



Clark County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife

MEETING MINUTES

Date: March 13, 2018

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 John Hiatt
Brian Patterson Dave Talaga Howard Watts III William Stanley

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

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

Date: March 7, 2018

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1. Call to Order

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

2. Pledge of Allegiance

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

3. Approval of Minutes of the January 23, 2018 CCABMW Meeting (*FOR POSSIBLE ACTION*)

- Chairman Paul Dixon asked the Board and attendees for any comments or corrections to the Minutes of the January 23, 2018 CCABMW Meeting.
- Board Comments: None
- Public comment: None
- A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of January 23, 2018 CCABMW Meeting as written.
- Motion passed 7-0

4. **Approval of Agenda for March 13, 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.
 - Chairman Paul Dixon introduced this topic.
 - Board comments: None
 - Public Comments: None
 - A motion was made to approve the agenda for March 13, 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).
 - Howard Watts III announced that he has filed for State Assembly District 15 will represent sportsmen.
 - Vice Chair Reese announced that the Mule Deer Heritage Tags have been auctioned off for \$80K and \$70K. They pulled one back from Salt Lake to Vegas for the auction. Turkey Tags went for \$1400 and \$900 for the southern regions.
 - William Stanley stated that he was up in Cold Creek over the weekend and learned that some people are feeding the Elk hay along with their horses. It's becoming a problem pulling Elk into town. An Elk wanted the horses' hay, jumped over the corral and gored three horses that had to be put down.
 - Chairman Paul Dixon asked Bennie Vann, NDOW, if the Department was taking any action.
 - Bennie Vann stated this was the first he had heard of it.
 - Brian Paterson witnessed it a few weeks ago where people are feeding wild horses and Elk.
 - John Hiatt said that feeding horses there has been going on for a long time. Feeding wildlife is bad all around. Horses are coming down on the road getting hit.
 - Vice Chair Reese noted that two sessions ago, there was a bill in the Legislature trying to get passed to ban feeding of wildlife. It was killed when the question came up "how do you tell kids not to feed ducks".
 - Brian Patterson added that the Fraternity of the Desert Big Horn Banquet will be May 19th at the South Point.
 - Chairman Paul Dixon shared that this weekend is the Middle Valley Wildlife Dinner in Caliente.
 - Chairman Paul Dixon talked to NDOW and heard that the regulation for cartridge length went through the legislative council. Since that is moving forward, he will bring muzzleloader up at the Commission Meeting. This means that hunting with a .50 Caliber or 338 will probably be illegal in this state for big game.
 - Close topic

6. **Recap of January 26th & 27th 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
 - Recommended year round for Silver State and Heritage tags. Commission did not have appetite for that.
 - No changes to PIW, Dream Tag, Big Game Application deadlines or eligibility.
 - Shed Antler collecting is being codified for Shed Antler. Regulation 475 passed with restrictions. The start date was moved from March 15th to April 30th to avoid sage grouse

leking season which removed the 10am start time requirement. This is only in Eastern counties. They want to slow influx from people out of state. It's effective.

- Bennie Vann with NDOW stated they are giving warnings at this time.
- Trail Cameras not being used in this state now August 1st – December 31st. This will be a big deal.
- Predator Management Plan is back again for tonight. There will be a workshop in Laughlin this week for the Wildlife Management Meeting. He sees no substantial changes. We need to evaluate if we feel the Predator Management Plan is accomplishing the goals that we feel as sportsmen or whether we want to have the Predator Fee removed because we are not accomplishing our goals. He added that we are now getting enough information to apply to change the Raven harvest quotas to affect Sage Grouse Lets. We are overwhelmed with Ravens.
- Land Owner Tags for deer and antelope prompted much discussion. They have a hard time determining what damage is. They want to compute compensation like it is done for Elk, number of animals over time not just one day. We don't want to push animals from plot A and plot B and have them counted twice. They shew them to next plot to sell. People are buying land and cultivating it just for the compensation tags. Compensation Tag more than 50 you can get tag. Selling them.
- Processing fees passed. Used Driver's License to get tag and it was fine.
- Manage herds in certain areas having elk on property is more profitable than deer.
- John Hiatt fatal Elk accidents by Saloon in Pahrump
- Wayne E Kirch is back for a final reading
- Closed recap from January 26th & 27th 2018

7. Action Items:

Discuss & make recommendations regarding the following Action Items from the Board of Wildlife Commissioners March 16th and 17th 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 are located at http://www.ndow.org/Public_Meetings/Commission/Agenda/.

A. Predation Management Fiscal Year 2019 Plan (*For Possible Action*) The CCABMW Board will review, discuss and make recommendations to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners about the proposed Fiscal Year 2019 Predator Management Plan.

- Chairman Paul Dixon introduced this item. Stating that he might go to the workshop meeting in Laughlin this week. We are not doing scientific studies, we are removing animals. We need to know by scientific study how we are impacting wildlife. Pittman Robinson dollars could be used if it is an approved scientific plan and study. Whack-Em Stack-Em does not have any base line markers of where we are with this. We should go to legislature and make an argument that we need to do a scientific plan.
- Vice Chair Reese said he bets the meeting on 15th will be more informative than what is in the material. They don't want to put the information in. They need to document it.
- Chairman Paul Dixon feels we can set up a science program that will be better than this. The cost for animal removal is always high.
- Vice Chair Reese noted a steady decline in Mule Deer, yet there are no projects specifically for Mule Deer. Go to legislature to raise the cap. Why isn't NDOW increasing population? What are you doing for deer? Deer are the single biggest resource in state, yes have drought,

- habitat etc. Guzzlers help animals but that water does not help habitat. Animals are moving into agricultural area.
- John Hiatt stated that for the three major species, Sheep, Deer, and Elk, the reasons for either increase or decline are different for each. Sheep require water not forage, so water is the limiting factor. Elk more omnivorous than deer since they are browsers and grazers, thus they can survive where deer cannot since deer are limited to browse. It's all about habitat. We've been in a long time decline of habitat due to drought. Unless you manipulate habitat you are not going to increase the deer population.
 - Vice Chair Reese countered that they have not cut number of tags. Never hear what it's going to take to increase deer population. Predators are part of the problem, but not the whole problem. Get information from NDOW. He has seen zero effort put in to increasing the population for mule deer.
 - Howard Watts III stated that it sounds like everyone is in agreement there is a large pot of money from Sportsmen that is not being effectively used. We have a Plan no one likes, large pot of money know one likes how is spent. He agreed with Paul that it is time to go to legislature do away with the Predator Fee or manage it so it works.
 - Vice Chair Reese offered that in 2002, there were about 145K Mule Deer. Today the population is less than 90,000. To keep from having the Sage Grouse protected and having large areas closed to hunting, we cannot do away with Predator Management. What have we done for Mule Deer? What have the studies for Mule Deer shown? WHIN paid for collars to track Deer to track migration. Can we seed areas based on what we learn? If someone can formulate a game plan. Applaud WHIN and hopes we get more money to put more collars on deer.
 - William Stanley said that we all know there was a political issue, Sage Grouse. There was a pot of money. The three largest contributors to the economy of Nevada are Gaming, Mining, and Construction. Saving Sage Grouse was worth transferring of the money. Commissioner McBeath he told us exactly that. So the Legislature moved the Sportsmen money to fund the Sage Grouse issue. It will stay that way until it becomes politically not sound to do it.
 - Dave Talaga said he did not understand that.
 - William Stanley stated 47% of the 2019 budget is going to Sage Grouse.
 - Brian Patterson referenced page 37 noting that over 50% of the funding is for Raven control which is Sage Grouse protection and the remaining funds for all other species.
 - Vice Chair Reese added that all of the funds are from the \$3 predator management fee.
 - Brian Patterson added that the Fee was sold to Sportsmen to kill Coyotes
 - John Hiatt said that even when money was used to kill Coyotes did not affect Deer populations.
 - Chairman Paul Dixon noted that based on some studies, if you kill less that 66% of the coyote population, the population either remains stable or grows. When the deer population made the biggest gains, we removed a ton of coyotes, and had wet years. We have never had that combination of happenings again.
 - Vice Chair Reese quoted some numbers regarding the deer populations over time from the back-up material.
 - Chairman Paul Dixon stated that today, we are taking between 10K and 15K coyotes a year. At the peak we were taking between 60k and 70k per year. Combine that with wet years, and it has a doubling effect. Populations have continued to grow for coyotes.
 - Dave Talaga asked if there is a requirements document NDOW uses for putting together management plans.
 - Chairman Paul Dixon answered no.
 - John Hiatt offered that the first page or two of the plan document is a preface. He added that this is the ultimate in a cut and paste document.
 - Dave Talaga asked what the proposed solution is.

