



Clark County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife

MEETING MINUTES

Date: June 26, 2018
Location: Clark County Government Center
500 S. Grand Central Parkway Pueblo Room
Las Vegas, NV 89155

Time: 5:30 pm

Board Members Present: Paul Dixon, Chair (via phone) J. Michael Reese, Vice Chair
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: June 20, 2018

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1. Call to Order

- The meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm by Vice Chair J. Michael Reese.
 - Roll call of Board Members was performed by Vice Chair Reese. A quorum was present.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

- Vice Chair Reese requested all stand and led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Approval of Minutes of the May 1, 2018 CCABMW Meeting (*FOR POSSIBLE ACTION*)

- Vice Chair Reese asked the Board and attendees for any comments or corrections to the Minutes of the May 1, 2018 CCABMW Meeting.
- Board Comments: None
- Public comment: Jana Wright noted on Page 4, that the minutes do not accurately reflect her testimony. She requested the text be corrected to reflect the fact that her request for the reduction in quota is so the Black Bear was not automatically kicked into a Dream Tag.
- A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of May 1, 2018 CCABMW Meeting as amended.
- Motion passed unanimously.

4. **Approval of Agenda for June 26, 2018 (*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.
 - Vice Chair Reese introduced this topic.
 - Board comments: None
 - Public Comments: None
 - A motion was made to approve the agenda for June 26, 2018 as written.
 - Motion passed unanimously.

5. **CCABMW Member Items/Announcements/Correspondence: (*Informational*)** CCABMW members may present emergent items. No action may be taken by the CCABMW. Any item requiring CCABMW action will be scheduled on a future CCABMW agenda. CCABMW board members may discuss any correspondence sent or received. (CCABMW board members must provide hard copies of their correspondence for the written record).
 - Brian Patterson made an announcement that the specialty tags deadline was coming up and that there were a few tags left over.
 - Close topic

6. **Recap of May 4th and 5th 2018 Commission Meeting Actions (*Informational*)** A recap of actions taken by the Wildlife Commission will be compared to CCABMW Recommendations.
 - Chairman Paul Dixon introduced this topic stating that he **did not have his meeting notes but would go from memory on topics that were of Interest to Clark County.**
 - One topic of interest was related to .410 gauge for turkey hunting with new heavy shot (or 28 gauge for duck hunting raised by Clark CAB). As well as, muzzle loader handguns for hunting. He feels, from discussions he had at the May Commission Meeting, that these the two Clark CAB requests will very likely appear on the August agenda.
 - Vice Chair Reese asked if there was any change in the increase in tags.
 - Chairman Dixon responded that there will be an increase but only maybe 50% of what they originally wanted, mostly because none of the CABs wanted the increase.
 - Vice Chair Reese also asked if there was any discussion about forming a Mule Deer Management Committee.
 - Chairman Dixon answered stating that there are a number of people interested in doing a better job of managing the deer herds. There is a lack of understanding in the CABs and the public as to how NDOW is administering the management plan. They are supposed to make a presentation, if not at the Dyer meeting, then at the August Meeting.

7. **Action Items:**

Discuss & make recommendations regarding the following Action Items from the Board of Wildlife Commissioners May 4th and 5th 2018 meeting agenda, as well as additional items brought forth to the CCABMW from the public for discussion. CCABMW agenda & support materials are available upon request to Stacy Matthews (702) 455-2705 or smatthews@co.clark.nv.us. The final Commission agenda & support at http://www.ndow.org/Public_Meetings/Commission/Agenda/.

A. Duck Stamp Request (*For Possible Action*) The CCABMW Board will review, discuss and make recommendations to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners about approving up to

\$128,510 for projects submitted for FY 2019 funding from the Duck Stamp account. The specific Duck Stamp projects that may be approved are listed below.

