

# Washoe County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife

## Draft of Minutes

**Thursday ~ August 7, 2014 ~ 6:00 p.m.**  
**Nevada Department of Wildlife**  
**Conference Room B**  
**1100 Valley Road, Reno, Nevada**

### MEMBERS

Sean Shea, Chair  
Miles Humphreys, Jr., Vice-chair  
Michelle Spencer, Secretary  
Cathy Smith  
William Tamblyn

#### **1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** [Non-action item]

Chair Shea led the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### **2. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL** [Non-action item]

Chair Shea called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. A quorum was established.

**PRESENT:** Miles Humphries, Jr., Sean Shea, Cathy Smith, Michelle Spencer and William Tamblyn.

**ABSENT:** None.

#### **3. PUBLIC COMMENTS** [Non-action item]

Trish Swain congratulated Cathy Smith on her appointment to the Washoe County Board. Ms. Swain drew attention to Member Smith's philosophy and ability to do scientific research, which she believes makes her a perfect fit for this body.

Judy Caron welcomed William Tamblyn and Cathy Smith to the board and drew attention to proposed legislation that will convey land from the public domain to the Hungry Valley Indian Tribe. Ms. Caron noted her concern about the loss of public land for recreation.

Bob Brunner provided a copy of the legislation (copy on file) referenced by Ms. Caron and pointed out that the conveyance of these public lands will remove public access as well as prevent NDOW (Nevada Department of Wildlife) from providing wildlife management.

Caron Tayloe welcomed Member Smith to the board and commended NDOW for the fish rescue, which she believes made national news.

Joel Blakeslee welcomed Members Tamblyn and Smith to the board and outlined his concerns about several Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners meetings in which proposed regulations were brought forward prior to public or CAB (County Advisory Board) input. This type of process, in his opinion, creates the impression that the regulation is a "done deal". While this process may be legal, it is Mr. Blakeslee's belief that it is the wrong way to do things. Mr. Blakeslee emphasized the need for public input into the process and explained that NDOW's focus should be wildlife management. Additionally, Mr. Blakeslee would like to see more respect for the opinions provided by the CAB's, which are, in his opinion, being ignored.

Don Molde commented that he believes the legislation referenced in the Reid Amodei bill will transfer about 100,000 acres within the State of Nevada from the Oregon border to the Arizona border and does not appear to be a catastrophe.

#### **4. APPROVAL OF JUNE 12, 2014, MINUTES** (For possible action)

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Hearing no public comment, Chair Shea asked for board discussion.

Chair Shea asked that paragraph 4 on page 9 be amended to change Nevada Department of Transportation to read Nevada Department of Wildlife.

***It was moved by Member Tamblin, seconded by Member Humphries, Jr., to approve the June 12, 2014, minutes as amended. The motion carried unanimously.***

### **5. ELECTION OF OFFICERS: 1) Chair; 2) Vice-chair; and 3) Secretary [For possible action]**

Chair opened public comments.

Rex Flowers recalled the resignation that prompted the election of interim officers and suggested that Chair Shea, Vice-chair Humphries, Jr., who he believes provide a good foundation for this body be reelected.

Chair Shea closed public comment and opened nominations.

***It was moved by Member Spencer, seconded by Member Tamblin, to elect Sean Shea as Chair, Miles Humphries, Jr., as Vice-chair and Michelle Spencer as Secretary. The motion carried unanimously.***

### **6. BOARD MEMBER MEETING ASSIGNMENT (Non-action item) – A discussion and selection of member(s) to attend the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners meetings on: 1) August 15 and 16, 2014, meetings in Fallon, Nevada; and 2). September 12 and 13, 2014, meetings in Las Vegas, Nevada.**

Chair Shea will attend the August 15, meeting with Member Spencer attending the August 16, 2014, meetings in Fallon, Nevada.

Chair Shea noted that all members of the board are welcome to attend.

Member Humphries, Jr., will attend both the September 12 and 13, 2014 meetings in Las Vegas, Nevada.

### **7. COMMITTEE, MEMBER AND LIAISON UPDATES (Non-action items)**

***7-1). Correspondence (including sportsmen's concerns) and Announcements*** – Chair Shea commented that correspondence had been received from Nevada Trappers Association and would be addressed later in the meeting agenda.

***7-2). Overview of the June 20 and 21, 2014, meetings of the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners*** – Mile Humphries Jr, attended the June 20 and 21, 2014 meetings and asked that Rex Flowers provide additional information on the meeting.

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Rex Flowers noted that the augmentation of Desert Bighorn Sheep had been withdrawn for further review and testing. It is thought that the matter will be brought back to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners in October (2014). Mr. Flowers noted that a portion of the transplant funding came from participating states and that the 3-percent charged by Nevada Waterfowl was the overhead costs for studied. Mr. Flowers pointed out that UNR (University of Nevada, Reno) had charged up to 17-percent. The Crossbow regulation has been moved forward to develop draft language and that the Wild Sheep Foundation had withdrawn their proposed buyer premium. The amendment on the Youth Rabbit hunt was also approved.

8. **2015 WASHOE COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE MEETING CALENDAR** [For possible action – *A review, discussion and possible action to approve or otherwise modify the proposed 2015 meeting calendar for the Washoe County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife.*

Hearing no public comment, Chair Shea asked for board discussion or a motion.

***It was moved by Member Tamblyn, seconded by Member Smith, to approve the proposed 2015 Washoe County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife meeting calendar as written. The motion carried unanimously.***

9. **PETITION – Mr. John D. Potash** [For Possible Action] – *A review, discussion and possible action to recommend that the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners approve, deny or otherwise modify a petition by John D. Potash of Get Rattled LLC to change regulations to expand their business into areas that have different species of venomous snakes, this change would allow for them to be permitted by the Department to possess those other species of non-indigenous venomous snakes that are currently prohibited under NAC 503 and to which their company does not meet any of the currently listed exemptions. They would also like to expand their services by providing skunk aversion training as well. Skunks are also prohibited under NAC (Nevada Administrative Code) 503.*

Chair Shea opened the agenda item and asked for public comment.

Rex Flowers suggested that the petition be denied as it is being brought forward to enhance a private business in the handling of non-indigenous snakes, which if not present would not require aversion training.

Don Molde concurred with Mr. Flowers and noted the lack of clarity as to what species were being referenced in the petition. Mr. Molde voiced concern about skunk aversion training as well as how the captive wildlife used in the aversion training would be treated and housed.

Chair Shea closed public comment and asked for Board discussion or a motion.

Member Spencer commented that if snakes were not naturally present in the state that she does not believe they should be imported. Additionally, it would have been helpful to have the petitioner present to answer any questions. Member Spencer pointed out that skunks are a known carrier of rabies.

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Member Smith concurred with Member Spencer and pointed out that the petitioner had also asked to keep fox and raccoons, which are also carriers of rabies.

Chair Shea commented that badgers were not included in the petition and that he too wishes the petitioner was present to address concerns.

Member Tamblyn commented that he too sees no reason to bring non-indigenous snakes unto the state.

Member Humphries, Jr., stated he is opposed to the petition and noted that he is not convinced that aversion training actually works based on his experience.

***It was moved by Member Humphries, Jr., seconded by Member Spencer, to recommend that the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners deny the John D. Potash Petition. The motion carried unanimously.***

- 10. COMMISSION REGULATION 14-11 Amendment No. 1 – Application Procedures/Dates - Turkey Hunts** [For Possible Action] – *A review, discussion and possible action to recommend that the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners approve, deny or otherwise modify an amendment to the regulation that will establish the 2015–2016 application procedures for the resident and nonresident turkey hunts.*

Chair opened the agenda item and hearing no public comment asked for board discussion or motion.

***It was moved by Member Tamblyn, seconded by Chair Shea, to recommend that the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners approved Commission Regulation 14-11 Amendment No. 1 – Applications Procedures/Dates – Turkey Hunt, as written. The motion carried unanimously.***

- 11. COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 450, Trap Visitation, LCB (Legislative Counsel Bureau) File No. R087-14** [For Possible Action] – *A review, discussion and possible action to recommend that the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners approve, deny or otherwise modify a regulation relating to trapping; increasing the required frequency of visitation to certain traps, snares or similar devices used in the taking of wild mammals. The regulation will require a person who places a trap, snare or similar device in close proximity to one of the populated or heavily used areas which are set forth in regulation to visit a trap, snare or similar device at least once every second calendar day; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.*

Chair Shea opened the agenda item and asked for public comment.

Trish Swain commented that she supports the proposal and recalled the multiple hearings and meetings. While she prefers uniform statewide regulations for trappers she believes this should be approved as written.

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Bob Brunner stated that he is opposed to any change and pointed out that there are other laws and regulations already in place. Mr. Brunner noted that there has not been a rabies outbreak since 1910 and that the system is working as intended and does not need to be changed.

Don Molde commented that the proposed regulation, in his opinion, is not worth supporting as it represents a “postage stamp” fix without substance. Therefore, Mr. Molde recommend that the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners be asked to deny the proposal since it does nothing substantial.

Joel Blakeslee agreed with Mr. Molde and recalled that his inquiry about the reason to change the 96-hour trap inspection regulation had not been answered. Mr. Blakeslee noted that the proposed requirement may have unintended consequences such as trappers being closer to roads and trails and potential dangerous conditions such as icy rock piles and adverse weather conditions as well as night time trap visitations. Of particular concern is that the language was drawn up before there was any public or CAB (County Advisory Board) review.

Rex Flowers recommend that the board reject the proposal as the 96-hour requirement has worked well.

Caron Tayloe explained that while she understands both points of view, this appears to be “window dressing on a political circus”. Ms. Tayloe noted that the proposal does nothing for wildlife, which should be the focus of any regulation rather than trapper convenience.

Judi Caron drew attention to the Nevada OML (Open Meeting Law) as it pertains to public comment being taken after board discussion but before action of the board (copy of file). Ms. Caron questioned that Trapping Committee discussions and actions that brought the matter forward as it relates to visitation respective to Washoe County congested and close proximity. Ms. Caron noted the need to be better informed so as to better understand the regulation which she had hoped to obtain from the Board prior to her comments. Ms. Caron outlined her opposition Section 3 1a Unit 194 and Subsection C and Unit 196. Additionally, there is no clear definition or understanding of what constitutes a populated area and that she believes that Washoe County should leave the trap visitation at 96 hours otherwise the alternative would be to use the congested area maps used by the Washoe County Sheriff's Office for shorter visitation restricted areas.

Chair Shea closed public comments.

Member Humphries, Jr., concurred with Mr. Molde's comments and pointed out that trapping only occurs within a short two (2) month time-frame. Member Humphries, Jr., stated that she does not believe the current regulation needs to be changed and that a coordinated education program will work for both trappers and the public. Therefore, Member Humphries, Jr., opposes the proposal.

Member Tamblyn suggested a defined area in which trapping might not be allowed.

Member Spencer noted that there is no public access to the property that has been in her family for the past 140-years and that dogs should be leashed. Member Spencer explained that it takes the full 96-hours to inspect her traps.

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Member Smith commented that she believes that former Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners Chair Jack Robb had explained that Units 194 and 196 were fully included as there were no specific boundaries. Member Smith explained that, in her opinion, it would be better to have consistent statewide regulations and pointed out that other states have taken steps to disallow or decrease trapping. Member Smith stated she could support the proposal to protect some of the animals.

Chair Shea explained that he had read and reread the proposal several times making notes. Chair Shea stated the he found the regulation confusing and that he would not support the proposed regulation as written.

***It was moved by Member Spencer, seconded by Member Humphries, Jr., to recommend that the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners deny Commission General Regulation 450, Trap Visitation, LCB (Legislative Counsel Bureau) File No. R087-14. The motion carried: Members Humphries, Jr., Spencer, Tamblin and Chair Shea assenting; and Member Smith dissenting.***

12. **COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 451, Demerit Points for Trespass and Trap Visitation Violations, LCB (Legislative Counsel Bureau) File No. R088-14** [For Possible Action] – *A review, discussion and possible action to recommend that the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners approve, deny or otherwise modify a regulation relating to increasing the number of demerit points that the Department of Wildlife must assess for certain wildlife violations; expanding the wildlife violations for which the Department must assess demerit points. This regulation increases from three to 12 the demerit points that the Department of Wildlife must assess for a conviction for fishing in non-navigable waters on private property without permission; and from six to 12 demerit points for a conviction for hunting or trapping on private property without permission. The regulation also adds the imposition of six demerit points against a person for a failure to visit a trap, snare or similar device 48 or more hours after the prescribed period for visiting the trap, snare or similar device. Finally, this regulation requires the Department to double the demerit points assessed against a person if the person is convicted of committing the same violation within 60 months; providing other matters properly relating thereto.*

Chair Shea opened the agenda item and outlined the proposed increase in demerits associated with each citation. Chair Shea opened public comment.