- Chairman Paul Dixon responded that the plan would be to follow Pittman dollars, design a study to obtain funding. Try it for five years then either change or continue if there is positive effect. Take into account all the factors, decline with predators. Populations almost doubled with wet years. You need some sort of feedback. It's all antidotal at this point. What portion led to it?
- Dave Talaga noted that there is no discernible statistical data because there are no measurements built into the studies.
- William Stanley cited project 40. It is basing its program on a 2001 study (17 year old study).
- Public Comment:
- Mark Transue, Las Vegas Woods and Waters, asked why is there no bounty on coyotes?
- Chairman Paul Dixon responded that Utah has a bounty. They have set aside funds to remove coyotes.
- Vice Chair Reese added that the Utah State legislature authorized Utah Department of Wildlife do it for five years. Deer population went from 275K deer to 375K deer in five years.
- Neil Dille asked Chairman Paul Dixon how the numbers of coyotes removed were obtained if there was no bounty.
- Chairman Paul Dixon responded that Wildlife Services were doing the removal and we were getting \$50 per pelt.
- Ralph Willits noted that ravens seem to be protected like sacred cows because of the migratory bird act. Why can't we get something changed? Laws can be changed.
- Chairman Paul Dixon answered that it is being addressed right now. – allowing a baseline birds on Sage Grouse. Multiple years being able to resubmit EIS with scientific basis. Trying to get enough information about number of birds we can take in Nevada, they want the chance of winning argument to be 80% success or better. They are being very cautious and changing the limit for Nevada.
- Jana Wright recommended the Board reject the plan. Same document we had last time we met. Per AB78 have to spend 80 % of the money on removal. Unless someone goes to the legislature, there's nothing we can do about that. This is terrible.
- Robert Gaudet, Nevada Wildlife Federation, stated we will never solve the Sage Grouse problem or the deer problem. BLM is revisiting the 2015 plan for the protection of the sage grouse. Tens of thousands of comments were sent to BLM. 100,000 comments lost. Why we are having decline in population is drought, wildfire. Need BLM to honor commitment with 11 western states, otherwise we will lose sage grouse battle which will affect the deer population. Department of Interior Ryan Zinke demanded they find the lost comments. 100,000 comments were found but them never to put them in the report. We have to demand those comments be put in the report, so when people look at this they will know we want the thing solved. We want the plan to work. We have 2015 – 2020 five years to solve it or we will lose the sage grouse and access to public lands.
- Bill DeJuncker asked that next agenda include an in depth discussion of Heritage Mule Deer Tags. Last year tag taken from Salt Lake City brought to Las Vegas. With \$135K.
- A motion was made and seconded to accept the predator plan as presented with the following comments: the document is poorly written and is an embarrassment for the State of Nevada. Each multi-year project needs to have a running total of total funding expended on that project since its inception. The three Raven control projects have had ~\$4M invested in them since their inception. Is there enough data now to do a new NEPA analysis and increase our Raven removal numbers? And, for the 6th year in a row, we ask for a summary of accomplishments/results in the plan and a status of whether we are meeting the project's objectives.
- Motion passes 7-0

B. Commission Regulation 18-10, Migratory Game Bird Seasons, Bag Limits, and Special Regulations for Waterfowl and Webless Migratory Game Birds; Public Hunting Limited on Wildlife Management Areas and Designated State Lands – 2018 - 2019 Season (For Possible Action) The CCABMW Board will review, discuss and make recommendations to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners for seasons, bag limits, and special regulations for migratory game birds for the 2018 - 2019 season and adopt regulations that comply with the proposed regulations framework for the 2018 - 2019 hunting seasons on certain migratory game birds established by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. The Commission will also consider rules regulating public hunting on Wildlife Management Areas and designated state lands.