- Technician Support for Nevada Waterfowl Projects - Project # 384 (\$13,910)
- Ducks Unlimited Wetlands Conservation Support - Project # 352 (\$10,000)
- Mason Valley WMA Moist Soil Food Plots - Project # 382 (\$10,000)
- Key Pittman WMA Food Plots - Project # 330 (\$2,600)
- Overton WMA Pipe Replacement Project - Phase 2 - Project # 360 (\$7,000)
- Eastern WMA Complex Weed Control - Project # 349 (\$10,000)
- Overton WMA Pintail and Wilson Pond Leveling - Project # 351 (\$60,000)
- Mason Valley WMA Saltcedar Treatment - Project # 381 (\$15,000)
 - Vice Chair Reese introduced this item
 - Chairman Paul Dixon provided input on the Overton and Key Pittman projects. For a change, Southern Nevada got the lion's share of the funding.
 - Public Comment: None
 - A motion was made and seconded to accept the Duck Stamp Request as written.
 - Motion passed unanimously.

B. Upland Game Bird Stamp Request (*For Possible Action*) The CCABMW Board will review, discuss and make recommendations to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners about approving up to \$252,234 for projects submitted for FY 2019 funding from the Upland Game Bird Stamp account. The specific Upland Game Bird Stamp projects that may be approved are listed below.

- Greater Sage-grouse Statewide Monitoring – Project # 373 (\$55,000)
- Upland Game Translocation and Monitoring – Project # 368 (\$14,264)
- Dusky Grouse Ecology and Management in Nevada – Project # 365 (\$3,100)
- Monitoring the Effects of Landscape-Level Treatments on Greater Sage-grouse within the Desatoya Mountains – Project # 369 (\$15,000)
- Measuring Corticosterone Metabolites in Greater Sage-grouse - Project # 393 (\$25,000)
- Estimating Sage-grouse Vital Rates within Nevada’s Most Novel Habitats - Project # 367 (\$53,470)
- Effects of Conventional Raven Control and Wildfire on Greater Sage-grouse within the Virginia Mountains – Project # 370 (\$25,000)
- Mason Valley WMA Upland Food Plots – Project # 383 (\$10,000)
- Key Pittman WMA Food Plots - Project # 330 (\$3,900)
- Edwards Creek Lek Pinyon Juniper Hand Removal Project – Project # 282 (\$25,000)
- Eastern WMA Complex Weed Control – Project # 349 (\$10,000)
- Eastern Nevada Properties Restoration – Project # 390 (\$12,500)
 - Vice Chair Reese introduced this item.
 - Board Comment: None
 - Public Comment: None
 - A motion was made and seconded to accept the Upland Game Bird Stamp Request as written.
 - Motion passes unanimously.

C. Heritage Committee Fiscal Year 2019 Proposals (*For Possible Action*) The CCABMW Board will review, discuss and make recommendations to the Nevada Board of Wildlife

Commissioners to approve up to \$887,474.01 for projects submitted for FY 2019 funding from the Wildlife Heritage account.

- Bighorn Sheep Capture, Transplant and Monitoring – Project # 19-01 (\$75,000)
- NDOW Helicopter Acquisition – Project # 19-02 (\$200,000)
- Wildfire-Related Restoration and Seed Purchase – Project # 19-03 (\$100,000)
- Overton WMA Pintail and Wilson Ponds Leveling – Project # 19-04 (\$60,000)
- Willow Creek Reservoir Habitat Structures and Other Improvements – Project # 19-05 (\$21,500)
- South Steptoe Watershed Restoration – Project # 19-06 (\$35,000)
- Kern Mountain Habitat Improvement Project – Project # 19-07 (\$30,000)
- Izzenhood Basin Habitat Improvement Project – Project # 19-08 (\$30,000)
- Bighorn Sheep Gene Transcription Analysis – Project # 19-09 (\$84,500)
- Comins Lake Boat Ramp – Project # 19-10 (\$55,000)
- Rebuild of Last Chance #6 Hanging Basin Water Development – Project # 19-11 (\$25,100)
- Survey and Maintenance of Existing Big Game Water Developments – Project # 19-12 (\$36,700)
- Simkins/Doc Pass PJ Chaining Maintenance Project – Project # 19-13 (\$75,000)
- Cave Valley Ranch PJ Removal Project – Project # 19-14 (\$59,674.01)
- Delineation and Nutritional Value of Desert Bighorn Lambing Habitat – Project # 19-15 (not recommended for funding)
 - Vice Chair Reese introduced this item.
 - Board Comment: None
 - Public Comment:
 - Bill DeJunkers asked where the Bighorn Sheep are targeted to be transplanted to. Is there a danger of moving contaminated animals?
 - Vice Chair Reese did not have a concise answer. He did say that animals have been transplanted successfully, even to Utah. He asked Chairman Paul Dixon if he knew.
 - Chairman Dixon did not know of a specific location.
 - A motion was made and seconded to approve the Heritage Committee Fiscal Year 2019 Proposals as written.
 - Motion passes 5-0

