



Clark County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife

MEETING MINUTES

Date: March 12, 2019

Location: Clark County Government Center
500 S. Grand Central Parkway ODC1
Las Vegas, NV 89155

Time: 5:30 pm

Board Members Present: John Michael Reese, Vice Chair Dave Talaga John Hiatt
Brian Patterson Molly DiBlasi

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 6, 2019

1. **Call to Order – Roll call of Board Members for determination of quorum**

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

2. **Pledge of Allegiance**

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

3. **Approval of Minutes of the January 22, 2019 CCABMW Meeting (*FOR POSSIBLE ACTION*)**

- Vice Chairman Reese asked the Board and attendees for any comments or corrections to the Minutes of the January 22, 2019 CCABMW Meeting.
- Board Comments: None
- Public comment: None
- A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of January 22, 2019 CCABMW Meeting.
- Motion passed 5-0

4. **Approval of Agenda for March 12, 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.
 - Vice Chairman Reese introduced this topic noting that the backup materials for some of the Agenda Items is not available on the NDOW website. Thus, there can be no discussion on Item 7B and Item 7D BDR902. Those items will be Tabled.
 - Board comments: None
 - Public Comments: None
 - A motion was made to approve the agenda for March 12, 2019 with amendments tabling Items 7B and 7D BDR 902.
 - Motion passed 5-0

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).
 - Vice Chairman Reese introduced this topic
 - David Talaga SB120 from Nevada Fire and Coalition did not want to make it official on the board yet.
 - Stacy asked for a copy for the record.
 - John Hiatt asked, in reference to the recent Supreme Court ruling on Civil Forfeitures, where does NDOW stand with confiscating firearms and vehicles?
 - Brian Patterson announced the Meadow Valley Mule Deer Association banquet will be March 16th in Caliente, The Safari Club International banquet will be at the Gold Coast on March 30th, the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation banquet will be at Sams Town on April 27th, Fraternity of the Desert Big Horn banquet at South Point on May 18th.
 - Vice Chairman Reese noted that he had received an email from Dennis Rusk asking Mike to propose to NDOW special season requests for sage grouse and ruddy ducks when in full plumage. Mike also noted that Las Vegas Woods and Waters held their banquet on February 16th. The first Heritage Turkey Tag went for \$2100. WHIN had their banquet this last Saturday at the Gold Coast. Another Heritage Turkey Tag was auctioned of going for \$2400. He believes that is the highest in the State of Nevada. Also, a Mule Deer Tag was auctioned off at the Salt Lake Expo for \$85K, and another Mule Deer tag was auctioned at the WHIN banquet going for \$105K.
 - Vice Chairman Reese also mentioned that Ducks Unlimited had their yearly fundraiser shoot at the Clark County Shooting Park (500 shooters for 5 days) 5th year in the row. Shooting Park is getting a lot of use. As part of their fundraisers they give away a lot of shells and guns.
 - Closed

6. **Recap of January 25th and 26th, 2019 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.
 - Vice Chairman Reese did not have information.
 - Closed item

7. **Action Items:**

Discuss & make recommendations regarding the following Action Items from the Board of Wildlife Commissioners March 15th and 16th, 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.

- Vice Chairman Reese introduced this topic
- Board Comments:
- Vice Chairman Reese noted that we have discussed this at length
- David Talaga stated that he did not see any mention of a "drop down list" in the language.
- Vice Chairman Reese agreed that there was no mention in the language, but there was an example of what it might look like. He read from the backup materials information on Drop Down List... keep information private or shared, submit. There is a similar drop down for private or shared Draw results.
- Public Comment: None
- Board Comment:
- Vice Chairman Reese offered his opinion stating he feels the department has addressed the issues this Board raised at the last meeting. Our board felt there is a real need to allow people to make a choice.
- 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.
- Motion passed 5-0.

