

4. **Approval of Agenda for January 22, 2019 (*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 January 22, 2019 as written.
 - Motion passed with correction 1/22/2019 as written. Item 4 was 1/23/19 should say 1/22/19. Passes 4-0
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).
- Chairman Paul Dixon introduced this topic
 - John Hiatt stated that Highway 160 is under construction, changing from 2 lanes to 4 lanes with wall divider and with frontage roads on both sides. A wildlife overpass was going to be constructed. But since no human deaths due to animals on the highway, the expense for an overpass was not warranted. Originally there were only deer and bighorn sheep, but a month ago, he saw four Elk within a quarter mile of the highway. Seems foolish.
 - Vice Chair Reese noted that NDOW Biologist Cody Schroeder gave a two hour presentation at Las Vegas Woods and Waters. He focused on the population being at an all time low for Mule Deer, and he talked about trends and comparisons with bordering states. Talked about Utah as the only western state where the deer population is on the rise. Secondly, Mike has received several texts with photos of urban Coyotes from the south and northwest. Is NDOW ever going to look at this again? It has been six years since they passed last regulation. He does not see any updates from NDOW. Would like to see NDOW put on agenda and discuss. General Fund Money.
 - Chairman Paul Dixon stated that Mike lives on golf course, but he does not. The nearest golf course is a mile and a half away. It's a mile to the nearest trail. He stated that he pulled in from gym last Thursday and two coyotes were in his front yard. He tells neighbors who let cats and dogs and food source out they are attracting coyotes. Once you urbanize coyotes to a neighborhood, they are no longer desert coyotes. 6 foot concrete walls are not a barrier.
 - John Hiatt added that his dog was outside barking at a coyote on the other side of the fence. It looked like the coyote was trying to play with his dog. Coyotes are very adaptable. It is believes there are more than 2 thousand coyotes living in Chicago. They are good at avoiding traffic. They are here to stay.
 - Chairman Paul Dixon we need to educate people.
 - Vice Chair Reese offered that most of the texts asked if NDOW is going to address it at all. We need a PSA blast to go out and educate people.
 - Chairman Paul Dixon says neighborhood watch has missing cats and dogs. You need to live differently with coyotes. Paul will put on action report and ask.
 - Vice Chair Reese also announced that Las Vegas Woods and Waters is having their banquet at the Gold Coast on February 16th. Price is \$65.00 now and \$75 after 1st.
 - John Hiatt added coyotes can find hamburgers, wrappers, etc. along the streets of our neighborhoods and make a good living.
 - Brian Patterson mentioned an educational handout he received from the State of AZ. Similar state and similar climate. It is intended to educate people on how many water catchments, animals they support, etc. there are in the state. Could NDOW and or the state do something like this to educate the public.

- Brian Patterson stated that had a Deer Tag this year and took the head into NDOW to be tested for CWD. He got conflicting information from different NDOW employees. He noted that CWD has never been found in Nevada. When asked what happens if the test comes back positive, one answer was “We do a public announcement”. Brian asked if he would be notified? He was told no, he would not. A second NDOW employee told Brian he would definitely be notified. His question, then, is “does the individual get notified if the animal tests positive for CWD?”. Brian would like NDOW to clarify. You should be individually notified.
- Brian Patterson Ice Fishing Tournament sponsored by the Ely Rotary Club on Cave Lake will take place on Saturday the 26th. 600 or 800 people go fishing on the lake. It’s a good time.
- Closed

6. **Recap of November 2nd and 3rd, 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 Chairman, Paul Dixon who attended the meeting on behalf of the Clark CABMW.

- Chairman Paul Dixon introduced this topic and apologized that he had left his notes at home. One of the more contentious items, the public and sellable lists, is back on our agenda tonight. It was a contentious item between the guides and the public. They had it pretty much settled, and people could opt out. The Guides Association wanted people’s information to market their services. There was a big stop put on that. Sent back out to the CABS. Everything else were pretty straight forward items.
- Closed item

7. **Action Items:**

Discuss & make recommendations regarding the following Action Items from the Board of Wildlife Commissioners January 25th and 26th, 2019 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 482, Public and Sellable Lists, LCB File No. R192-18 (*For Possible Action*) The CCABMW Board will review, discuss and make recommendations to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners to consider amending Chapters 488 and 502 of the Nevada Administrative Code (NAC). This regulation clarifies the authority of the Department to remove specific personal information from any list sold or distributed by the Department or the Department’s licensing vendor and makes it confidential. The regulation also simplifies how a person can request that their personal information remain confidential by removing the requirement that the request be in writing. The Commission held a workshop on November 2, 2018 and directed the Department to bring the regulation back for a second workshop for further discussion.

- Chairman Paul Dixon introduced this topic reading from the proposed Regulation.
- Board Comments:
- John Hiatt said that if a person wants to opt out, they should be able to. He feels that email should be a form of “in writing”. Voicemail or by phone could be garbled and the name of the person could be in question. He is in favor of requiring putting it in writing or email so the NDOW employee could verify.

- Vice Chair Reese stated that if you apply online, the form should have a pull down tab that explains the options to the applicant as to who could see your information. It could be taxidermists, guides, meat processors. They are looking for mailing addresses so they can send flyers. It would be yet another thing the hunter would have to do to send an email, etc. Make a check box on the application form. They should restrict to who should have the list. Whatever group or person should be registered with the Secretary of State as a non-profit group. Groups like the Fraternity of the Desert Bighorn and Wood and Waters should be allowed to buy the list so they can send invitations to their Banquets and other events. That's not discussed in any of this.
- Brian Patterson stated that he likes Mike's idea of a drop down in the application. We're seeing more and more where a hunter who has harvested an animal is getting death threats, attacking a law-abiding hunter who harvested legally. What have we come to when a human's life is less important than an animal's life? The opportunity to opt out of having your name on the list is important.
- John Hiatt added that he has no objection to a pull down on the application.
- Brian Patterson noted that all applications are to be submitted electronically anyways.
- Dave Talaga noted that we hashed this out at previous meeting and had an agreement. Then it was almost approved until a group that was not benefiting from sellable list complained. Why do we change anything? Mike suggested that at the last meeting. We are rehashing old information. Perhaps we can add that. We should not change the basis of what they agreed to last time. To Brian's point electronic submitted.
- Chairman Paul Dixon noted that he does all of his own butchering and meat processing at home. He is connected to enough with Sports Groups that he goes to any banquet he wants. He wants the option to use a pull down to ensure he is not on a public list. It should be easy to opt out.
- Vice Chair Reese added that he feels the his should only be sold to someone who has a business license or is registered with Secretary of State.
- Public Comment:
- Fred Volls suggested that when someone wants to opt out, it means a full opt out. They do not want to be pestered by anyone.
- Jana Wright stated that the wording in the proposed Regulation states "upon request of the person". She feels that would include a drop down menu. They have cleaned up the regulation and it should be adopted as written.
- A motion was made and seconded to recommend approval of Commission General Regulation 482, Public and Sellable Lists, LCB File No. R192-18 as written with the following additions: ask the Wildlife Commission to put in drop down box to opt out with an explanation of who can purchase lists, restricted to someone who is registered with Secretary of State (i.e., business license or non-profit)
- Motion passed 5-0.

B. Draft Fiscal Year 2020 Predation Management Plan (*For Possible Action*) The CCABMW Board will review, discuss and make recommendations to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners on the draft Fiscal Year 2020 Predation Management. Following this review, the draft plan will be updated and shared with the State Predatory Animal and Rodent Committee (PARC). All comments from the PARC, County Advisory Boards to Manage Wildlife, and any other interested entity will be compiled and shared with the Wildlife Damage Management Committee (WDMC) for their consideration at their March 2019 meeting. The Commission will receive an update at the March 2019 meeting from the Wildlife Damage Management Committee and may provide additional direction at that time.

