



Clark County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife

MEETING MINUTES

Date: September 18, 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 Dave Talaga John Hiatt
 Brian Patterson 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: September 12, 2018

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1. Call to Order

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

2. Pledge of Allegiance

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

3. Approval of Minutes of the August 7, 2018 CCABMW Meeting (*FOR POSSIBLE ACTION*)

- Chairman Paul Dixon asked the Board and attendees for any comments or corrections to the Minutes of the August 7, 2018 CCABMW Meeting.
- Board Comments: None
- Public comment: None
- A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of August 7, 2018 CCABMW Meeting as written.
- Motion passed 5-0

4. Approval of Agenda for September 18, 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 September 18, 2018 as written.
- Motion passed 5-0

5. **Introduction of CCABMW Board Member Molly DiBlasi, by Chairman Paul Dixon (Informational).**

- Chairman Paul Dixon introduced this topic, but since Molly DiBlasi was unable to attend, he deferred her introduction until the next meeting.

6. **Election of new Vice-Chair (For Possible Action)** CCABMW will take nominations and elect a new Vice-Chair.

- Chairman Paul Dixon introduced this asking the Secretary and the Board members present if he should go forward with the election or wait for a meeting where more members are present.
- Board Comment:
- William Stanley Said he preferred to wait.
- Public Comment: None
- A motion was made and seconded to table this item until a future meeting.
- Motion passed 5-0

7. **2018 Wayne E. Kirch Conservation Award: (Informational)** CCABMW members will discuss the award and let people know how to nominate a candidate.

- Chairman Paul Dixon introduced this topic stating that he has the paperwork for nominating someone or a group. Nominations are due November 15th.

8. **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).

- William Stanley stated that the Union Sportsman's Alliance Trap Shoot will be held October 6th with proceeds going to the Silver State Clay Breakers and the Cimarron-Memorial Wrestling Team.
- Brian Patterson said the Safari Club has a Shoot coming up next month, but he lacked details.
- Chairman Paul Dixon noted that the local chapter of Ducks Unlimited will be having their banquet in the next two weeks.
- William Stanley added that there was a Duck Stamp competition at Springs Preserve with a very nice wood duck depicted.
- John Hiatt contributed that it was the Junior Duck Stamp competition.
- Close topic

9. **Recap of August 10th and 11th, 2018 Commission Meeting Actions (Informational)** A recap of actions taken by the Wildlife Commission will be compared to Clark CABMW Recommendations will be presented by John Hiatt who attended the meeting on behalf of the Clark CABMW.

- Chairman Paul Dixon introduced this topic.
- John Hiatt summarized the Commission actions as:

- As to Landowner Compensation Tags, the Department appears to be taking the easy way out, but the Commission asked NDOW to go back and come up with a working algorithm. That is an agenda item for this meeting.
- Commission was in favor of the online course for identification and also making it available to the general public.
- No objection to changing the name of the Rosy Boa
- No objection to closing the Hunt areas affected by the Martin Fire.
- Chairman Paul Dixon thanked John Hiatt for covering for the CAB.
- Closed item

10. Informational reports of interest to be discussed at Saturday morning Commission meeting
(*Informational*)

- A. Tag Allocation and Application Hunt Committee Report
- B. Mule Deer Population Status Update

- Chairman Paul Dixon introduced this topic and encourage those interested to attend.
- Closed topic

11. Action Items:

Discuss & make recommendations regarding the following Action Items from the Board of Wildlife Commissioners September 21st and 22nd 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. 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 specific language to improve the clarity of the proposed regulation.

- Chairman Paul Dixon introduced this topic asking John Hiatt what new proposals are being made in the materials presented for this meeting?
- Board Comments:
- John Hiatt stated that there has been some clarification. They must use hand-written notes for it to be legal. Attachment A algorithm works as individuals then sum it up and roll up. Statutory = or greater than, then reduce by 10%. The Algorithm is confusing
- The Board worked on a Section 9 wording change to: A damage compensation voucher will only be issued to owner applicants, and hunters who purchase a land owner voucher shall present the voucher to NDOW and pay the appropriate fee and license to obtain the land owner tag.
- John Hiatt stated that Attachment A should be a top down not bottoms up process. You would sum it up by the applicants not by the tags. You would carry out this process for each property. You need to figure out the total and work backwards.
- Public Comment:
- Mike Reese noted that he feels that the largest amount of land owner tags is going to Lincoln County. The land is close together and the deer move from one parcel to another and are often counted in each parcel. The deer get counted multiple times. We should not be able to get the same amount of tags. There is technology that allows you to count all of the deer in a large area. Simply count the number of deer, divide by 50 = number of tags, and then divide

by percentage of land by land owner. As far as procedural, it is unclear how they are arriving at the procedure to start with. Those animals are not counted that way. Paul knows that in my area there are seven land owners.