- Chairman Paul Dixon introduced this item reviewing the only changes.
- Bennie Vann, NDOW, noted the increased limit on Pintail to 2. Wording changes to prepare to have the draw online probably next year.
- Vice Chair Reese asked Bennie, based on the mild winter we had what was the success rate?
- Bennie Vann responded that they had an overall success rate of .96 bird per person down a little from last year.
- Vice Chair Reese inferred that the weather affected us a little bit, did birds come down early?
- Bennie Vann replied that November was quite good. December and January were slow.
- Vice Chair Reese noted for the public that the limits for dove were changed to accommodate three-day weekends to 15 daily 45 in possession
- Bennie Vann added that there is talk about removing the draw for Swans and going to over the counter.
- Vice Chair Reese asked what would it take to get swan tags down here?
- Bennie they are not in the federal framework.
- Vice Chair Reese noted that people are asking. Bennie does not have numbers in other areas.
- Public Comment: None
- Chairman Paul Dixon noted for the attendees that the Eurasian Collar Doves are not protected, there is no season, and there is no limit. There are lots of them out there and they are non migratory.
- A motion was made and seconded to approve as presented.
- Motion passes 7-0

C. Commission General Regulation 473, Safe Hunting Distance, LCB File No. R111-17 (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 503 of the Nevada Administrative Code (NAC). This regulation would make it unlawful for a person to discharge a firearm, to draw or release an arrow from a bow or to draw or release a crossbow arrow or bolt from a crossbow within a certain distance of any occupied dwelling without the consent of the owner or occupant of the dwelling.

- Chairman Paul Dixon introduced this item and read from the proposed regulation. He further mentioned that he received some emails from the public on this issue. With the proposed limits, you would not be able to hunt most WMA's. He feels each County has the right to discuss the safe hunting distance. Setting 500 a 1500 feet as a state-wide regulation may have unintended conflict. He added that Mike Reese can't step off his cabin deck and shoot a deer within this short distance unless he had written permission from his neighbors. This could be

a hunter ethics issue. There have been less than 10 incidents in the last five years. We gave out 27,000 tags last year. Does 10 incidents in five years cause an issue? We deal with the individual incidents.

- John Hiatt noted that the regulation would set a safe distance for the purpose of hunting. Target practice would not be covered. As this is written, it is not addressing the problem.
- Howard Watts III agreed and added that NDOW can only address hunting practices. To do it right, the state should address this at the legislature. It is not right either. Every community is different, zoning, etc. Game Wardens are already overtaxed. Which rules apply: were you hunting? Were you not hunting? If we were making some recommendations for NDOW based on past incidents, probably leave it as is.
- Vice Chair Reese cited an incident Lincoln County where a guy had a deer tag, came out of his cabin one morning, saw a buck a ways across the road, walked across the road and shot at it five times. Neighbors called the Game Warden, but there was nothing to cite him for. The Game Warden and DA cited him for unsafe discharge of a firearm in a congested area. Vice Chair Reese is in favor of 500 feet. He researched this and found that Georgia and Pennsylvania, their ordinance for hunting was 500 feet. We can see our backdrop. 300 feet unincorporated areas.
- Chairman Paul Dixon warned that at the Commission Meeting, if Clark is going to look at a shorter distance and say ok they are willing to go 300 feet we would get 1000 feet. It should be regulated at the County level. For this proposed regulation, he feels the Board should either accept the proposal or reject it outright.
- William Stanley said these issues should be left to the County. These are issues best left to the county. They know what is best in the area. What are they trying to protect. The muzzle blast? A bad shot that comes down a mile away is a bigger problem. He doesn't support it.
- Brian Patterson said he doesn't support it. A hunting season has limitations. You could set up cans outside window and shoot them. There are loop holes. Common sense 300 feet. Seems to make sense. Defer to group say no.
- John Hiatt said this is a hunter ethics issue.
- William Stanley know every building where he hunts, ethical stay away from buildings. Deal with the people doing illegal desert shooting.
- David Talaga questioned the logic that went into drafting the regulation. He feels this should be dealt with locally.
- Chairman Paul Dixon when you get out of town it's a density.
- William Stanley Clark County will need to deal this because when you turn left off Kyle Canyon Road, you are in a housing development.
- Public Comment:
- Mark Transue asked who brought this up. Chairman Paul Dixon answered that a concerned citizen was objecting to someone harvesting a deer in town illegally. Drew brought this up. NDOW can hardly keep up as it is. Been to Mike's place, at 5000 feet, you would have to walk half way up the canyon behind the cabin to discharge. Give them 5000 feet now, next year they will come back with 15K feet.
- Ralph Willits noted that it is already illegal to hut near an occupied dwelling. But if you are dumbass you won't obey that anyway. One more law will not change this. It's against the law. This regulation would wipe out Turkey Hunt in Overton. It may even instigate Pay to play to hunt turkey on someone's property.
- Robert Gaudet, NWF, stated that the NWF members are totally opposed to this. They should change the name of the Commission to the No Hunt Wildlife Commission. Look at the houses everywhere. He has been a volunteer instructor for NDOW for 25 years. He teaches hunters education, and he teaches the right and wrong way to hunt, discharge a gun, etc. Sportsmen vs shooters. There's a huge difference. Teach all students for over 25 years. This is

not going to do anything. It is illegal to shoot somebody. The people are going to do it regardless.

- Jana Wright said she had concerns on this proposed regulation, so she sent it to Asst. District Attorney Steve Swickward who stated that the proposed regulation does not preamp local NRS 244.364(3) & 268.418(3)
- Closed Public Comment:
- A motion was made and seconded to reject LCB R111-17 as written and leave decisions related to this to local government.
- Motion passed 7-0

D. Landowner Deer and Antelope Compensation Tag Program (*For Possible Action*)

The CCABMW Board will review, discuss and make recommendations to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners about promulgating a regulation to equitably distribute deer and antelope compensation tags if the statutory limit is reached in the future. The Commission directed the Department to inform stakeholders of the intent to develop a regulation that would ensure each cooperator would receive at least one compensation tag and then use a mathematical formula that consider counts of deer and antelope present and the length of time that cooperators had been participating in the program. The Commission may vote to provide the Department with direction to initiate rulemaking.

- Chairman Paul Dixon introduced this item.
- Board Comments:
- Vice Chair Reese commented that this has been around for some time. It was 1.5% now it is 2.5%.
- Chairman Paul Dixon said the problem will only grow with time due to drought. Animals are going to where there is water and forage. Looking at statutory limit. It was 1.5%, it wasn't enough, so they went to legislature that raised the limit to 2.5% of the total tags. The landowners knew how many tags they were going to get so they presold them. Still at 2.5% they thought they have a buffer we may never reach. They are looking at different ways to determine the number of tags a landowner would get. Instead of one day count, document the overall count for a duration of time. Documenting longer term.
- John Hiatt noted that the guy who has 49 deer and doesn't get a tag, but has 98% of damage that a guy with 50 deer gets. He suggested that landowners be allowed to carry over the remainder or count less than 50 to the next year.
- William Stanley this was made to compensate the farmer for his damage. Now it's an economic cash cow for landowners. They make more on selling the tags than farming. No need for NDOW to count. Just take 2 ½% of population of allowed tags and have NDOW auction them off, then send out a check based on how many acres of land you have. The landowners don't want that.
- Vice Chair Reese offered that the same deer going to each lot. Deer being counted multiple times when they are the same 400 deer.
- William Stanley said make it simple. You would get paid based on your percentage of acres.
- Brian Patterson agreed. Compensation would vary from year to year based on what tags go for at auction. He said it's a great idea but not what's up for discussion.
- Public Comment:
- Mark Transue said he knows two ranchers who got less than half of what they got the year before. This is doing nothing to help our deer herds. Land owner tags are eating off the land all year round. Keep it the same. Don't want to take it off. NDOW won't know what to do with the money.

