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5. **NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE:** **NON-ACTION ITEM**
Informational update and all other matters related, thereto. Update from Department staff.
Fred Esparza-Game Warden Supervisor NDOW gave update on law enforcement matters. He also gave update on current status of the Rocky Mountain Bighorn die off.
6. **Draft Fiscal Year (FY) 2017 Predation Management Plan – For Possible Action**
The draft FY 2017 Predation Management Plan will be presented to the Commission for initial review and input for submission to the State Predatory Animal and Rodent Committee.
State Agenda item#6
Board Comments: Bert asked who determines these projects and how are they determined, Bert asked about 21-02 Raven Removal and also where the funds from the predation fee goes? Mitch asked about 22-16 Coyote Den Density status?
Public Comments: Tom Donham NDOW-Answered questions and explained where the funds from the predation fee go. NDOW has a predator biologist (Pat Jackson) he asks for input from regional personal, field level personal, supervisors etc. The recommendations are sifted through and create a draft to present to the commission. Pete Mori also clarified the steps taken for the predation projects take and when the committees will see them and be able to vote on these.
No action taken at this time all voted to table this item until next meeting for Elko County Predator Management Plan.
7. **Commission General Regulation 458, Electronic Rifle Triggers, Caliber and Cartridge Length, and Smokeless Powder Restrictions, LCB File No. R144-15 -**
For Possible Action
The Commission will hold a workshop to consider a regulation relating to amending Chapter 503 of the Nevada Administrative Code. It revises provisions relating to hunting; deleting the prohibition against using smokeless powder in a muzzle-loading firearm while hunting a big game mammal under certain circumstances; making it unlawful to use certain firearms and cartridges while hunting a big game mammal; and proving other matters properly relating thereto.
State Agenda item#8
Tom Donham with NDOW clarified what the proposed regulation was trying to accomplish. They are trying to limit or get rid of the use of 50 calibers or 416 calibers for long range shooting that the average hunter is not capable of shooting ethically. They are also trying to get rid of the use of an electronic trigger trying to take out the human element of shooting.
Public comments: Shannon Scott-Back Country Hunting and Anglers Elko Chapter do not want the use of electronic triggers to be legal.
Shannon Scott representing self recommends contacting a rifle range and shoot these calibers and seeing what you think.

Jason James-Worried about case length because he has a rifle that the cartridge length is close to 4 inches and he has other guns with shorter cartridges that cause more damage.

Bert recommends putting something in about 9mm carbine not being used for big game hunting because this would not be adequate to ethically kill big game animals.

Furn moved to approve commission regulation 458 everything except the cartridge length, and that the 22 caliber centerfire and add in monitor by caliber and rifle weight limits.

Moved and seconded to amend regulation to remove section B of 5 144-15.

Moved and approved regulation as amended.

8. Commission General Regulation 459, Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (Drones), LCB File No. R145-15 – For Possible Action

The Commission will hold a workshop to consider a regulation relating to amending Chapters 501 and 503 of the Nevada Administrative Code. It revises provisions governing the use of aircraft, hot air balloons, unmanned aerial vehicles, satellites or certain other devices to locate or observe, for the purpose of hunting, a big game mammal; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

State Agenda item#9

Fred Esparza NDOW clarifies that this is changing the current regulation from 48 hours prior to a season opening changing to cannot scout from an aircraft all year, also adding unmanned aircrafts.

Public Comment: Shannon Scott Back Country Hunting and Anglers would like the wording changed to any game animal instead of large game mammal this would include any animal that is hunted. They also support the year ban on aircraft scouting.

Henry Krenka speaking for self. He supports the wording to be changed to any animal instead of mammal.

Mitch moved to approve regulation with the wording changed to any game animal instead of big game mammals 503.148 sub-section 1.

Furn- seconded

All approved

9. Status of the Helicopters Owned and Operated by the Nevada Department of Wildlife, Game Division – Informational

The Department will provide a presentation primarily on the helicopters owned by the Department, but reference the fixed-wing aircraft, and provide an overview of the status and utility of the Bell Jet Rangers. The Department will discuss air fleet modernization and possible mechanisms to improve performance.

State Agenda item#10-B

Tom Donham NDOW gave update on the status of helicopters and fixed wing aircrafts.

Mitch asked how much for the new aircraft 2.6 million and the department will have to come up with \$600, 000.

Bert asked if the department is looking into drones to perform surveys? At this point the department is not looking into this due to FFA regulations and where they can fly.

10. D Humboldt County Elk Management Sub-Plan Update – Informational

The Humboldt County Elk Management Sub-Plan Steering Committee met recently and a brief summary of the meeting will be provided as well as a report on the committee's progress.

State Agenda item#10-D

Tom Donham NDOW gave update on numbers of this plan.

Pete Mori-Provided update from Steering Plan committee.

Robert Pogoda-Also gave update from steering committee meeting.

11. **Commission Regulation 15 – 09 – Amendment #2 – Big Game Seasons
–For Possible Action**

The Commission will consider amendment #2 of the 2016 – 2017 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 and legal weapon requirements, hunt boundary restrictions, and emergency depredation hunt structure and statewide quotas.

State Agenda item#18
Mitch motioned to support.
Furn-seconded
All approved
12. **Commission Regulation 16 – 09, Big Game Mountain Lion Harvest Limits for
2016 – 2017- For Possible Action**

The Commission will consider the adoption of 2016 – 2017 mountain lion hunting season open units, harvest limits by unit group, hunting hours, and special regulations.

State Agenda item#19
Furn motioned to support.
Mitch seconded.
All approved
13. **Commission Regulation 16 – 10, 2016 Black Bear Seasons –
For Possible Action**

The Commission will consider the adoption of 2016 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. The Department will provide the annual hunt and population status report following the 2015 bear season.

State Agenda item#20
Mitch motioned to support.
Furn Seconded.
All approved
14. **Commission Regulation, 16 – 03, 2017 Heritage Tag Seasons and Quotas –
For Possible Action**

The Commission will consider the adoption of the 2017 Heritage Tag hunt species, seasons and quotas.

State Agenda item#21
Furn motioned to approve.
Mitch seconded.
All approved.

15. **Commission Regulation, 16 – 04, Dream Tag 2016 Seasons –**
For Possible Action
The Commission will consider the adoption of the 2016 Dream Tag seasons.
State Agenda item#22
Mitch motioned to support.
Furn seconded.
All approved
16. **Commission Regulation, 16 – 05, Partnership in Wildlife (PIW) 2016 Season and Quotas –**
For Possible Action
The Commission will consider the adoption of the 2016 PIW hunt species, seasons and quotas.
State Agenda item#23
Furn motioned to support.
Mitch Seconded.
All Approved
17. **Commission Regulation, 16 – 06, Silver State Tag 2016 Season and Quotas –**
For Possible Action
The Commission will consider the adoption of the 2016 Silver State Tag hunt species, seasons and quotas.
State Agenda item#24
Scott Roberts NDOW-Starting date changed from July 1st to August 1st.
Mitch motioned to support.
Furn seconded.
All approved.
18. **Commission Regulation 16 – 07, 2016 Big Game Application Deadline Information -**
For Possible Action
The Commission will consider adopting language regarding the 2016 big game tag application deadline information.
State Agenda item#25
Date has changed to third Monday in April.
Furn motioned to support.
Mitch seconded.
All approved.
19. **Commission Regulation 16 – 08, 2016 Big Game Tag Application Eligibility –**
For Possible Action
The Commission will consider adopting language regarding the 2016 big game tag application eligibility.
State Agenda item#26
Jason James asked how many tags of each animal can you draw? Tom Donham NDOW gave clarification.
Mitch motioned to support.
Furn Seconded.
All approved.
20. **Commission General Regulation 456, Special Incentive Elk Arbitration Panel, LCB File No. R031-15 –**
For Possible Action

The Commission will consider permanent adoption of a regulation relating to amending NAC 502.42283 by which the Commission may facilitate decisions by appointing or serving as the arbitration panel should arbitration of elk incentive tag awards become necessary; and providing other matters properly relating thereto. A workshop on the temporary regulation was held on March 20, 2015, and the temporary regulation was adopted on May 15, 2015, at the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commission meetings. An additional workshop was held on August 7, 2015, at the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commission meeting and no further changes were made. The Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners adopted this regulation as a permanent regulation on September 26, 2015; however, on October 27, 2015 the Legislative Commission deferred the regulation. A workshop was held yesterday, January 29, 2015, and subsection 3 on page 3 was suggested for removal by the Department. Note: See State agenda item #7 for support material.

State Agenda item#27

Pete Mori provided update.

Furn motioned to support.

Mitch seconded.

All approved.

21. **Potential Congressional Land Transfer to the Moapa Band of Paiutes in Southern Nevada – Informational**
The Department will present a brief overview of a potential congressional land transfer and discuss possible issues with wildlife management and public access in and around lands being considered for transfer. The Commission may choose to develop correspondence and provide input to the Congressional delegation as part of their consideration of Senate bill S.1986.
State Agenda item#28
None
22. **Discuss any other State agenda items**
None
23. **Future Commission Meeting: FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**
The next Commission meetings are scheduled for **March 25 & 26, 2016, in Yerington and May 13th and 14th in Reno**; and the Commission will review and discuss potential agenda items for that meeting. The Commission may change the time and meeting location at this time. The chairman may designate and adjust committee assignments as necessary at this meeting
Elko County Wildlife Board's future meeting date will be Monday prior to the next state meeting.
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