D. Commission Regulation 18 - 04 Amendment #1, 2018 Heritage Tag Organization/Vendor Selection and Special Regulations (*For Possible Action*) The CCABMW Board will review, discuss and make recommendations to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners about the 2018 Heritage Tag vendors/organization recommendations.

- Vice Chair Reese introduced this item.
- Board Comments:
- Chairman Dixon reviewed the past vendors who received tags and the changes for 2018.
- Vice Chair Reese asked if the Fraternity of the Desert Bighorn (FDBH) was going to auction off their tag by themselves or combine with NBU again.
- Chairman Dixon responded that the FDBH will auction the tag this year not the Wild Sheep Foundation.
- Public Comment: None

- A motion was made and seconded to accept Commission Regulation 18 - 04 Amendment #1, 2018 Heritage Tag Organization/Vendor Selection and Special Regulations as presented.
- Motion passed 5-0

E. Commission General Regulation 477, Landowner Deer and Antelope

Compensation Tag Program, LCB File No. 096-18 (For Possible Action) The CCABMW Board will review, discuss and make recommendations to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners about a regulation relating to amending Chapter 502 of the Nevada Administrative Code (NAC). This regulation would provide direction for equitably allocating landowner deer and antelope compensation tags if the statutory limit is reached.

- Vice Chair Reese introduced this item stating that this has been discussed many times before and he feels that NDOW is relying on the Legislature to raise the percentage rather than trying to cultivate more deer. He feels NDOW is taking the easy way out.
- Public Comment: None
- A motion was made and seconded to accept Commission General Regulation 477, Landowner Deer and Antelope Compensation Tag Program, LCB File No. 096-18 as presented.
- Motion passed 5-0

F. Commission General Regulation 474, Trap Registration, LCB File No. R038-18 (For Possible Action)

The CCABMW Board will review, discuss and make recommendations about a regulation to amend Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) 503.150. This regulation revises provisions relating to the registration of traps as mandated by Senate Bill (SB) 364 of the 79th Legislative Session. SB 364 states that with certain exceptions, each trap, snare, or similar device used by a person in the taking of wild mammals must be registered with the Department before it is used. It also states that for each trap, snare, or similar device registered with the Department, the person registering the device shall pay a registration fee of \$5. This proposed regulation provides a mechanism for the Department to register traps and charge \$5 per trap registered. The Commission held a workshop on May 4, 2018 and directed the Department to clarify the first sentence of the regulation as it relates to SB 364. The Commission also directed the Department to gain clarity on the transfer of trap registration numbers.

- Vice Chair Reese introduced this item.
- Board Comments:
- Chairman Paul Dixon summarized discussions at the Commission Meeting. He added that NDOW has not come up with a consistent way that trap numbering and identifying tag numbering should be done to each trap.
- Howard Watts III noted that in reading the proposed regulation, he sees that the wording of the Regulation seems to align with SB364, and even helps to clarify what the Legislature intended.
- Brian Patterson asked for confirmation on his understanding of the proposed Regulation where the trapper has the option of putting his/her name and address on the trap or registering it with NDOW which requires use of the trapper's Social Security Number, but the SSN does not appear on the trap.

- Chairman Dixon confirmed that adding that a registered trap has a registration number only and you have to go to NDOW to determine the owner of the trap.
 - Public Comment:
 - Jana Wright stated that she endorsed the regulation before it was made clearer. She continues to endorse it and hopes the Board will vote to approve.
 - Stephanie Myers said SB364 was passed by the Legislature. She supports it and this regulation, and this Regulation needs to be passed without delay.
 - Jelindo Tiberti stated that he is opposed to this Regulation.
 - Tracy Truman said that he too is opposed to this Regulation. He understands that this is based on a Law, but there are several things that need addressing. If the registration fee is \$5 per trap, he hopes NDOW will furnish the tag itself. Also, the tag numbering system is unclear. If a tag is issued for a certain trap, how does NDOW know that the tag was put on the right trap? He feels it needs to be a sequential number system.
 - Close Public Comment
 - Vice Chair Reese noted that it is implied but not written that it is a one-time registration fee of \$5. It would be easy to add to the proposed Regulation that it is a one-time fee. He also agreed with Tracy Truman on the numbering system.
 - Bill Stanley asked for clarification on the “transfer” language in Section 2a.
 - Chairman Dixon stated that his understanding is that each registered trap will have a permanent registration id on the trap. If you sell that trap to someone else, NDOW will transfer that id information to the new owner.
 - Bill Stanley concluded that each trap that is registered must be uniquely identified among all traps in NDOW’s registry.
 - Brian Patterson added that when the trapper goes out and purchases more traps, he must pay \$5 each and get additional registration numbers from NDOW for the new traps. He went on to ask if trap #13 gets lost or stolen, can he put #13 on a new trap.
 - Bill Stanley drew an analogy to elevators where each elevator is registered and issued a metal tag with the unique registration number for that elevator. He suggested that the wording of the Regulation could be amended to state that a unique metal tag would be issued to be permanently attached to the registered trap.
 - A motion was made and seconded to decline Commission General Regulation 474, Trap Registration, LCB File No. R038-18 for three reasons: 1) it needs to be clarified that the registration fee is a one-time fee, 2) it needs to be clarified who provides the tag, and 3) tag numbering needs to be unique and sequential numbers.
 - Howard Watts III pointed out in Section 4 it states that upon registering a trap, the person registering the trap will be issued a metallic seal. He added that he understands the objections noted in the motion, but he feels that those issues would likely be handled by NDOW’s implementation and do not necessarily need to be in the Regulation. He is content to approve the Regulation as proposed. It clearly complies with the Law.
 - Vice Chair Reese agreed that it complies with the Law, but he is worried about the implementation by NDOW.
 - Motion failed 2 - 3
 - A new motion was made and seconded to support Commission General Regulation 474, Trap Registration, LCB File No. R038-18 but it can be made stronger by: 1) clarifying that the registration fee is a one-time fee, 2) clarifying who provides the tag, and 3) clarifying that tag numbering will be unique for each registered trap.
- Motion passed 4-1, Brian Patterson objected to time limit specified in the Regulation.

G. Commission Regulation 18-01, Amendment #1 – Fishing Seasons and Regulations for the Two Year Period March 1, 2018 through February 29, 2020 (For Possible Action) The CCABMW Board will review, discuss and make recommendations to the

Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners about Amendment #1 of CR 18-01, the Fishing Seasons and Bag Limits for March 1, 2018 through February 29, 2020. The Department is proposing an amendment to the harvest limit for fish in that portion of the Upper Reese River and tributaries from the Arc Dome wilderness boundary south of the Yomba Shoshone Tribe Reservation to its headwaters, and Stewart Creek from its confluence with the Reese River to its headwaters, in Nye County, to remove harvest limits on trout species.

- Vice Chair Reese introduced this item stating he had no comments on the proposed Regulation.
- Board Comments:
- Brian Patterson noted the removal of trout limits on the Reese River.
- Public Comment: None
- A motion was made and seconded accept Commission Regulation 18-01, Amendment #1 – Fishing Seasons and Regulations for the Two Year Period March 1, 2018 through February 29, 2020 as presented.
- Motion passed 5-0

H. Commission Regulation 18 - 12, 2018 - 2019 Upland Game and Furbearer Seasons and Bag Limits (*For Possible Action*) The CCABMW Board will review, discuss and make recommendations to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners about establishing regulations for upland game birds and mammals as well as furbearers for the 2018 and 2019 seasons. This regulation will also include fall wild turkey seasons for 2018 and 2019 and spring wild turkey seasons for 2019 and 2020.