- Chairman Paul Dixon compared what is being done for deer and what is being done for elk. We are hunting cow-elk nonstop from August 1 to January 31. He had a Delk Tag and filled both
- Public Comment Closed
- Vice Chair Reese stated that there is not much to vote on. They are asking for advice. He stands by the comment if we grow more deer and we won't have the problem.
- John Hiatt stated that given the ongoing climate conditions, the available forage is the irrigated fields. If it wasn't for irrigated fields there wouldn't be any deer. If the ranchers are providing for the deer, it is only fair they get some compensation.
- Vice Chair Reese noted that 20% of the tags in Area 23 - 96 tags went to Land Owners. Also, there is no study on fawn recruitment or mortality rate. The trend is dwindling. As for Mule Deer, we are taking more out than we are putting back in.
- Chairman Paul Dixon added that if you get close to the 2.5% do you change the rules? Now do you get one tag for 75 instead of 50? Do you say everyone gets a tag and allocate the rest, first come first serve? They are looking for options like that. Raising it above 2.5% is not going to happen.
- Howard Watts III agreed that we can't keep bumping this up. This impacts the broad hunter opportunity. It's becoming a for-profit system out of a draw system. We need to make sure it doesn't continue to eat into hunter opportunity. We need the Legislature to look at the big picture and get a more structural process in place.
- John Hiatt said the problem is how to reconcile number of tags against number of deer out there. Set a lower cap every rancher gets a tag or 2 or 3 and the balance is allocated out by a lottery.
- William Stanley listed the three issues he sees: total quota issue, what % is land owner tags? How do you compensate land owner for legitimate damage to fields on a per acre basis? If you have 10 acres and I have 1000 acres the damage is more on my land.
- Brian Patterson land owner needs to be compensated. Deer tag goes to Rancher he can sell it. It's easy for state of Nevada.
- Chairman Paul Dixon noted that damage to alfalfa fields could be calculated based on the price per ton. NDOW is not into crop value damage.
- Brian Patterson agreed it is not an easy solution. If we get to cap again. Three proposed options are similar.
- William Stanley what does Utah do? Utah gives land owner ranch.
- Chairman Paul Dixon responded that Colorado gives land owner, so does Utah. We are the driest state.
- Brian Patterson what other
- Vice Chair Reese referenced a letter from Brian Wakerling stating that they know what the count is before they set their quota. You don't know how many tags you are giving out. Probably using previous year's quotas.
- Chairman Paul Dixon stated you would need to have an independent auditor fly with NDOW to see.
- Vice Chair Reese added that our quotas are staying the same but our deer population are declining.
- William Stanley 2.5 % of what?
- A motion was made and seconded to better understand we would like to know how other states handle their compensation plan and what the quotas are if they are doing something successful. Change ratio 1 in 75, first in will get tags, have a way of saying everyone gets a tag and then assess damage on a per acre basis and allocate funds based on acreage. Coming in under 50 carry over to the following year.
- Motion passes 7-0

E. Commission Policy 51 – Wayne E. Kirch Nevada Wildlife – Second Reading (*For Possible Action*) The CCABMW Board will review, discuss and make recommendations to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners about possible revisions to Commission Policy 51.

- Chairman Paul Dixon introduced this item.
- Board Comments: A yearly award for the current calendar year language clean up.
- Public Comment: None
- A motion was made and seconded to pass as written.
- Motion passed 7-0

F. Commission Policy 50, Duck Stamp Procedure, First Reading (*For Possible Action*) The CCABMW Board will review, discuss and make recommendations to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners to consider suspending or repealing Commission Policy 50.

- Chairman Paul Dixon introduced this item
- Board Comments: The project is not sustainable based on the cost of the artist's time.
- Brian Patterson would hate to see the art work go away. It is a feather in their cap to win the Duck Stamp Contest.
- Howard Watts is there an opportunity to expand and rethink the program. Have different categories and recognize schools. Where are physical duck stamps going? Can there be a change but a positive change.
- William Stanley noted that the genesis was always to support the arts. Specifically wildlife art. Everything the Commission does should not be a cost. Support the arts and the ducks.
- Brian Patterson added it was sportsmen ponying up for themselves, others partake and don't have to pay.
- Public Comment:
- Ralph Willits asked has there ever been any consideration for non-hunters. Can we reach out to Audubon Society, Peta support the propagation, art, etc. If we eliminate stamps, will we have new revenue?
- Chairman Paul Dixon responded that the new licensing system revenue is intended to be revenue neutral. For a hunter that did several things would pay less. Revenue for selling stamp. Cost 10 for stamp. Should we promote by anyone else.
- Public Comment Closed
- A motion was made and seconded to support Duck Stamp Contest and production and sell Duck Stamps and market to new audiences.
- Motion passed 7-0.

G. Commission General Regulation 470, Miscellaneous Petitions, LCB File No. R095 16 (*For Possible Action*) The CCABMW Board will review, discuss and make recommendations about amending Chapter 501 of the Nevada Administrative Code (NAC). The regulation was developed by the Administrative Procedures, Regulations, and Policy Committee after several public meetings incorporating relevant suggestions from the public, legal counsel, the Department and the Committee. The amendments will simplify petition form requirements and the petition process overall.

- Chairman Paul Dixon introduced this item.
- Howard Watts III voiced his confusion with the process.

- Vice Chair Reese responded that the petition goes to NDOW who then tells the Commission whether the petition is accepted or declined.
- William Stanley it gives the petitioner the opportunity to move on and get standing in court.
- Public Comment: None
- A motion was made and seconded to approve LCB File No. R095 16 as written.
- Motion passed 7-0

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.

- Bill DeJuncker stated again his issue with having a Heritage tag on Salt Lake City NSU tag sold for 80K. Affected the tag Cliff Finley at any price. Blake Shartnely. Took 20 minutes to get it over 50K. The people in Utah did not know where the tag was. Rumor is the guides have coalition and they claim there were only 15 trophy bucks in the state last year. Thirteen were taken last year. So, according to them, there are 2 good bucks left in the state. Working with ranches. Mathews hurting gene pool. He said he could set up a trail cam and he can show you trophy bucks.
- Mark Transue asked, in reference to land owner tags, has anyone done a financial assessments of what the land owners actually lose?
- Chairman Paul Dixon repeated that NDOW does not assess damage. They assume number of animals per acre.
- Mark Transue added that he knows a guy in Elko that got two tags this year and 8 tags last year, and he lost a lot to damage.
- William Stanley there is value in unknown, it's a private sell.
- Jana Wright noted that on Feb. 27th Legislative Commission met and the processing fee passed. The trail camera tied, but then Pete Goicoechea asked to have it kicked back to the department. He wanted a provision to allow property owners to remove cameras without legal issue.
- Bennie Vann questioned the shotgun restriction for turkey limiting to no smaller than 20 gauge. His daughter hunts turkey with a 28 gauge. Turkey per regulation has to be 20 gauge or larger. He hand loads with gauge # 2 or larger and #6 heavy shot. Is just as effective as steel #3.
- Chairman Paul Dixon will ask Tyler and if there is a logical reason, he will send the information to Bennie.

9. Authorize the Chairman to prepare and submit any recommendations from today's meeting to the Wildlife Commission for its consideration at its March 16th and 17th, 2018 meeting in Laughlin, 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 March 16th and 17th, 2018 meeting in Laughlin, Nevada.
- Motion passed unanimously 7-0

10. The next Clark County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife meeting is scheduled for May 1st, 2018 in the Clark County Government Center Pueblo Room, 500 S. Grand Central Parkway, Las Vegas. This meeting will be in support of the May 4th and 5th, 2018 Commission meeting in Reno or Carson, Nevada.

11. Adjournment

- Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm