



**ELKO COUNTY WILDLIFE ADVISORY BOARD
COUNTY OF ELKO, STATE OF NEVADA
Will meet in the Mike Nannini Building, Suite102
(Hearing Room) of the Elko County Courthouse,
540 Court Street, Elko, Nevada.**

Meeting Minutes March 20, 2017

Comment [AG1]:

THE CHAIR RESERVES THE RIGHT TO CHANGE THE ORDER OF THE AGENDA AND IF THE AGENDA IS NOT COMPLETED TO RECESS THE MEETING AND CONTINUE ON ANOTHER SPECIFIED DATE AND TIME. THE PUBLIC CAN COMMENT ON ANY AGENDA ITEM BY BEING ACKNOWLEDGED BY THE CHAIRPERSON WHILE THE ADVISORY BOARD CONSIDERS THAT AGENDA ITEM.

THE NEVADA BOARD OF WILDLIFE COMMISSIONERS (NBOWC) WILL RECEIVE RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THIS MEETING ALONG WITH THE ELKO COUNTY COMMISSION.

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- 6:00 P.M. -- CALL TO ORDER-Bert Gurr**
- PLEDGE-Jim Cooney**
- ROLL CALL-Jim Cooney, Mitch Buzzetti, Bert Gurr, Furn Winder, Wyatt Mesna**
- 1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**
Approved
- 2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**
Approved
- 3. BOARD MEMBER ITEMS: NON-ACTION ITEM**
Pursuant to advice from the Nevada Attorney General's Office, this time is devoted to comments by Board Members for general information or update purposes. No action may be taken upon a matter raised under this item of the agenda until the matter itself has been specifically included on a successive agenda and identified to be an action item. Any correspondence received by a Board member may be read and attached for the record.
Jim Cooney asks to address area 7 elk seasons on next months agenda to reset the seasons for 2018 hunting season.
Jim Cooney-Notice of potential quorum to meet with NDOW and go over tag quotas prior to May meeting.
- 4. COMMENTS BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC: NON-ACTION ITEM**
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None.

5. **NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE BIOLOGIST: NON-ACTION ITEM**
Informational update and all other matters related, thereto. Update from Department staff.
6. **Kari Huebner NDOW-Provided clarification on area 7 elk seasons.**
California Department of Fish and Wildlife and Klamath Basin National Wildlife Refuges Request for Up to 20 Wild-trapped Greater Sage Grouse Per Year for Up to Three Years for Translocation to the Clear Lake National Wildlife Refuge in California – For Possible Action
The Department received a request from the Klamath Basin National Wildlife Refuges and the California Department of Wildlife to capture and translocate up to 20 greater sage-grouse per year for up to three years for translocation to the Clear Lake National Wildlife Refuge. The Department is proceeding to fulfill the request and seeks the support of the Commission. The Commission may vote to support the Department's actions.
State Agenda #6
Jim Cooney asked if there is any reciprocation on California's side for another animal?
Tom Donham NDOW-There is no reciprocation at this point.
No Action taken by the board.
7. **Legislative Committee Report – For Possible Action**
A report will be presented on the committee's recent meetings. The Commission may review bills of interest, consider legislative committee recommendations and may take official positions on those bills. The Commission may also choose to develop platforms on bills by supporting or opposing general concepts contained within bills rather than specific language. The Commission will consider and may approve a spokesperson(s) who will relay Commission positions and platforms to the Legislature. (Support materials are as of the Legislative Committee meeting held on Feb. 22, 2017. These materials may be updated at the Commission meeting based on the outcome of the March 15, 2017, committee meeting. Bill and BDR language may be viewed online at: <https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/NELIS/REL/79th2017>)
State Agenda #7
Mitch Buzzetti-SJR11 thinks Elko County should support.
Walt Garnder agrees Elko County Should support.
Henry Krenka NV Outfitters and Guide agrees should be supported. Feels trapping that this is a good tool to have to be able to utilize as needed when needed.
Jason James also agrees this should be supported.
Rob Pagodoa agrees this should be supported and should be a right.
Furn Winder agrees we should support SJR11 including trapping.
Wyatt Mesna seconds to support.
Bert Gurr recommends we send it to every legislature.
Board Supports SJR11.
SB221 provides funding for department of wildlife and heritage account. Mitch Buzzetti thinks we should not support.
Walt Garnder thinks we should support SB221.
Henry Krenka thinks we should not support SB221.
Bert Gurr does not think spending this money to educate non hunters will benefit hunting one bit. He thinks this will drain the heritage fund.
Wyatt Mesna does not know enough about this to go either way.
Jim Cooney recommends we monitor this bill.