- Chairman Paul Dixon introduced this topic.
- Board Comment:
- Vice Chair Reese said there is a lot more information in this version. As Mule Deer are at an all-time low in the state, he was hoping for more projects aimed at Mule Deer. He feels the money allocated is insufficient. There is a lot of money allocated to Ravens. He calls that black mail money, because Ravens attack Tortoises and Sage Grouse. If Sage Grouse gets on protected list, there will be no hunting in Nevada. If asked, Nevada what have you done for Sage Grouse? We've spent over 1 Million dollars in last five years. After all of that money is being spent, are we going to do an analysis to see if we can do a depredation hunt on Ravens. He would like to see a 50K limit three-year depredation hunt.
- Brian Patterson echoed what Mike said that this Plan is better than past plans. Money requested is more than we have to spend. Don't know if one is more important than another. How to get down to budget number.
- Dave Talaga stated that he is coming up to speed about how wildlife is managed in Nevada. This is a better Plan than in the past. What has changed? The money was given and spent and no real information came out of it. Now they are getting measurable data. Is this a good thing, or is this a more complex plan to end up the same way it was before?
- Chairman Paul Dixon explained that new to the Wildlife Management Plan, they will start collecting data and measurable data. The fact is you can use lethal predator control funds with Pittman Robertson if you have measurable results. We are trying to get more disciplined where we can. Other states have the discipline and scientists to do the full-on studies and results.
- Dave Talaga asked if they are trying to do this.
- Chairman Paul Dixon answered that even what we have is not there yet, if they want to go that direction. We will see. That is his opinion.
- John Hiatt noted that the 2014 legislation that committed 80% of the predator funds on lethal control is the most ill-considered legislation ever passed in the State of Nevada. Instead of looking for money, we are trying to figure out how to spend money we are obligated to spend for killing animals. People for the last 80 or 90 years at least have been looking at scientific game management as a relationship between predators and prey. Of the information that has come out of that is the most important factor to have a healthy prey population is habitat. You can kill predators, but that will not improve in habitat. The state is more arid. It is getting dryer and that dramatically affects deer populations. The last big peak was in the 80's when it was wet. We need to put money into habitat improvement. We have a big problem with habitat in Nevada.
- Chairman Paul Dixon responded stating your point well taken John, but wah do you do when you have legislation that demands you do the other thing?
- John Hiatt answered that sportsmen should tell the Legislature to rescind that legislation.
- Dave Talaga said that predators still need to be managed. He feels with a robust study to provide quantifiable data that estimates the numbers of predators needed to be removed, is of value. You have the least amount of control over habitat in drought or dry climate.
- John Hiatt stated that we have significant ability to manage habitat in Nevada. We have lack of fire, so we see conversion of sagebrush/grasslands to pinion/juniper. In a Stage III pinion/juniper environment, it is a biologic desert practically with nothing for animals to eat. That is something that has happened over the last 100 years due to fire suppression, due to sever over grazing in the 20th century. We have never recovered. We've seen conversion of grasslands to woodlands. In Pahranaagat Valley, in Lincoln County, where there is irrigated private property, the deer population has doubled and there are coyotes walking around everywhere. Deer are doing well there because there is food, water and cover.
- Dave Talaga noted that it's a balance across the state. You don't do away with one tool because there is a problem in another area. You keep them in balance and you need data to

properly manage something. Dave agreed that habitats are changing around here, but lethality should not be eliminated.

- John Hiatt responded that he does not advocate abandoning lethal control, but when you are given so much money and told 80% must be spent on lethal control, that doesn't make much sense.
- Brian Patterson noted that approval or disapproval of the plan is what is before us tonight. If you want to change the 80%, you would need to change the name of the fee. Every sportsman who pays the fee thinks the money is going to kill ravens, coyotes, mountain lions, etc.
- Chairman Paul Dixon clarified that when the legislation was first written there were four parts toward which the fee was to be used: Education, Research, Habitat, and Predator Management. Only one had anything to do with lethal removal.
- Mike Reese and sensitive species Sage Grouse pacified predator plan 2015, 2017 legislature headed should be a balance with education, habitat and interplay.
- Brian Patterson it is on the back of Sportsmen \$3 fee.
- Public Comment:
- Fred Volls stated that the population cited in the discussion are estimate numbers, since they don't fill out census like we humans do. The indiscriminate killing on any species, has just the opposite effect of the intent. It creates a survival mechanism inside that species. It will produce more juveniles that will be more destructive than Predator Plan calls for. Since NDOW and the Commission are having such a hard time trying to figure out how to kill animals, what they should be doing is going to the Legislature and telling them that the \$3 predator fee is modified. There is still time to do this in the legislature. NDOW and Commission understand all of the problems they've had trying to come up with projects, many of which are not getting the desired results.
- Mark Transue, Las Vegas Woods and Waters, asked: Ravens are a Federally protected bird, right? Why? There are International agreements we must follow.
- Close Public Comment:
- Brian Patterson reviewed the proposed Projects addressing ravens. Projects 21, 21-02, and 41. Each of these projects will result in Ravens being lethally removed. He went on to highlight Projects 37 and 38, emergency funds for Mountain Lions and Coyotes \$75K each. He thought that the total requested for the projects exceeded the proposed 2020 budget. In the end, he came to see there was no overrun.
- John Hiatt said this is for 2020 and the balance is \$754K
- Vice Chair Reese added that Pittman-Robertson funds is still sportsman funded money. Manufacturers pay that tax to the government before that product hits the shelf. That is allocated to the state based on the number of hunting, fishing, and trapping licenses are sold in the state.
- Dave Talaga said if we do a motion to accept the plan as written, that is fairly simple. We need to have better data, and this is the start to that. When we put that motion forward, we give a nod to habitat vs lethality, recognizing more data needs to be collected.
- Vice Chair Reese added, as we have said in the past, we would like to see the previous years effectiveness from the year before. They are requesting X amount; do we need to cut it back or add more? They have established the monitoring levels, etc., but there is still no indication as to how effective was 2018 or 2019.
- A motion was made and seconded to recommend approval of Draft Fiscal Year 2020 Predation Management Plan as written with the caveat that now that we have a better documentation of the Project goals, add previous year and previous multi years results recap to give us a status update. What do we need to change or amend?
- Motion passed 4-1 Dissenting opinion: look at viability of the program, NDOW needs to talk to the legislature about the need for flexibility in managing wildlife so we're not obligated to

spend 80% of available funds for lethal control. We should relook at the whole program and look at predator control and the much bigger picture of habitat.

C. Commission Regulation 19–05, 2019–2020 and 2020–2021 Big Game Seasons (*For Possible Action*) The CCABMW Board will review, discuss and make recommendations to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners to consider adopting the 2019–2020 and 2020–2021 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, hunt boundary restrictions, and legal weapon requirements, and emergency depredation hunt structure and statewide quotas.

- Chairman Paul Dixon introduced this topic
- **Antelope**
- Board Comment:
- Vice Chair Reese all in favor Pronghorn Antelope on increase some new hunts.
- Public Comment: None
- A motion was made and seconded to recommend approval of Antelope Hunts 2151, 2251, 2151, 2151, 2241, and 2181
- Motion passed 5-0.
- **Elk**
- Public Comment: None
- Motion passed
- Resident Elk – Hunt
- Vice Chair Reese noting that the Shed Antler season goes into effect January 1st, none of the Elk Hunts should run past January 1st (e.g., all of the 4181 Hunts).
- Brian Patterson added that we start pushing Elk around from August to the end of January. That is too much time.
- Vice Chair Reese added that he would rather control the population by the quota, not by hunt dates.
- Brian Patterson said he realizes the elk population is increasing.
- Vice Chair Reese stated that we don't have the data on how many elk were harvested in January.
- Brian Patterson said he was on hunt hunting deer. Other hunters were there hunting cow elk. He showed them where to find 40-50 cow elk. They said, "we're not going there", packed up and went home.
- Vice Chair Reese stated that all hunting seasons should close when shed antlers starts. Coyote calling is different.
- Chairman Paul Dixon noted shed antler areas conflicting with elk hunts.
- Dave Talaga feels early January should not be an issue.
- Vice Chair Reese reiterated that he would like it to go to January 1st.
- Public Comment on Elk: None
- Vice Chair Reese is okay with January 5th since it's a Sunday.
- Chairman Paul Dixon stated that he lost battle every year about winter hunting. We have taken Cow Elk.
- A motion was made and seconded to recommend approval of Elk Hunts 4102, 4151, 4251, 4151, 4251, 4151, 4251, 4651, 4181, 4181, 4281, 4181, 4281, 4181, 4281, 4107, 4481, 4482, 4481, 4481, and 4407 Ending all elk hunts no later than January 5th.
- Motion passed 5-0.
- **Nelson Big Horn Sheep.**

- Brian Patterson introduced this topic split north and south 173 for example.
- Public Comment: None
- A motion was made and seconded to recommend approval of Nelson Bighorn Sheep Hunts 3151, 3251, 3181, and 3281, California Bighorn Sheep Hunts 8151, 8251, and 8181, Rocky Mountain Bighorn Sheep Hunt 9151, and Mountain Goat Hunt 7151 as proposed.
- Motion passes 5-0.
- **Mule Deer**
- Vice Chair Reese said he saw they areas 021/022 have been combined into one area.
- Public Comment: None
- A motion was made and seconded to recommend approval of Mule Deer Hunts 1107, 1181, Resident 1331, and Nonresident 1332 as written.
- Motion passes 5-0

D. Commission Regulation 19 - 06, 2020 Heritage Tag Seasons and Quotas (*For Possible Action*) The CCABMW Board will review, discuss and make recommendations to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners to consider adopting a regulation to set the 2020 Heritage Tag species, seasons and quotas.

- Chairman Paul Dixon introduced this item.
- Board Comments:
- Vice Chair Reese stated that he is in favor of the season for sheep tags being year-round. Our sheep tag is getting \$100K, while Arizona is getting three times that. It adds more value. Arizona is going year-round.
- Chairman Paul Dixon said they are unwilling to do this. MBU is very negative about that and they have political clout with the Commission.
- Vice Chair Reese said he would like to hear the rationale behind it.
- Brian Patterson stated that trail camera would have to go away July 31st. But if you could hunt year-round, you would have the benefit of trail cameras to spot the ram you want. If you hunt June or July, your camera would be looking at water.
- Public Comment:
- Joe Mercer noted that money is valuable to the State. Tag in AZ goes for 300K same as New Mexico. The person who bought tag is terminally ill. We could get more money for wildlife. MBU could be against it.
- Close Public Comment:
- John Hiatt does not understand why the tag in AZ went up 3-fold compared to ours.
- Vice Chair Reese thinks the people don't want the competition. Our seasons are restricted. You would take way the seasons for the Heritage Tag. The other hunt season was less restrictive. For example, the Heritage turkey hunt we moved it to cooler weather.
- John Hiatt does not feel the timing is everything.
- Vice Chair Reese said he buys the Heritage Mule Deer tag every year.
- Brian Patterson said we don't know if not being year-round is the limiting factor.
- Vice Chair Reese says we have never tried it, let's try.
- A motion was made and seconded to approve CR-1906 2020 Wildlife Heritage Tag Seasons and Quotas as proposed suggesting that the seasons for sheep tags going year-round.
- Motion passed 5-0.

E. Commission Regulation 19 - 07, 2019 Partnership in Wildlife Tags (*For Possible Action*) The CCABMW Board will review, discuss and make recommendations to the

Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners to consider adopting a regulation to set the 2019 Partnership in Wildlife tags hunt species, seasons and quotas.

- Chairman Paul Dixon introduced this item.
- Board Comment: None
- Public Comment: None
- A motion was made and seconded approve CR 19-07 2019 Partnership in Wildlife as presented.
- Motion passed 5-0

F. Commission Regulation 19 - 08, 2019 Silver State Tags (*For Possible Action*) The CCABMW Board will review, discuss and make recommendations to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners to consider adopting a regulation to set the 2019 Silver State tag species, seasons and quotas.

- Chairman Paul Dixon introduced this item.
- Board Comment:
- Chairman Paul Dixon asked Vice Chair Reese if this would this follow Heritage Tag request for year-round sheep seasons.
- Brian Patterson said this is a raffle versus a live auction.
- Vice Chair Reese responded that it would make the tags more valuable but probably wouldn't sell more raffle tickets.
- Brian Patterson said seasons are 8/1 – 12/31.
- Public Comment: None
- A motion was made and seconded to recommend approval of CR 19-08, 2019 Silver State Tags as presented.
- Motion passed 5-0.

G. Commission Regulation 19 - 09, 2019 Dream Tag (*For Possible Action*) The CCABMW Board will review, discuss and make recommendations to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners to consider adopting a regulation to set the 2019 Dream Tag species, seasons and quotas.

- Chairman Paul Dixon introduced this item.
- Board Comment:
- Vice Chair Reese said if we could raise more money on this it would benefit habitat.
- Brian Patterson asked if Black Bear was on the Dream Tag list before.
- Chairman Paul Dixon responded that since the Black Bear quota went up to 50, it was added to the list.
- John Hiatt commented that the Black Bear quota went up last year and the take went down.
- Public Comment: None
- A motion was made and seconded CR 19-09 Dream Tag as written.
- Motion passed 5-0

H. Commission Regulation 19 - 10, 2019 Big Game Application Deadlines (*For Possible Action*) The CCABMW Board will review, discuss and make recommendations to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners to consider adopting a regulation to set the 2018 big game tag application deadlines and related information.

- Chairman Paul Dixon introduced this item.
- Board Comment:

- Vice Chair Reese noted that the deadline for the Main Draw is the fifth Monday in April (or the end of April).
- John Hiatt asked why not change to the last day of April instead of 5th Monday in April?
- Public Comment: None
- A motion was made and seconded to accept CR-19-10 2019 Big Game Application Deadlines as written.
- Motion passed 5-0.

I. Commission Regulation 19 - 11, 2019 Big Game Tag Application Eligibility and Tag Limits (*For Possible Action*) The CCABMW Board will review, discuss and make recommendations to the Nevada Board of Wildlife to set a regulation about the 2019 big game tag application eligibility and tag limits and related information.

- Chairman Paul Dixon introduced this item. Straight forward.
- Board Comment:
- Vice Chair Reese noted if you draw a 2nd draw do you lose your bonus points?
- Chairman Paul Dixon said once you draw a tag, you lose your bonus points.
- Vice Chair Reese said what if you take tag for an area you don't want?
- Chairman Paul Dixon you can turn the tag back in and get your bonus points back.
- Vice Chair Reese asked would you go through TAC Committee?
- Chairman Paul Dixon answered yes.
- Public Comment: None
- A motion was made and seconded to approve CR 19-11 2019 Big Game Tag Application Eligibility and Tag Limits as written.
- Motion passed 5-0.

J. Commission Regulation 19-12, 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 Restricted Nonresident Guided Mule Deer Seasons and Quotas (*For Possible Action*) The CCABMW Board discuss and make recommendations to the Nevada Board of Wildlife about adopting 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 hunting seasons and quotas for restricted nonresident guided mule deer including hunt boundary restrictions.

- Chairman Paul Dixon introduced this item.
- Board Comment:
- Vice Chair Reese asked about how the quotas are set.
- Chairman Paul Dixon responded they are Legislatively set.
- Public Comment: None
- A motion was made and seconded to approve Commission Regulation 19-12, 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 Restricted Nonresident Guided Mule Deer Seasons and Quotas as written.
- Motion passed 5-0

K. Commission Regulation 19-03, 2019 Black Bear Seasons (*For Possible Action*) The CCABMW Board discuss and make recommendations to the Nevada Board of Wildlife about considering adopting 2019 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 reminding everyone that to have a quota we need a season.
- Board Comment:
- John Hiatt asked if the reduced number of bears taken was due to fewer hunters?

