lands that that landowner has land-locked or partially land-locked. There has been limited access in the past. Landowner incentive tags are given as an incentive. There will be a website that will show access points for public lands and allow complaints if needed.
- Chairman Paul Dixon also noted that the 2017 and 2018 Emergency Hunts are the same as last year. If there is a fire or huge disease event that requires a hunt, that is the reason for this.
- Public Comment: None
- A motion was made and seconded to approve the 2017 and 2018 Antlerless Elk Landowner Hunts 4781 and the 2017 and 2018 Emergency Hunts as written.
- Motion passes 6-0.

D. Commission Regulation 17 - 06, 2018 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 2018 Heritage Tag hunt species, seasons and quotas.

- Chairman Paul Dixon introduced this item
- Vice Chair Reese stated that he feels all Heritage Tags season should be year round. It puts a higher value on the tag.
- Public comment:
- Julius Fortuna noted that in Arizona, tag value jumped up substantially when they made it year round season.
- Chairman Paul Dixon clarified that besides turkey tags; there are only nine Heritage tags each year.
- A motion was made and seconded to accept CR17-06 2018 Wildlife Heritage Tags as written with seasons to be moved to year round.
- Motion passes 6-0.

E. **Commission Regulation 17-07, 2017 Dream Tag Seasons (*For Possible Action*)** The Clark CABMW Board will review, discuss and make recommendations to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners about the adoption of the 2017 Dream Tag seasons.

- Chairman Paul Dixon introduced this item noting that the season dates follow the management unit season dates. Quota is 1 per species for a total of five. Paul read back up into record (informational sheet). Close the unit if there was a specialty tag in that area.
- Public Comment: none
- A motion was made and seconded to approve CR 17-07 2017 Dream Tag Hunts as written.
- Motion passes 6-0.

F. **Commission Regulation 17-08, 2017 Partnership in Wildlife (PIW) Hunts 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 2017 PIW hunt species, seasons and quotas.

- Chairman Paul Dixon introduced this item citing the NRS limits on tags, listing the quotas for the various species and noting the same rules for unit closures.
- Howard Watts III added that the quotas are the same as last year.
- Public Comment: none
- A motion was made and seconded to approve CR17-08 2017 Partnership in Wildlife Hunts as written.
- Motion passes 6-0.

G. **Commission Regulation 17 - 09, 2017 Silver State 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 2017 Silver State Tag hunt species, seasons and quotas.

- Chairman Paul Dixon introduced this topic noting that the Silver State Tag parallels the Heritage Tag. As such, since we recommend year-round season for Heritage, Silver State should also be year-round. In addition, the Silver State Tag is drawn, not won in auction.
- Public Comment: none
- A motion was made and seconded to pass CR17-09 Silver State Hunts as written except changing season dates to year round.
- Motion passes 6-0.

H. **Commission Regulation 17-10, 2017 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 2017 big game tag application deadline information.

- Chairman Paul Dixon introduced this item.
- Howard Watts III said he sees no changes made to application deadlines.
- Public Comment: No comments
- A motion was made and seconded to accept CR 17-10, 2017 Big Game Application Deadline as written.
- Motion passes 6-0.

I. **Commission Regulation 17-11, 2017 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 2017 big game tag application eligibility, to include ability to apply for bull and spike elk, and ram and ewe of same bighorn subspecies.

- Chairman Paul Dixon introduced this item, noting there is a new recommendation for Elk allowing applications for Spike Elk every year, and allowing applications for antlered and spike in the same year, but only the first application selected randomly will be filled, the second application would become ineligible. For Bighorn Sheep, the recommendation is to allow applications for both ram and ewe in the same season, but only one tag would be issued.
- Joe Luby suggested the draw be opened up for 2 cows.
- Public Comment – None
- A motion was made and seconded to accept CR 17-11, 2017 Big Game Tag Application Eligibility as written accept for Elk, we recommend the TAACH committee consider that a hunter be able to obtain two antlerless elk tags in a given year.
- Motion passes 6-0.

J. **Nevada Department of Wildlife Report about Hunting Near Dwellings and Residential Areas (For Possible Action)** The Clark CABMW Board will review, discuss and make recommendations to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners about recent complaints and incidents involving people hunting in or near residential areas.

- Chairman Paul Dixon introduced this item.
- Vice Chair Reese stated there is no report. The back-up material only lists county ordinances, but no report of incidents or complaints. You cannot discharge a gun in your yard if you live in a firearm-restricted area.
- Joe Luby added the back-up document states that the Department will provide an update on recent complaints and incidents involving people hunting in or near residential areas. Complaints are coming from an area other than Clark County.
- Chairman Paul Dixon responded that this item will be tabled.
- Stephanie Myers asked if the ½ mile from dwelling applies to firearms, is it same for trapping?
- Chairman Paul Dixon responded that trapping was ½ mile from dwelling.
- Vice Chair Reese clarified that a neighbor can trap closer than ½ mile to your dwelling but only on their private property, and if they are in a firearm zone, they cannot use a firearm to euthanize the trapped animal.
- John Hiatt asked why Carson City, and Douglas and Washoe counties are on our agenda.
- Commissioner Valentine speculated that they may not have no firearm zone in the rural areas.
- A motion was made and seconded to table this item.

- Motion passed 6-0

K. Nevada Department of Wildlife Update of Guidelines for Harvest Management in Nevada

(For Possible Action) The Clark CABMW Board will review, discuss and make recommendations to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners about the status and process of refining the draft harvest guidelines for consideration by the Commission. The Department will provide a briefing on revisions since the first reading of the current draft presented at the November 2016 Commission Meeting. This draft for possible adoption includes only the segment addressing big game management; the segment addressing upland game will be addressed at a subsequent Commission meeting.

- Chairman Paul Dixon introduced this item.
- Vice Chair Reese asked how do you age an Elk? Could be hard to gauge. Mature Buck could be 2x2. You get 5K questionnaires a year ask what the spread is; it will get us closer to rating accurately. You would know how habitats are doing. As hunters are becoming more educated in areas, the hunter is already gathering information why not give the information to NDOW?
- Joe Luby commented on the mule deer buck to doe ratio use in the guidelines where there is no mention as to what ration should trigger a doe hunt.
- Public Comment: None
- A motion was made and seconded to accept as written the Update of Guidelines for Harvest Management with the addition that the mule deer questionnaire should require the outside spread of the widest points to the nearest inch.
- Motion passes 6-0

L. Draft Fiscal Year (FY) 2018 Predation Management Plan (For Possible Action) The Clark CABMW Board will review, discuss and make recommendations to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners about the draft Fiscal Year 2018 Predation Management Plan. Following this review, the draft plan will be updated and shared with the State Predatory Animal and Rodent Committee (PARC).

- Chairman Paul Dixon introduced this item.
- Vice Chair Reese \$500k towards Raven. Increase of \$861,500 Sportsmen money. Map 21 and 21-02 taking out Ravens.
- John Hiatt stated that they are taking out in fair numbers. He agreed that we might not be accomplishing much with this. We have legislation that dictates we spend \$3 fee killing predators. He recommends that legislation be repealed in this legislative session.
- Vice Chair Reese noted that Federal law protects the Raven. NDOW has a permit to kill 2500 ravens. That is not enough. NDOW needs to get a permit to do a deprivation hunt. Quit wasting money on Ravens
- John Hiatt reminded everyone of the Raven talk at last meeting, highlighting a Raven workshop he had attended recently. Raven populations in Nevada experienced a 1500% increase. We agree that Raven numbers exploded. Largely due to humans. Ravens are incredibly smart. You can only shoot one Raven then the rest learn to stay away. Need other methods like poisoning? Not everything done so far is enough. If we recommend not spending money on Ravens, we must find somewhere else to spend the mandated 80%.
- Vice Chair Reese stated, he understands ravens are the number one predator for the sage grouse. He is willing to keep spending money to protect the sage grouse.
- John Hiatt suggested the best time to make a dent in the raven population is at winter aggregation when Ravens are more condensed.
- Vice Chair Reese asked about Raven migration habits.
- John Hiatt responded that birds fly, they can go long distance or a short distance. Ravens have greater extreme weather heat and cold tolerance, classified as migratory bird; they may

or may not migrate. Nevada has 2500 quota for NDOW and 2500 quota for Agriculture. He is not sure we have even taken out 5000 birds.