Mitch Buzzetti AB101 \$3 predator fee and how it is spent. Does not think we should support.

Jason James AB101 says people thinks we should boycott buying tags to cut the money the state gets.

Henry Krenka thinks that if we are going to pay \$3 for predator control and that's what it should be for.

Walt Gardner says when this was started it was pitched as predator control and that is how it should be spent. Not in support of this.

Furn Winder-Who in NDOW asked for this?

Tom Donham NDOW-Says no one from the Department asked for this.

Jim Cooney moves we should oppose this.

Wyatt Mesna agrees we should oppose this.

Jim Cooney seconds to oppose.

Board opposes AB101.

Furn Winder brought up AB187.

Shannon Scott opposes AB187.

Jason James opposes AB187.

John Boykin opposes AB187.

Furn Winder moves to oppose and write letter to assemblyman, house representatives and wildlife commission.

Jim Cooney seconds.

Board opposes AB187.

8. Wildlife Damage Management Committee Report and Fiscal Year 2018 Draft Predation Management Plan – For Possible Action

The Commission will hear a report from the Wildlife Damage Management Committee chairman regarding the proposed Fiscal Year 2018 Predator Management Plan, and the Commission may take action to provide recommendations for modification of the draft for the May Commission meeting.

[State Agenda #8](#)

Mitch Buzzetti-Have any lions been harvested on this program?

Bert Gurr-Are you using contractors to harvest lions? Can guides take clients to harvest these animals under this program? Project 41

Jim Cooney-How often are the collared animals checked when the collars are not moving.

Wyatt Mesna-How much do the collars cost?

Kari Heubner-3 lions have been harvested by wildlife services. Contractors were not successful at harvesting any lions. No guides cannot take clients. Collars let biologist know via email when they are in mortality mode. Collars are \$3000 a piece.

Walt Gardner-has a problem with this plan. This plan makes it look like we are killing lions indiscriminately due to the plan saying there is no threat from lions.

Jason James-Thinks we should use the money for Raven management to actually lower the Raven population.

9. Nevada Land Legislation A* Nevada Lands Act – For Possible Action

At the February Commission meeting the Commission designated Commissioners Drew and Johnston to draft a letter on the development of new federal legislation related to SJR 1. The Commission may take action to approve the draft letter to send.

Shannon Scott Back Country Hunters and Anglers-Commission is opposing the bill. 2017 Western States Survey information brought by Shannon Scott for the record.

Rex Steninger Nevada Land Council-Letter was not loosely done there was a lot of study put towards this letter. When talking to all these people about this issue find out who all these people are. I am here and know what is going on. Since 1930 23% of our state has been restricted. Also during the Obama administration they closed 1 million acres and 2 national parks in Nevada. Walt Gardner-Doesn't think that polls are all that accurate. The forest service tried to close 11 of 18 accesses in Ruby Valley and the ranchers fought to keep them open.

Jason James-Supports Rex Steninger and the people who put forth the effort on this. Thinks that if we could make decisions locally that we are better off. Wyatt Mesna-in regards to sportsman's access in support of the letter written but nothing else in the letter. Does not like surveys. But does not think the survey brought up that people do not understand everything about wind and solar energy.

Mitch Buzzetti-When it comes to Wildlife and Federal lands he thinks that the state and people who live this area can manage this so much better because we know what is going on.

Bert Gurr- Thinks we should monitor this without having all the information in regards to this.

Jim Cooney-We do need to get the word out from the Nevada Lands Council. Also agrees we need more info.

Board to monitor this.

B* Washoe County Lands Bill –

For Possible Action

At the November Commission meeting the Commission designated Commissioner Drew to work with NDOW to draft a letter stating the Commission's concerns on the proposed Washoe County Lands Bill.

State Agenda #9

No Action Taken.

10. Second Reading, Commission Policy 26A, Transparency – For Possible Action

The Commission will conduct a second reading of Commission Policy 26A, Transparency, and may take action to suspend, amend or repeal. At the Feb. 11, 2017, meeting the Commission voted to suspend Policy 26A until such a time the Administrative Procedures, Regulations and Policy Committee can revise and renumber the policy to be consistent with Nevada Revised Statutes and all wildlife data.

State Agenda #17

No Action Taken.

11. Workshop Commission General Regulation – For Possible Action

Public Comment Allowed: Persons Wishing to Provide Comment on Regulations are Requested to Complete a Green Regulation Speaker's Card and Present it to the Recording Secretary Commission General Regulation 466, Partnership in Wildlife (PIW) Drawing, Changes to Nonresident Restricted Deer Tag, and Changes to Big Game Return Card Questionnaire Deadline, LCB File No. R140-16 – Workshop/Public Comment Allowed

The Commission will hold a workshop to consider a regulation relating to amending Chapter 502 of the Nevada Administrative Code (NAC). This regulation defines the term "main drawing;" revises the order in which the Silver State Tag drawing, PIW

drawing and main drawings for tags are conducted; authorizes an applicant for a nonresident restricted deer tag to apply for a nonresident deer tag in the Partnership in Wildlife Drawing and the Silver State tag drawing in the same year; and revises the big game return card questionnaire deadline from 5 p.m. to 11 p.m.

State Agenda #18

Jim Cooney-Moves to support.

Furn Winder -Moves to support.

Wyatt Mesna-supports everything except the PIW changes feels the change is another way to generate money.

Mitch Buzzetti moves to reopen.

Furn Winder seconds to reopen.

Wyatt Mesna-Moves to support everything except putting PIW before main draw.

Mitch Buzzetti-seconds.

Board Supports.

12. Commission Regulation 17 - 05, Amendment #1, Big Game Seasons 2017 – 2018, Nonresident Desert (Nelson) Bighorn Ewe Hunts– For Possible Action

The Commission will consider Amendment #1 of the 2017 - 2018 Big Game Hunting Seasons and Dates, to specifically address nonresident Desert (Nelson) Bighorn ewe hunts that were inadvertently omitted at the February Commission meeting.

State Agenda #19

Tom Donham NDOW-provided clarification on this.

Jim Cooney-Moves to support.

Wyatt Mesna-Seconds.

Board in Support.

13. Commission Regulation 17 - 12, 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 – 2017- 2018 Season – For Possible Action

The Commission will consider recommendations for seasons, bag limits, and special regulations for migratory game birds for 2017 - 2018 seasons and adopt regulations that comply with the proposed regulations framework for the 2017- 2018 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 #20

Furn Winder moves to support.

Jim Cooney seconds.

Board Supports.

14. *Report on DRAFT FY 2018 Predator Management Plan – For Possible Action

The Committee will discuss the development of the Draft FY 2018 Predator Management Plan. The Committee may take action to provide direction to staff or establish findings or recommendations to present to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners. The Department will present and discuss techniques associated with monitoring effects of treatments and drawing inference of efficacy of actions associated with the DRAFT Plan.

State Wildlife Damage Management #4

No Action Taken.

15. Discussion on area 7 hunt dates. For Possible Action

Kari Heubner NDOW-Provided clarification.

No Action Taken.

16. **ECWAB Budget. For Possible Action**
Same Budget as last year.
17. **Election of officers. For Possible Action**
Furn Winder moves to keep the board the same.
Second by Mitch Buzzetti.
Board Supports.

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

19. **Future Commission Meeting: FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**
The next Commission meetings are scheduled for April TBD, in Reno for legislative items if needed and May 12 & 13, 2017, 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.

20. **COMMENTS BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC: NON-ACTION ITEM**
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Jason James-Feels like the newspaper is not in support of the hunters and trappers in Elko County.

ADJOURNMENT

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