- Chairman Paul Dixon said he does not have any data from NDOW Biologists. He said there were more bears killed by cars than hunters. He does not know why the harvest numbers were down.
- Dave Talaga noted that back east, New York, in Adirondack State Park there was a proliferation of bears that moved down to near Syracuse, 60-70 miles of rugged terrain they traversed. Question: does Nevada have the potential of the same issue with the exploding bear population.
- Chairman Paul Dixon responded that we don't have forage and habitat. If we have a wetter winter, we will have more bears on our side. We did not have the habitat to sustain them. They moved to our side and started populating. There are a lot of bears on CA side they harvest 10K bears a year vs 10 or 12 in Nevada.
- John Hiatt notes that California is a big state with a lot of bear habitat. We have a very small amount of the state that has a bear habitat. Bears are resilient. Ants make up a good portion of bear diet. Drought in CA causes them to go wherever. If they find an area with lots of berries, ants, insects, garbage, they will stay there.
- Public Comment:
- Stephanie Myers with no science-based wildlife management reason to have a hunt, there should be no bear seasons at all.
- Jana Wright objects to the hunt. There has been nothing produced by the Department to convince her it is a management tool. It is just a trophy hunt. The Black Bear should not be a big game mammal.
- Fred Volls based on department statistics there are 459 bears down from 600 – 800 from Carl Lackey. We lost 60 some bears last year from hunting, cars, etc. That is above 10% of the population. There is no justification for this hunt based on their own numbers, their own biology and their own statistics. Tahoe still has a poor track record, and the department has done a poor job of enforcing the trash cans. Incline Village has made it mandatory. There is a loan program for bear boxes. NDOW keeps killing the problem bears. Problem is the people not the animals.
- Close Public Comment
- A motion was made and seconded to approve CR 19-03 2019 Black Bear Season.
- Dave Talaga said we should give a nod to the public comment.
- Brian Patterson said we can down grade the quota in May.
- Vice Chair Reese repeated what Chairman Paul Dixon said earlier, in order to hunt we need to have a season. This is to establish the bear hunt. We, at a later meeting, will dictate what the quota should be.
- Dave Talaga agreed stating we have shown we have taken public input into consideration.
- Chairman Paul Dixon stated that he has been involved in wildlife since 2008. He was involved when Jerry Lint started the Black Bear Hunt. It was put out there as a trophy hunt. It became an understanding of the black bears it became more of a management tool over the years. We are trying to learn about the pool. Yucca Mountain was a screw Nevada bill. We started off with it the wrong way. We went into it with the wrong tone out there. Everything we are talking about it very reasonable. We need funding and grants. We have no other studies for bears. We need research dollars with the amount of bears we are harvesting, we need to do the same thing. It will always be a source of irritation. Whether it is Yucca Mountain or something else, we need a place to store nuclear materials. We need bear management, so they are sustainable for future generations. If we are not studying them, we can't manage them. When we don't have a season.
- John Hiatt suggested we should ask for a status update on the bears.
- Make an amendment to the motion, in the future a status on health and status of the bears be included in setting the season and quota. Brian did not accept 2nd hunt.

- Motion passed 3-2 with dissenting opinion in view of the bear hunt and has been controversial, as justification for hunt, we would like to see numbers and data of black bears in Nevada.
- Vice Chair Reese said that NDOW might have an issue with the timing by the January meeting.
- John Hiatt noted that the data should be available since Bears are hibernating in January.
- Chairman Paul Dixon dissented since he doesn't have any problem asking for data. We believe we started down the path and had a calamity of errors.
- Dave Talaga not a willy nilly hunt.

L. Commission Regulation 19-04, 2019-2020 Mountain Lion Season and Harvest Limits (For Possible Action) The CCABMW Board discuss and make recommendations to the Nevada Board of Wildlife about considering adopting 2019-2020 mountain lion hunting season open units, harvest limits by unit group, hunting hours, and special regulations.

- Chairman Paul Dixon introduced this item.
- Board Comment:
- Public Comment:
- Stephanie Myers stated that since the Predation Management Plan has numerous projects to eliminate mountain lions, this is laughable to her.
- A motion was made and seconded to recommend approval of Commission Regulation 19-04, 2019-2020 Mountain Lion Season and Harvest Limits as written.
- Motion Passes 5-0.

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.

- Public Comment
- Fred Volls stated with respect to the coyote situation one of the things can be done with all of the HOA's and Management Companies, use Project Coyote out of California that focuses on non-lethal ways to control coyotes. People should protect animals, contain trash properly, etc. A way of getting compliance. Also, he contends that the money coming into Pittman-Robertson is coming from gun owners and ammunition, not fisherman, hunters, or trappers.
- Brady Phillips, NDOW, believes the CWB testing is out of Reno. Also, the Department is doing outreach for Coyotes in urban area. On the local level, we have an urban guy who is very good. Others, including himself, are doing education. Stressing not feeding them, taking care of pets, etc. There is a lot we are doing.
- Mark Transue, Las Vegas Woods and Water, if don't do anything about the coyotes, they will overrun us.
- Closed public comment.

9. Authorize the Chairman to prepare and submit any recommendations from today's meeting to the Wildlife Commission for its consideration at its January 25th and 26th, 2019 meeting in Reno, 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 January 25th and 26th, 2019 meeting agenda meeting in Reno, NV.
- Motion passed unanimously 5-0.

10. **The next Clark County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife meeting is scheduled for March 12th, 2019 in the Clark County Government Center Pueblo Room, 500 S. Grand Central Parkway, Las Vegas. This meeting will be in support of the March 15th and 16th, 2019, Commission meeting in Las Vegas, Nevada.**

11. **Adjournment**

- Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm

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