- Howard Watts III expressed his frustration that a report that comes out then a plan, and they do not reference each other. In this Draft, there are sections for Comments from 2016 results and they all say none. He also noted that the results show that 2300 Ravens through project 21 were taken and at a cost of \$100k.
- John Hiatt noted that Wildlife Services lost a lawsuit.
- Howard Watts III further stated that we have predator fees coming in, unless we are looking at making recommendations to change. We have funds, what are the best the things to do with it. We can see about limiting fee, changing fee, how we can spend fees. As to the Migratory Bird Treaty, there are 5 countries involved. We need other ways to address this.
- Vice Chair Reese said that we are spending money on sage grouse that is great. However, what about a bounty for coyotes. He feels you are going to get more bang for your buck that with the ravens.
- Joe Luby likes the idea of a raven depredation hunt. Not everything else that has been tried is working. Why leave any option off the table. That would be free. Sportsmen would do that on their own dime. He also addressed the fact that each of the projects in the Predator Management Plan contains a fat number indicating the total funds needed, but no breakdown and no project parameters set. Where did they come up with the dollar amount? How are they spending the money?
- Chairman Dixon noted that for the migratory, furbearer treaty, going to Sacramento would do no good. You would need to get Fish and Wildlife Services (Dept. of the Interior, And possibly Dept. of State) and other nations to work together. It will not be a priority.
- John Hiatt wrote a letter as part of a Lincoln County committee to US Fish and Wildlife stating that we need to increase that number. The answer was they have bigger issues. Sage Grouse loose 1 million acres to fire. Habitat is where it is.
- Vice Chair Reese also questioned Project 22-01 and Project 22-074. Whom did they use? Where does the number come from?
- Brian Patterson highlighted the differences between Project 32 (collaring 96 animals for \$160K) and Project 22-074 (collaring an unknown number of animals for \$90K). Do not pull a number out of the air.
- Public Comment:
- Karen Layne has been attending these meetings since 2010, sat on predator committee and talked about it, and set up a process. Everyone on it left, so the committee repeated the process. However, there are Commissioners who up the amounts allocated to Projects, because have the money. Prior to AB78, some money was spent on habitat. Now it is all about killing. Repeal the \$3 fee. We talk about the proposed projects every year. We always say the same thing about these plans.
- Jana Wright noted that the Report continues to be so vague. Pull last year's plan and compare. AB78 for predator management AB101 for habitat restoration. Gets rid of park committee, supporting.
- Julius Fortuna stated that this goes back to bigger picture. The \$3 fee comes from hunters for the privilege to apply to hunt. From a survey of sportsmen last year, they said the fee was to harvest predators to save mule deer. He agrees with Dr. Layne and team, we are not getting this done. What are the hunters thinking of how this money is being spent? AB101 in legislature trying to take money from predators. If we cannot spend the money efficiently as it was designed to do, we need to abolish it. From these Boars to the Commission, to the Department to be sure the money is going to the right places.
- Stephanie Myers said she agrees with what everyone else says. Demand specifics.
- Paul Dixon we agree with you. How they are determining costing of this. It could be justified. Yet, we still do not see the detail. It is not clear that any of our efforts are going to have any

impact. As John Hiatt has said trying to get Ravens during certain times of the year doing different things. We have been asking for links in the plans and reports. We are throwing money at something.

- John Hiatt said it is crazy!
- Chairman Dixon continued stating that AB101 doing something very different not accomplishing goal of some of our key species by predator management. Not eradication or extinction, management.
- Robert Gaudet stated that Julius is exactly right. That predator fee put on specifically for Mule Deer. Sage Grouse was not originally on there. People added Ravens to it.
- Chairman Paul Dixon corrected that statement saying that the \$3 fee was originally for mule deer predator management, but before the bill left the committee, sage grouse was added. There were no dissenting votes on that bill from the committee. AB78, on the other hand, did have dissenting opinions.
- Stacey James stated that she hopes everyone looks at AB101 and AB37 and provides input so it is the legislation we need. Raven do not match project goals, is there a better way? Habitat restoration is the most successful strategy. Those two do not line up.
- Close public comment.
- A motion was made, amended and seconded to deny FY2018 Predator Management Plan as written and upon rewrite, put in more specifics detailing cost breakdowns as well as results from the previous year for all of the projects.
- Motion passes 6-0

M. Nevada Land Management Task Force, Senate Joint Resolution 1 (SJR 1) of the 2015 Nevada Legislature and Subsequent Federal Legislation Update (*For Possible Action*). The Clark CABMW Board will review, discuss and make recommendations to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners about Nevada Land Management Task Force bill, SJR 1, and subsequent federal legislation in regards to the transfer of no less than 7.2 million acres of public lands currently administered by the Bureau of Land Management to the State of Nevada.

- No action was taken on this item due to lack of time.

N. Legislative Committee Report (*For Possible Action*) The Clark CABMW Board will review, discuss and make recommendations to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners about bills of interest, consider legislative committee recommendations and may take official positions on those bills. The Commission may also choose to develop platforms on bills by supporting or opposing general concepts contained within bills rather than specific language.

- No action was taken on this item due to lack of time.

O. First Reading, Commission Policy 26A, Transparency (*For Possible Action*) The Clark CABMW Board will review, discuss and make recommendations to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners about Commission Policy 26A, Transparency, and recommend they amend or repeal it as the policy is currently outdated and unnecessary.

- No action was taken on this item due to lack of time.

P. Commission General Regulation 464, Appeals, LCB File No. R074-16 (*For Possible Action*) The Clark CABMW Board will discuss and make recommendations about adopting amendments to Chapter 501 of the Nevada Administrative Code (NAC). This regulation revises provisions relating to practice before the Commission. It provides more efficiency in scheduling appeals, will define that "calendar" days are used for calculation of deadlines, and more clearly notify the appellant in advance of a hearing that the Commission has limited jurisdiction. It will also provide for two, separate Attorneys General (one for the Commission and one for the Department) to avoid conflicts with one attorney advising two sides of the appeal. It also requires

the appellant to give the agency advance notice of legal representation to improve scheduling for a separate lengthier time needed on agendas.

- No action was taken on this item due to lack of time.

Q. Commission General Regulation 467, Special Assistance Permit, LCB File No. R105-16 (For Possible Action) The Clark CABMW Board will review, discuss and make recommendations to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners about adopting amendments to Chapter 502 of the Nevada Administrative Code (NAC). Through Assembly Bill 136 of the 2015 Legislative Session, the Nevada State Legislature mandated the Board of Wildlife Commissioners to adopt regulations prescribing the circumstances under which a person may assist a licensed hunter with certain disabilities in the killing and retrieval of a big game mammal.

- No action was taken on this item due to lack of time.

10. Public Comment -Members of the public may provide public comment (Informational)

Comments will be limited to three minutes; unless you represent a group then you will be limited to six minutes. Any item requiring Board action not on this agenda may be scheduled on a future agenda.

- Julius Fortuna addressed AB101 bill promoters recognize the money is coming from predator fund, if it is going to promote Legislature Wheeler; hunting supporting Sportsmen need to support use of fee. Not the way it is designed right now.
- Jana Wright noted for attendees that the Wildlife Commission would be video conferenced Friday and Saturday at Grant Sawyer Building on Washington Ave., Room 5100.
- Paul Dixon state that it is interesting to see at the Commission level. Recommend to observe very interesting.
- Robert Gaudet voiced his opposition, and that of the entire National Wildlife Foundation, to SJR1 "the land grab", land transfer, land give back. The land never belonged to state. They already sold 2.5 million acres. 3K acres left. We are prone to wildfires we paid for that land. The taxpayers keep our public lands public. We fought for it, our forefathers fought for it.
- SJR1 – Paul Dixon Friday late afternoon. Legislative is also Friday.
- Closed public comment.

11. Authorize the Chairman to prepare and submit any recommendations from today's meeting to the Commission for its consideration at its February 10th and 11th, 2017 meeting in Carson City, Nevada. (For Possible Action)

- No public comment.
- A motion was made and seconded to authorize the Chairman to prepare and submit any recommendations from today's meeting to the Commission for its consideration at its February 10th and 11th, 2017 meeting in Carson City, NV.
- Motion passed unanimously 6-0.

12. The next Clark County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife meeting is scheduled for March 21st, 2017 in the Clark County Government Center Pueblo Room, 500 S. Grand Central Parkway to support the scheduled Wildlife Commission meeting on March 24th and 25th, 2017 in Southern Nevada.

13. Adjournment

- Meeting was adjourned at 8:57 pm.