B. Wildlife Damage Management Committee Report and Fiscal Year 2019 Draft Predation Management Plan (*For Possible Action*) The CCABMW Board will review, discuss and make recommendations to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners on the Wildlife Damage Management Committee Report and Fiscal Year 2019 Draft Predation Management Plan.

- Vice Chairman Reese introduced this topic. Tabled item due to no back up on NDOW website.

C. Commission Regulation 19-13, 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 – 2019–2020 Season (*For Possible Action*) The CCABMW Board will review, discuss and make recommendations to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners to consider adopting recommendations for seasons, bag limits, and special regulations for migratory game birds for the 2019–2020 season and adopt regulations consistent with proposed regulations framework for the 2019–2020 hunting seasons on certain migratory game birds established by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. The

Commission Regulation will become final pending adoption of federal frameworks. The Commission will also consider rules regulating public hunting on Wildlife Management Areas and designated state lands.

- Vice Chairman Reese introduced this topic
- Board Comment:
- Vice Chairman Reese noted that about four years ago NDOW paid a firm to survey people regarding license consolidation. Some things they asked for to make it easier was de-regulation. Waterfowlers were asking for splash count (let the first five birds taken be the limit regardless of species). Telling the department to do what you want. That was a suggestion from people we paid to do the survey. We are the driest state in the nation. If the total number of birds taken in a given year were tallied against one species, what would the effect be? Negligible. The current population estimate is 48 Million birds.
- Public Comment:
- Mike Kowal said he is for youth hunt and for proposed handicapped hunt at the same time. Youth hunt does not fill up the area. Instead of being limited to certain blinds, open up the area for the disabled people. Create more opportunity. Limits if so complicated they should do it with pintail also. There is a big push to shoot Drakes. If complicated, let's shoot the Drakes that don't breed or lay eggs.
- Frank Mirabelli said that splash counts are good thing. Most people can't identify ducks even when they have it in their hands. Splash count will help a lot of people and they can study the ducks when they can get them. People pass up on shots because they don't know what it is. Other people shoot everything. First 7 birds you are done.
- Vice Chairman Reese stated that last year, Mr. Kowal said youth were not there. In a new program last year, NDOW started "Ducks and Donuts". They got 46 kids. Worked out, Benny Vann, NDOW. Youth hunt was very successful. If we want to incorporate
- Benny Vann, NDOW, stated that there are 45 blinds, we don't open all of them. We keep 1-2, 1 field and a couple of pond blinds as a buffer. Last year gave out every reservation they had for early youth hunt. As for Handicapped hunters, he only saw 2-3 per week.
- Vice Chairman Reese mentioned feedback from last year youth hunt at Sunnyside. The water was frozen so there was no place for ducks to land. Can we stagger youth hunt so kids are not disappointed their first time out?
- Benny Vann noted that the season is opening later at Moapa and will be to 31st of January. Youth Hunt 10/19 Sunnyside North West Zone 10/19 opens same weekend as youth hunt. We can only hunt 106 or 108 days total. There could be a reason we do it like that. Since we start later, we have a shorter season in Overton than 106 days.
- Vice Chairman Reese asked if there could be a youth hunt at the beginning and end of the season.
- Benny Vann said he would be in favor of that. He would need to talk to Russell.
- Brady new supervisor of Kirch.
- Benny Vann added that changes to the number of splash count, set by Federal Regulation we have no control over that.
- Vice Chairman Reese responded that we will never get it approved if we never ask. Hunters want a splash count. He would like to see a conversation.
- A motion was made and seconded to recommend approval of Commission Regulation 19-13, 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 – 2019–2020 Season as submitted and direct NDOW to ask Feds if Nevada can qualify to go to splash count of the first 7 ducks taken instead of bag count.

- Motion passed 5-0

D. Legislative Committee: Actionable bills for NDOW (For Possible Action) The CCABMW Board will review, discuss and make recommendations to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners about Draft bills/BDR of interest. The bills/BDR's to be discussed by the CCABMW are as follows:

AB74 Makes it unlawful for a person to engage in the business of buying, selling, trading or dealing in certain antlers or any head or skull of a big game mammal without first obtaining an antler dealer's license. (BDR 45-208)

- John Hiatt asked what is definition of trading? Do we need to have a license to trade should be defined?
- Brian Patterson asked if they addressed Dealer License?
- Vice Chairman Reese responded on Line 22 the Resident License is \$63.00 Non-Resident \$125 a year.
- Dave Talaga noted that the way he reads this, this does not apply to shed. It applies to something you harvest. Skull/Head
- Brady Phillips, NDOW, clarified that you cannot touch without a permit or hunting license. The proper method, if you find a skull with antlers attached, contact NDOW to investigate, then if it is determined to be a natural death, you can get a permit allowing you to take possession of the skull. But you cannot sell or trade.
- Brian Patterson asked why do we need this as a law?
- Vice Chairman Reese noted that shed antlers are on the radar. NDOW is asking our position.
- Brian Patterson stated that he harvested animals, and he doesn't keep his license attached to head. They were legally harvested in Unit 12. He asked Brady Phillips what is he wanted to give one away? How could that be traced to him?
- Brady Phillips, NDOW, responded that it falls back to NDOW to prove.
- John Hiatt addressed the nomenclature. The Bill is talking about antlers, but it does not apply to antlers. Every animal that has antlers sheds them. Horns are not shed. Nomenclature does not make a lot of sense What are they trying to do and why. If they are not shed they are not antlers, they are horns.
- Public Comment: None
- Vice Chairman Reese noted as sportsmen we are already taxed and it costs us a lot to do what we do. He doesn't see what this accomplishes. This bill can change going through the assembly and senate. As it stands now, he is not in favor of it.
- Dave Talaga asked why do we need it?
- Brian Patterson said that they are trying to tack on antler dealer fee same as trappers. These are for dead heads.
- Dave Talaga asked so this is solving problems that don't exist?
- John Hiatt offered that you need license to sell old head in garage/estate sale. If you are unaware, you are committing a criminal act.
- A motion was made and seconded to recommend **AB74**, as written, is struck from further consideration, as it provides no benefit to the public to the wildlife it purports to protect.
- Motion passed 5-0

SB55 Revises provisions relating to carrying a loaded rifle or shotgun in or on a vehicle which is standing or being driven on or along a public highway or other way open to the public. (BDR 45-209)

- Vice Chairman Reese introduced this item and asked Brady Phillips, NDOW, if this isn't already a law?
- Brady Phillips responded: Yes. This is a cleanup since the original statute did not include muzzle loaders.
- Public Comment: None

- A motion was made and seconded to accept SB55 as written.
- Motion passes 5-0

AB83 Makes various changes to provisions governing wildlife. (BDR 45-210)

- Dave Talaga noted that this Bill contained three major things: 1) they beefed up the language for harassment by manned and unmanned aircraft (drones); 2) the Residency Definition; and 3) the Resource Enhancement Stamp for donating to wildlife funds.
- Public: None
- Board:
- Vice Chairman Reese okay with wording regarding the placement of traps. If the land is privately owned, it's allowed within 200 ft of a road or highway. If it's public land, it is not allowed.
- Brady Phillips, NDOW, agrees.
- John Hiatt asked if it is on private land, but what if it is someone else's private land and you don't have permission.
- Brady Phillips said that is trespassing.
- A motion was made and seconded to accept AB83 as written.
- Motion passes 5-0.

SB85 Revises provisions governing the importation into this State of certain live animals or parts of the carcass of certain animals. (BDR 45-206)

- Vice Chairman Reese introduced this item stating that he feels this is a very touchy bill if you hunt out of state. When you come in to Nevada, you must have the horns off for testing.
- Brian Patterson countered that you can leave skull intact. They test pituitary glands and the brain stem for CWD.
- Dave Talaga read from Section 1, Paragraph 2a stating you can bring in meat without the head, spinal column or brain tissue attached.
- Vice Chairman Reese noted that in AZ you are not allowed to cut the head off. Which means you are bringing it in whole. It is dicey at state line. They don't want someone with a buck tag with a doe head.
- Dave Talaga asked how do you get animal from out of state into the state?
- Vice Chairman Reese asked how do you enforce this?
- Brady Phillips, NDOW, responded that he does not have the biology knowledge.
- Vice Chairman Reese stated that other states have different rules regarding head intact or removed. Unless they change the wording, a hunter may have a difficult time bringing a carcass into Nevada.
- Brady Phillips commented that you can bring it back fully cleaned. They are just trying to prevent CWD. You can bring the head back, but you can't have any of the brain tissue on it. You could have it processed by a taxidermist in Arizona, and then bring it back.
- John Hiatt said we don't know how it is spread from one animal to another. Are we doing something that we think really helps, but we don't really know?
- Vice Chairman Reese shared info from a recent article he read that CWD is bacteria based. More studies are needed. The jury is still out.
- John Hiatt said he is suspicious of bacteria as the cause since it is inconsistent with any other bacterial infection.

- Vice Chairman Reese agreed and added that he would expect a wider spread if it is a simple bacterial infection.
- Brian Patterson said he hear it was always nose to nose contact.
- Public Comment: None
- Vice Chairman Reese said he would like to table this.
- John Hiatt stated that we can express concern with how it is written.
- Dave Talaga noted that they can try to protect from disease by stripping central nervous system. The issue is how to clean the carcass.
- John Hiatt stated the problem is the procedure described here.
- A motion was made and seconded to support the intent of SB85, but we are concerned about the details of enforcement of the law and how it would work. At this time, we cannot support SB85 as written.
- Motion passes 5-0.

SB120 Provides for the issuance of orders of protection relating to high-risk behavior. (BDR 3-112)

- Dave Talaga how many people on board actually read this?
- Vice Chairman Reese said he understands the crux of it, but there is so much verbiage and it is highly subjective.
- Brian Patterson stated they are asking you to surrender your firearm.
- Dave Talaga added not only surrender your firearm, but if a law enforcement officer perceives that you are going to commit a crime, he/she can take your gun. If there is a complaint, and you cross paths with Brady from NDOW who says you are about to commit a crime he can take your gun. This is an issue for anyone who owns a gun.
- Vice Chairman Reese mentioned Hurricane Katrina when they went in and confiscated everyone's firearms when it was people trying to protect their property from looting, etc.
- Molly DiBlasi added it could be a case of someone trying to get back at you for something and says you said something you never said.
- Public: None
- A motion was made and seconded to recommend SB 120 be withdrawn in its entirety as it attempts to supersede the constitutional rights of the United States and Nevada by imposing subjective language that has no basis in any current law.
- John Hiatt suggested stating we oppose this bill because of the fire arms provisions in it that would affect the legal owners of firearms in a way that has nothing to do with preventing domestic violence.
- 2nd removed by Molly, Motion removed.
- A new motion was made and seconded to state we oppose SB 120 in its entirety. In particular, the portion of the bill which relates to firearms and would adversely affect legal owners of firearms in Nevada.
- Motion passes 5-0

BDR902 Assembly Committee on Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Mining - Revises provisions relating to wildlife.

- Tabled no back up on NDOW website.

AB84 Provides for the issuance of state general obligation bonds to protect, preserve and obtain the benefits of the property and natural and cultural resources of the State of Nevada. (BDR S-326)

- Several Board members did not have backup for this.
- Board Comment: None
- Public Comment: None
- A motion was made and seconded to table this item.
- Motion passes 5-0

AJR2 Urges Congress to reject any expansion in the use of land or exercise of jurisdiction by the United States Air Force in the Desert National Wildlife Refuge. (BDR R-697)

- John Hiatt said this is just what it says, to oppose expansion by the Air Force into the Sheep Range.
- Vice Chairman Reese noted that AJR2 and SJR3 are identical. Any comments or action will apply to both AJR2 and SJR3.
- Brian Patterson said that nobody would argue against protecting American soil. The AF Test Range is the largest training facility in the world. Is the expansion needed at the expense of open space to the general public. He agrees with what most Nevadans have said opposing this move.
- John Hiatt notes that the Sheep Range is one of the most prestigious areas in the US. It has been protected since 1907 when it was designated as part of the Moapa National Forest. And then again in 1936 when it became the Desert National Wildlife Refuge. The Air Force has not looked at any other areas. They say they need air space, but they have not looked at the test site. Stuff on ground does not affect air space. They are also proposing to take about a million acres in Northern Nevada. He doesn't think they need this expansion. Thus, he supports AJR2 and SJR3.
- Vice Chairman Reese noted that there is not one government agency in favor of this. He reminded the attendees that this is only a resolution, it is not a law. It allows the Nevada State Legislature to inform the US Congress their take on this.
- Public Comment:
- Stephanie Meyers stated she is in favor of SJR3.
- Phillip Luchetta stated he is in favor of those two resolutions as well.
- A motion was made and seconded to accept/approve AJR2 and SJR3 as written.
- Motion passes 5-0

SJR3 Urges Congress to oppose the expansion of the United States Air Force in the Desert National Wildlife Refuge in Nevada. (BDR R-745)

- SEE ABOVE

SJR4 Expresses the support of the Nevada Legislature for certain federal legislation relating to the conservation of wildlife in this State. (BDR R-507)

- John Hiatt stated that he doesn't know what Federal legislation this refers to.
- Public Comment:
- Jana Wright said she thinks this is the one where they want to use some of the energy \$1.3 billion. Tony (Wasley) has talked about it. This is the same format where they sent letters of recommendation in the past.
- A motion was made and seconded to table SJR4 for lack of education.

- Motion passes 5-0

E. 2020 and 2021 Commission Meeting Schedules (*For Possible Action*) The CCABMW Board will review, discuss and set their CABMW meeting schedule for 2020 and 2011 based on the newly posted Wildlife Commission meeting schedule for 2020 and 2021.

- Vice Chairman Reese introduced this item.
- 2020 CCABMW Meetings
 - January 28, 2020
 - March 17th, 2020
 - April 28th, 2020
 - June 23rd, 2020
 - August 11th, 2020
 - September 22nd, 2020Jan
 - November 3rd, 2020
- 2021 CCABMW Meetings
 - January 26th, 2021
 - March 23rd, 2021
 - May 4th, 2021
 - June 22nd, 2021
 - August 10th, 2021
 - September 21st, 2021
 - November 2nd, 2021
- Board Comment: 7 meetings a year.
- Public Comment: None
- A motion was made and seconded to pass the meeting dates as written.
- Motion passed 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:
- Mike Kowal stated that a few years ago Chris Nicoli did some research about banding wood ducks to show harvest does not affect bird numbers. It looks like he created a nice opportunity to shoot wood ducks in Fallon. How do I find out results and where this money went?
- Closed public comment.

9. Authorize the Vice Chairman to prepare and submit any recommendations from today's meeting to the Wildlife Commission for its consideration at its March 15th and 16th, 2019 meeting in Las Vegas, NV. (*For Possible Action*)

- Public comment: None
- John Hiatt motion to prepare action item 5-0.
- A motion was made and seconded to authorize the Vice Chairman to prepare and submit any recommendations from today's meeting to the Wildlife Commission for its consideration at its March 15th and 16th, 2019 meeting in Las Vegas, NV.
- Motion passed 5-0

10. **The next Clark County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife meeting is scheduled for April 30, 2019 in the Clark County Government Center Pueblo Room, 500 S. Grand Central Parkway, Las Vegas. This meeting will be in support of the May 3rd and 4th, 2019, Commission meeting in Las Vegas, Nevada.**

11. **Adjournment**

- Meeting was adjourned at 6:57 pm.

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