- Vice Chair Reese introduced this item.
- Board Comments: None
- Public Comment: None
- A motion was made and seconded to accept Commission Regulation 18 - 12, 2018 - 2019 Upland Game and Furbearer Seasons and Bag Limits as presented.
- Motion passed 5-0

I. Fiscal Year 2019 County Advisory Board Budget Requests (*For Possible Action*) The CCABMW Board will review, discuss and make recommendations to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners to approve an estimated amount of \$39,186.01 for County Advisory Boards to Manage Wildlife budgets for fiscal year 2019. Carson City estimate \$1,742.50; Clark estimate \$9,389.69; Douglas estimate \$2,127.02; Eureka estimate \$373.71; Humboldt estimate \$583.54; Lander estimate \$2,063.99; Lincoln estimate \$2,378.27; Lyon estimate \$1,347.17; Mineral estimate \$5,477.85; Pershing estimate \$4,982.56; Washoe estimate \$3,771.37; White Pine estimate \$4,948.34.

- Vice Chair Reese introduced this item and asked Chairman Paul Dixon to provide his analysis.
- Chairman Dixon responded each county got what they requested including Clark. The finance meeting had considerable discussions about low county participation and they discussed ways to increase it that they were taking to the Commission.
- Bill Stanley stated that he was surprised to learn that Elko County doesn't participate.
- Chairman Dixon responded that there is something going on in Elko County that he doesn't understand given that Elko is the third most populace county in the State.

- Public Comment: None
- A motion was made and seconded to approve the Fiscal Year 2019 County Advisory Board Budget Requests as written.
- Motion passed 5-0

J. Amendment to the Biennial Upland Game Release Plan for Fiscal Year 2019 The CCABMW Board will review, discuss and make recommendations to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners to mend the Department's biennial upland game release plan for fiscal year 2019 to include beavers.

- Vice Chair Reese introduced this item.
- Board Comments: None
- Public Comment: None
- A motion was made and seconded to approve Amendment to the Biennial Upland Game Release Plan for Fiscal Year 2019 as presented.
- Motion passed 5-0

K. Commission Policy 50, Duck Stamp Procedure, Second Reading (*For Possible Action*) The CCABMW Board will review, discuss and make recommendations to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners about suspending policy 50.

- Vice Chair Reese introduced this item noting the Board has had discussions on this previously. They are trying to do away with the Duck Stamp.
- Board Comments: None
- Public Comment:
- Jana Wright asked that the Board move to suspend the Duck Stamp Procedure, Policy 50.
- Close Public Comment
- Brian Patterson stated as a lover of the arts, he hates to see the Duck Stamp go.
- Vice Chair Reese responded that the fiscal side of him says do away with it, but the sentimental side says we need to preserve art.
- Howard Watts III asked Chairman Paul Dixon, since this is the second reading they must really want to get rid of the Duck Stamp, was there discussion at the last meeting?
- Chairman Paul Dixon answered that the Commissioners were divided at the duck stamp committee meeting and could not reach a decision, but deputy director Jack Robb want strongly to end the program.
- A motion was made and seconded to suspend Commission Policy 50, Duck Stamp Procedure, Second Reading until the Commission feels the time is right to reinstate Policy 50.
- Motion passed - Ayes 4 - Nays 1 (Brian Patterson – he loves the arts)

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

Comments will be limited to three minutes. Any item requiring Board action not on this agenda may be scheduled on a future agenda.

- Jana Wright stated that her reason for recommending suspension of Policy 50 is that there is a Junior Duck Stamp program and this year's judging will be held at Springs Preserve in September. She went on to mention an artist who did an abstract of a duck, and it was even great.

9. **Authorize the Chairman to prepare and submit any recommendations from today's meeting to the Wildlife Commission for its consideration at its June 29th and 30th meeting in Dyer, Nevada. (For Possible Action)**

- Public comment: None
- 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 June 29th and 30th, 2018 meeting in Dyer, Nevada.
- Motion passed unanimously

10. **The next Clark County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife meeting is scheduled for August 7th, 2018 in the Clark County Government Center Pueblo Room, 500 S. Grand Central Parkway, Las Vegas. This meeting will be in support of the August 10th and 11th, 2018, commission meeting in Lincoln County, Nevada.**

11. **Adjournment**

- Meeting was adjourned at 8:01 pm

Note the audio recording of the meeting begins at Action Item 6 due to technical difficulties.