- Chairman Paul Dixon said it is very easy to see if you are double counting deer. Collar 50 deer 10% deer so you would know.
- John Hiatt if you count the whole area in one hour or one time physically and the portion amount of what you are counting. It would be easy as Rose Valley is not that big. With the climate becoming drier and drier, deer are not doing well in the desert. They are thriving in irrigated fields. We need to recognize irrigated fields is now prime deer habitat in much of Nevada.
- William Stanley stated that he has previously voiced his opinion of how land owner tags are sold. If I was a farmer and ate on my land on Monday and your land on Tuesday. We had the same amount of damage. How do we compensate both landowners the same? The herd of deer is moving. They are just rotating. We are compensating for damage. We should pay farmers to plant more alfalfa. We have changed their habitat.
- Chairman Paul Dixon noted we have a wording change, top down and compensation.
- Dave Talaga asked about the history of Compensation Tags.
- Jelindo Tiberti stated that twenty years ago, a rancher called NDOW saying he had 400 deer on his property, telling NDOW to come get them or I am going to kill them tomorrow. It was a yearlong discussion that ended up paying farmers to accept the deer on their property. It has worked out well for 20 years.
- Chairman Paul Dixon stated that NDOW would come to a ranch and count on a night the rancher picked. 50 deer = tag. It didn't always work out for the land owner. If on Friday night 400 deer and Saturday night 25 deer, and you requested the count to happen on Saturday, you were out of luck.
- Dave Tagala said he has heard a lot of discussion about what is wrong. Is it time to rethink compensation tags from the ground up.
- Chairman Paul Dixon responded that we want to incentivize ranchers to have elk on their property. But it is not a one-time count, and the algorithm is very different. For deer, there is interest in "gaming" the system by having the count done when you have the maximum number of animals, when you may only have them for a short period.
- Jelindo Tiberti added that at the time biologically it gave away nothing. If 400 ranchers each got 2 tags, the 800 deer tags given to ranchers had no effect on the deer population.
- Chairman Paul Dixon stated that there are a lot of opinions questions on this. They want to have this closed, but the longer it is open, the more questions will get asked. The Lincoln County Guides want things changed. Albert Sinu (not sure of spelling) gives tags to friends and family. Antelope do more damage to alfalfa fields than deer. Antelope eat and bed, deer eat and leave.
- William Stanley asked how many of those guys are raising Alfalfa for landowner tags.
- Chairman Paul Dixon responded that Albert Sinloe raises alfalfa for tags. He retains his water tag. He is farming for water to maintain water rights.
- William Stanley how many land owners are being counted after the last cut.
- Mike Reese said last cut is the end of September the fields got used from July.
- William Stanley said if they count after last cut, the pressure that happened from August through the end of October has added to the push into those fields. The number of animals feeding in July/August is exaggerated in November.
- John Hiatt depends on what kind of farmer you are after last cut. Farmer grazing whole year.
- William Stanley said he has been having discussions with people in Echo Valley about what is really going on.
- Closed public comment.

- Chairman Paul Dixon restated the three issues discussed: 1) wording on Section 9. 2) confusing algorithm, and the top-down vs bottom-up method of calculating, and 3) we need to fix the way we count the deer.
- John Hiatt added that in certain parts of the state with climate change, the best habitat is on irrigated land.
- A motion was made and seconded recommending the following be addressed: 1) for Section 9, change the wording to: “A damage compensation voucher will only be issued to owner applicants, and hunters who purchase a land owner voucher shall present the voucher to the NDOW and pay the appropriate fee and license to obtain the land owner tag” 2) Attachment A has an algorithm that is too complex to understand and follow. We feel it needs a calculation to do a top down methodology not bottom up and 3) In a valley with a fixed deer herd, the same deer are being counted multiple times.
- Motion passes 5-0.

B. Commission General Regulation 480, Shotgun Gauges Legal for Turkey Hunting, LCB File No. R194-18 (For Possible Action) The CCABMW Board will review, discuss and make recommendations to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners about amending Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) 503.187. This regulation would remove the prohibition against using a shotgun smaller than 20 gauge to hunt wild turkey. It would also clean up unnecessary language regarding shot size used on a wildlife management area.

- Chairman Paul Dixon introduced this topic noting that we are changing a regulation for a very limited amount of people who hunt turkey. He said that a representative from Federal Ammunition presented a recommendation that using number 9 tungsten shot would provide the same kill power in a .410 gauge as a standard load in a 20 or 12 gauge shell. There may be one person shooting turkey that would benefit from this change. Why are we bothering?
- Brian Patterson stated that when hunting, you want to go with an ethical kill and harvest. You have to think of the animal more than the hunter.
- Chairman Paul Dixon added that we are trying to fix a problem that is designed to enable the youth, but we only issue 1-2 youth hunt tags each year. It will be an exception not the rule. The reason for doing this is for a push by Federal to sell a product.
- William Stanley said this is a solution looking for a problem.
- Brian Patterson noted that the simpler the better.
- Chairman Paul Dixon said you cannot use anything bigger than a 10 gauge. If you don't hit a turkey in the head, you are not killing it.
- Public Comment:
- Mike Reese, Southern Nevada Coalition for Wildlife, stated that 1300 feet per second is 1300 feet per second regardless of the origin, and 1 ounce is the same for all gauges. All of the ballistic charts for shotguns are for 40 yards or less. He would not have an objection shooting with a 410 with #8 or #9 shot. Basically almost becomes a slug. As a hunter and a shotgun instructor, he would have no problem shooting with 410. The reality is that it's hard to find 410 shells.
- Jelindo Tiberti said he feels we should not change the laws to the benefit of a few. If you are reviewing the law, trying to make it simpler or easier, he's all for that.
- Chairman Paul Dixon noted that we've simplified it greatly. You can hunt with any shotgun, nothing bigger than a #2 pellet. Tungsten shoots a lot different than steel. The fact they don't clarify, it allows hunters to not have strong kills. You should be able to hunt with anything if you are a responsible hunter.
- Closed public comment:
- William Stanley asked why can't you hunt turkey with black powder?

- Mike Reese responded that black powder shoots at 500 feet per second vs 1300 for conventional shotgun loads. The result would be 10 times more wounded animals.
- A motion was made and seconded to approve CGR 480, Shotgun Gauges Legal for Turkey Hunting, LCB File no. R194---18-
- Motion passed 5-0.

C. Commission General Regulation 478, Bighorn Sheep Ewe and Mountain Goat Online Course, LCB File No. R151-18 (*For Possible Action*) The CCABMW Board will review, discuss and make recommendations to the Nevada Board of Wildlife about a regulation relating to amending Chapter 502 of the Nevada Administrative Code (NAC). This regulation would require all bighorn ewe and mountain goat tag holders to complete an online course. This regulation would eliminate the need for a physical inspection for hunters that harvest a ewe. It would also require the tag holder for ram bighorn sheep, mountain goat, and mountain lion or bear to provide questionnaire information during the already required post-harvest physical inspection and eliminate the subsequent need for successful tag holders to also submit a questionnaire.

- Chairman Paul Dixon introduced this topic. The last time we recommended the course be made available to the general public. He doesn't see that recommendation changing.
- Public Comment:
- Mike Reese said he would love to see it go public.
- Steve Kimble, NDOW, stated that he believes it is probably already in place.
- Close Public Comment
- A motion was made and seconded to recommend approval of CGR 478, Bighorn Sheep Ewe and Mountain Goa Online Course LCB File R151-18 and make publicly available.
- Motion passes 5-0

D. Commission General Regulation 479, Rosy Boa Reptile, LCB File No. R152-18 (*For Possible Action*) The CCABMW Board will review, discuss and make recommendations to the Nevada Board of Wildlife about adopting a regulation relating to amending Chapter 503 of the Nevada Administrative Code (NAC). This amendment would revise the scientific name of the rosy boa, which is classified as a protected reptile, from *Lichanura trivirgata* to *Lichanura orcutti*. This name change is needed due to new scientific studies that have split the species into two distinct entities, one that occurs in Nevada and one that occurs outside the state. Current NAC protects the species outside Nevada rather than the species that occurs within Nevada.

- Chairman Paul Dixon introduced this item.
- Board Comments: None
- Public Comment: None
- A motion was made and seconded to recommend approval of Commission General Regulation 479, Rosy Boa Reptile, LCB File No. R152-18 as written.
- Motion passes 5-0

E. Commission Regulation 18 - 01, Amendment #2, Fishing Seasons, Bag and Possession Limits, and Regulations for March 1, 2018, through Feb. 29, 2020 (*For Possible Action*) The CCABMW Board will review, discuss and make recommendations to the Nevada Board of Wildlife about amending Commission Regulation 18 - 01 to modify the harvest limits for Lahontan Reservoir to allow the

harvest of white bass or white bass hybrids under 15 inches to be included in the 15 game fish limit, in Churchill and Lyon Counties; to modify the general harvest limit for Pershing County to remove the reference to white bass and white bass hybrids; and to adopt a limit of three game fish for the James Kinney Pond in Humboldt County.

- Chairman Paul Dixon introduced this item stating that this is basically cleaning up language and changing some harvest limits.
- Board Comment: None
- Public Comment: None
- A motion was made and seconded to recommend approval of Commission Regulation 18 - 01, Amendment #2, Fishing Seasons, Bag and Possession Limits, and Regulations for March 1, 2018, through Feb. 29, 2020 as written.
- Motion passed 5-0

F. Yakama Tribe Pronghorn Translocation Update (*For Possible Action*) The CCABMW Board will review, discuss and make recommendations to the Nevada Board of Wildlife regarding the translocation of pronghorn to fulfill the original request from the Yakama Tribe in Washington for 100 pronghorn originally approved by the Commission for Fiscal Year 2018. In Fiscal Year 2018, only 50 of the original 100 were provided to the Yakama Tribe in Washington.

- Chairman Paul Dixon introduced this item stating that this involves catching antelope and sending them to Yakima County, Washington.
- Board Comment:
- John Hiatt noted that they approved 100, they sent 50, so we need to decide if we fulfill 50 more antelope.
- Brian Patterson added that we approved it before. Why are we not translocating them in our own state?
- William Stanley asked if we got anything from them.
- Public Comment:
- Jelindo Tiberti stated that we don't trade animals. They come with a request. It is a single source issue. The word trading is bad wildlife management. The Department of Wildlife would agree. Translocation of animals - we should do this. Let them do what they are trying to do.
- Mike Reese noted that NDOW is going to give an update, they should have been in backup materials. He would like to monitor they only had 2 deaths out of 50. All for this. Paul would not have to come to state to do this. Power Point should be on site as back up. Paul as you know you find out a lot more at the State level.
- Dave Talaga asked what is the advantage to Nevada to do translocation?
- Chairman Paul Dixon responded, good will. If our herds have a problem and we need animals, they will look favorably on our request.
- Jelindo Tiberti for the good will of the animal.
- John Hiatt to help the range.
- Brian Patterson said it can help the herd by moving them.
- A motion was made and seconded to recommend approval of the Yakama Tribe Pronghorn Translocation Update as presented.
- Motion passed 5-0.

12. 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.

- Public Comment
- Jana Wright stated that on August 30th, the Legislative Commission passed a draft regulation where they stated that using a PO Box was acceptable for Trap Registration.
- Jelindo Tiberti asked for an update regarding Sage Grouse and the meetings for last 5 years where the biggest issue is Raven control. Raven control seems to have stopped. He would like to ask the Wildlife Commission to ask the Federal Animal Damage Control people where we are with Raven control. The Raven issue is bad in Lincoln County. Now that we have a Federalist President that is looking at regulations and the treaty with Mexico, why we are protecting Ravens in the first place. We have a treaty with Mexico. Raven control starts with Federals. Looking to save the Desert Tortoise and sage grouse. After a year of getting rid of commercial reptile collection, there is more information indicating there are fewer reptiles since commercial collecting of reptiles was stopped. Why did we do that in the first place?
- Mike Reese asked that the State Wildlife Commission consider allowing a tag holder to give back a tag to NDOW and designate whether the tag should go to an alternate or to a non-profit to give to youth or handicapped or veteran. Also he feels NDOW should look at reimbursement for damage caused by urban wildlife. Bridged with Tony Wasley if CCABMW will bring up. He also wanted to point out that September 21 is Nevada's fishing and hunting day. Tortoise group 100K tortoises in their back yards more than mule deer. Thanked William Stanley for donation to The Silver State Clay Breakers group.
- Chairman Paul Dixon responded to the comments and vowed to pass these on to the Commission. As to Ravens, the studies that have been done are in preparation to renegotiate the treaty. Killing Ravens is a very difficult thing, and with more wildfires, there is less sage grouse habitat. Ravens are smart. 50% non-use rate of poison eggs. For 2500 eggs there will be 1200 Ravens dead. Bright birds. As to the question about reptiles - what is the impact. While hunting 231 at White Rock, he saw more lizards than ever. 7 or 8 varieties. TAC Committee Mike Reese should talk to Chad. Paul Dixon talked with Chad Bliss regarding what they were doing for the veterans. It would be nice if a hunter could donate the tag. Paid two tag fees would have liked to donate tags for veterans.
- Closed public comment

13. Authorize the Chairman to prepare and submit any recommendations from today's meeting to the Wildlife Commission for its consideration at its September 21st and 22nd 2018 meeting in Las Vegas, NV. (*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 Wildlife Commission for its consideration at its September 21st and 22nd 2018 meeting in Las Vegas, NV.
- Motion passed unanimously

14. The next Clark County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife meeting is scheduled for October 30, 2018 in the Clark County Government Center Pueblo Room, 500 S. Grand Central Parkway, Las Vegas. This meeting will be in support of the November 2nd and 3rd, 2018, Commission meeting in Reno, Nevada.

15. Adjournment

- Meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm