



5. **Humboldt County Elk Sub-plan (First Reading) For Possible Action**  
 The Commission will be presented with the draft Humboldt County Elk Sub-plan and possible action. Subsequent to this presentation, the draft Humboldt County Elk Sub-plan will be brought before the Humboldt County Commission for their approval and the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners for final adoption. The Commission may forward questions or needed clarifications to the local sub-plan committee for their feedback prior to final approval.  
**State Agenda Item #6**  
**Caleb McAdoo speaking for himself gave his opinion.**  
**No Action Taken.**
6. **Nevada Department of Wildlife Project Updates NON-ACTION ITEM**  
 The commission has requested that the Department provide regular project updates for ongoing projects and programs as appropriate based on geography and timing of meetings. These updates are intended to provide detail in addition to the summaries provided as part of the regular Department Report and are intended to inform the Commission and public as to the Department's ongoing duties and responsibilities.  
**State Agenda Item #7**  
**Caleb McAdoo-NDOW provided update for ongoing projects.**  
**Bert asked for a larger update on all the projects that are ongoing.**  
**Fred Esparza-NDOW provided update.**
7. **Wildlife Damage Management Committee Report and Fiscal Year 2017 Draft Predation Management Plan (Second Draft) For Possible Action**  
 The Commission will hear a report from the Wildlife Damage Management Committee chairman, the second draft of the proposed Fiscal Year 2017 Predator Management Plan will be presented, and the Commission may take action to provide recommendations for modification of the second draft for the May Commission meeting.  
**State Agenda Item #8**  
**Walt Gardner provided opinion on sub-project 22-16 and is against this project.**  
**Jason James was asking for clarification on the use of eggs to manage Ravens.**  
**Mitch Buzzetti agrees with removing sub-project 22-16. Mitch motioned to removed sub-project 22-16 and item 32. Seconded and approved.**  
**In support of amended version removing sub-project 22-16 and item 32.**
8. **Wildlife Damage Management Committee, Approved Revision to Existing Policy #23 on Predation Management (First Reading) For Possible Action**  
 On behalf of the Wildlife Damage Management Committee (WDMC), the Department will present suggested amendments to existing Commission Policy #23 on Predation Management approved by the WDMC on Jan. 28, 2016, at their meeting in Las Vegas. The amendments suggested are generally to make the existing policy compliant with Assembly Bill 78 (adopted during the last legislative session) and to make the policy consistent with adopted practice. In accordance with Commission Policy #1, this will serve as the first reading of Policy #23. The second reading will

occur at the May Commission meeting and the Commission may adopt the revised policy at that meeting.

**State Agenda Item #9**

**No Action Taken.**

9. **Reports – NON-ACTION ITEM**

A- Bighorn Sheep Disease Surveillance and Herd Performance from 2012 to 2015 – Informational

The Department will provide a presentation depicting its bighorn sheep herd responses (lamb recruitment as primary metric) over time in relation to disease exposure, environmental factors, and other variables. This presentation will cover information developed from data collected over the last three years.

**No Comments.**

B- Tag Allocation and Application Hunt Committee Report – Informational

A report will be provided on the committee's recent meeting. This report may include potential changes to the application process that may be recommended for action at a future commission meeting.

**Mitch Buzzetti provided update.**

C- Sage-grouse Update – Informational

The Department will provide an update on the status of sage-grouse.

**No Comments.**

D- Department Activity Report-Informational

The Department will provide a report on recent Department activities.

**No Comments.**

E- Litigation Report – Informational

The litigation report will be presented and discussed.

**State Agenda Item #10**

**No Comments.**

10. **License Simplification, Development of Harvest Management Guidelines, and America's Wildlife Value Questions**

**NON-ACTION ITEM**

The Department will provide the Commission with three reports on ongoing processes for license simplification, development of new harvest management guidelines, and a report on the America's Wildlife Value Questions.

A- License Simplification – Informational

The Commission will hear a report on the processes being worked on with contractor Loren Chase regarding license simplification.

**No Comments.**

B- Harvest Management Guidelines – Informational

The Department will update the Commission on its progress of updating harvest management guidelines for Nevada hunting seasons.

**No Comments.**

C- America's Wildlife Value Survey and Questions -Informational  
A report on America's Wildlife Value Survey and Questions will be provided.

**State Agenda Item #16**

**Caleb McAdoo-NDOW provided clarification.**

11. **Administrative Procedures, Regulations and Policy Committee (APRPC)  
Report, Recommendations, and Commission Guidance**

**NON-ACTION ITEM**

A- APRPC Report – Informational

Report on the committee meetings held in January and February and present an anticipated schedule for moving forward with a comprehensive Commission Policy Review.

**No Comments.**

B- APRPC Recommendations and Request for Commission Guidance on Policy Numbering and Policy Review Delegation to Various Committees

Report the Committee's recommendation and request the Commission's guidance to retain the current policy numbering format, and to delegate the review of Commission Policy #24, "Hunting Opportunities Among Weapons and Hunter Groups" to the Tag Allocation and Application Hunt Committee, and to delegate the review of Commission Policies #60 through #67 related to habitat and publically owned lands to the Commission's Public Lands Committee. Note: See agenda item #17 A for support material.

**No Comments.**

C- Rules of Practice Review, Status, and Commission Guidance

Will provide a status report on the Rules of Practice review, including Commission Policies #1 "General Guidelines for the Commission;" #3 "Appeals;" #4 "Petition Process and Regulatory Adoptions Policy," and NAC 501.195 related to petitions, and NAC 501.140 - 190 related to appeals. The committee is seeking discussion and feedback from the Commission regarding concepts to modify the Rules of Practice that the committee has discussed.

Commission Regulations – Adoption – Public Comment Allowed Persons Wishing to Provide Comment on Regulations are Requested to Complete a Regulation Speaker's Card and Present it to the Recording Secretary

**State Agenda Item #17**

**No Comments.**

12. **Commission Regulation 14-11 Amendment #3, 2015 – 2016 Upland Game,  
Migratory Upland Game and Furbearer Seasons and Limits Amendment –  
For Possible Action**

The Commission will consider amendment #3 to the 2015 – 2016 season dates and length for the third Mason Valley Wildlife Management Area wild turkey hunt period. Amendment #3 would extend the wild turkey hunt for this period from two days to its original, intended 9-day length extending from April 23 through May 1, 2016 rather than the current two day hunt period of April 30 through May 1, 2016.

**State Agenda Item #18**

**In support of change.**

13. **Commission Regulation 16-11 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  
2016 – 2017 Season For Possible Action**

The Commission will consider recommendations for seasons, bag limits, and special regulations for migratory game birds for the 2016 – 2017 season and adopt regulations that comply with the proposed regulations framework for the 2016 – 2017 hunting seasons on certain migratory game birds established by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. The Commission will also consider rules regulating public hunting on Wildlife Management Areas and designated state lands.

**State Agenda Item #19**  
**No Action Taken.**

14. **Commission General Regulations – Workshop/Informational – Public Comment Allowed – Persons Wishing to Provide Comment on Regulations are Requested to Complete a Regulation Speaker’s Card and Present it to the Recording Secretary For Possible Action**

A- Commission General Regulation 456, Special Incentive Elk Arbitration Panel, LCB File No. R031-15 – Workshop/Public Comment Allowed

The Commission will hold a workshop on the temporary regulation which expired Nov. 1, 2015, relating to amending Nevada Administrative Code (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.

During adoption of the permanent NAC, the Legislative Counsel Bureau (LCB) and the Legislative Commission have questioned specific language choices recommended by the Department that directly influence the application of the Administrative Procedures Act (APA). The primary concern expressed by the Legislative Commission deals with the ability of an arbitration panel to issue a final and binding decision without providing a means for appeal. In short, an appointed panel may be able to provide such a decision, yet when the Commission acts in this capacity it may be deemed an administrative act that must be consistent with the provisions of the APA. The attempts by the Department to recommend acceptable language to adequately describe this nuance have thus far been unclear.

**No Comments.**

B- Commission General Regulation 460, Definition of "Spike Elk," LCB File No. R013-16 – Workshop/Public Comment Allowed

The Commission will consider amending NAC 502.104 and 502.1045 to define "Spike Elk" in a manner that limits inadvertent errors in the field. The intent is to consider and possibly broaden the definition of spike in a manner that is consistent with the management objective of defining a spike while reducing the likelihood of errors in harvest identification.

**Bert read a letter from Darwin L. Elmore. Mitch moved to support and all voted in favor.**

C- Commission General Regulation 458, Electronic Rifle Triggers, Caliber and Cartridge Length, and Smokeless Powder Restrictions, LCB File No. R144-15 –Workshop/Public Comment Allowed

The Commission will hold a second workshop to consider a regulation relating to amending Chapter 503 of the Nevada Administrative Code. The proposed regulation amendment contains two changes. The first change will clarify the use of black powder substitutes that are considered smokeless powder. The second change would make it unlawful to hunt a big game mammal with a rifle using a centerfire cartridge of caliber .46 or larger or an overall loaded cartridge length of 3.8 inches or longer. The amendment would also make it unlawful to hunt a big game mammal with any firearm equipped with an electronic or computer-controlled trigger.

A workshop was held in Las Vegas on January 29, 2016. The Commission directed the Department to hold a second workshop to consider additional changes, including: changing the term “big game mammal” to “any game animal” and either adjusting the “overall loaded cartridge length” to something that wouldn’t impact custom reloads for popular hunting cartridges or changing the terminology to account for casing length rather than overall loaded length. Additional information was requested to show which rifles may be prohibited under either scenario.

**Mitch moved to support the previous recommendation of the Elko County Advisory Board. Furn Seconded and all approved previous recommendation.**

D- Commission General Regulation 459, Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (Drones), LCB File No. R145-15 – Workshop/Public Comment Allowed

The Commission will hold a second workshop to consider a regulation relating to amending Chapters 501 and 503 of the Nevada Administrative Code. The proposed regulation amendment contains two changes. The first change would make the prohibition of using aerial devices for the purpose of hunting year-round rather than the current prohibition of 48-hours prior to any open season and during any open season. The second change is to clarify existing language that prohibits the use of unmanned aerial vehicles for the purpose of hunting, locating, or observing big game animals. The changes would extend aerial scouting prohibitions and clarify the existing regulation by explicitly listing unmanned aerial vehicles.

A workshop was held in Las Vegas on January 29, 2016. The Commission directed the Department to hold a second workshop to consider additional changes, including: changing the term “big game mammal” to “any game animal” and adding terminology to Section 2 to clarify that the regulation is specific to “real time” satellite imagery rather than commercially available imagery products such as Google Earth.

**Mitch motioned in support, Furn seconded and all approved.**

E- Commission General Regulation 440, Trail Cameras and Other Devices, LCB File No. R012-16 – Workshop/Public Comment Allowed

The Commission will hold a workshop to consider a regulation relating to amending Chapter 503 of the Nevada Administrative Code. The proposed regulation change is intended to restrict the use of motion and heat sensing cameras that are left for a period of time, and not held in the hand. The proposed language would prohibit the use of trail cameras to locate or observe big game mammals for the purpose of hunting from August 1 to December 31. The Commission directed the Department to develop this regulation at the September 2013 meeting.

**State Agenda Item #20**

**Jim motioned to support, Mitch seconded and all approved to support.**

15. **Future Commission Meetings and Commission Committee Assignments –  
NON-ACTION ITEM**

The next Commission meeting is scheduled for May 13 and 14, 2016, in Reno and the Commission will review and discuss potential agenda items for that meeting. The Commission may change the date and meeting location at this time. The chairman may designate and adjust committee assignments and add or dissolve committees, as necessary at this time. Any anticipated committee meetings that may occur prior to the next Commission meeting may be discussed.

16. **Discuss any other State agenda items –**

17. **Future Commission Meeting:**

**NON-ACTION ITEM**

The next Commission meetings are scheduled for March 24 & 25, 2016, in Yerington and May 13 & 14, 2016, 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.

18. **COMMENTS BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC:**

**NON-ACTION ITEM**

Pursuant to N.R.S. 241.020, 2(c) (3), this time is devoted to comments by the general public, if any, and discussion of those comments. No action may be taken upon a matter raised under this item on the agenda until the matter itself has been specifically included on a successive agenda and identified to be an action item.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

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