Responding to Rex Flowers' inquiry about the amount of time allotted for public comment, Chair Shea explained that public comment on the agenda item as a whole was limited to 3-minutes per person.

Mr. Flowers drew attention to an inquiry for data for various citations (copies on file). Mr. Flowers noted that over a ten (10) year time-frame a total of 58 warnings and 22 citations had been issued for trespass related to hunting/trapping and/or fishing on private lands. Therefore, Mr. Flowers does not believe there is any reason to increase the number of demerits.

Bob Brunner also recommended that no change be made to the current demerit system as it has not been shown that there is any need to correct a deficiency given the limited number of warning and citations over the 10-year period.

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Don Molde commented that he disagreed with Mr. Brunner and noted the Commission had spent about 4 hours a few months ago reviewing a case where a trapper had 7 violations in 5 years, some of which were trap visitation citations. Mr. Molde stated that, in his opinion, trap visitation is an issue and the changes are warranted.

Joel Blakeslee noted that he had received a citation for failure to inspect his traps due to unforeseen circumstances. Mr. Blakeslee explained that the demerits system was put in place to leash law enforcement after articles in the RGJ (Reno Gazette Journal) about an incident involving the “stacking” of tickets on a single trapper, which were refuted in a white paper. After a legal challenge to the stacked tickets the Commission (Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners) imposed a \$50.00 fine on the trapper and revoked the 5-year suspension. Mr. Blakeslee noted that the legislature had set forth policy regulations for demerits that have been the focus law enforcement effort to modify for the past 25-years. Mr. Blakeslee explained that he is opposed to the increase in demerit points.

Mel Belding commented that he does not support any change to the demerits and that trespass issues should be managed by civil authorities rather than NDOW (Nevada Department of Wildlife) personnel. Mr. Belding emphasized that he respects private property and that he does not believe that NDOW should be involved in such civil matters and that NDOW should focus on managing wildlife.

Judi Caron concurred with Mr. Flowers and expressed her opposition to the taking away of privileges.

Chair Shea closed public comment and asked for board discussion or a motion.

Responding to Member Smith’s inquiry about whether a citation would be issued for trespassing if private property was not signed for No Trespassing, Mike Dobel – NDOW, commented that he believes that would be the case.

Member Smith noted her concerns about the time involved in dealing with citations and that she believes it to be in the best interests to increase demerits. Member Smith noted that those caught for other issues, such as drunk driving tend to be alcoholics. Therefore, she believes it is important to make the consequences sufficiently strict to hopefully alter behavior patterns.

Member Spencer explained that she could not find any logic to support increase demerit points based on the data provided in earlier testimony. Member Spencer stated she could not support the request to increase demerit points.

Member Tamblyn expressed his opposition to the request pointing out that he believes there are better uses of Game Warden times.

Member Humphries, Jr., commented that he too is opposed to the proposed change as he cannot see any reason to change something that is not broken.

Chair Shea explained that he could not support the proposal.

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***It was moved by Member Tamblyn, seconded by Chair Shea, to recommend that the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners deny Commission General Regulation 451, Demerit Points for Trespass and Trap Visitation Violations, LCB (Legislative Counsel Bureau) File No. R088-14. The motion carried: Members Humphries, Jr., Spencer, Tamblyn and Chair Shea assenting; and Member Smith dissenting.***

The meeting recessed at 7:10 p.m. and reconvened at 7:22 p.m.

**13. TRAPPER EDUCATION** [For Possible Action] – *A review, discussion and possible action to recommend that the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners approve, deny or otherwise modify options for implementation of a trapper education program. Program items for consideration may include among others; statutory/regulatory authority, course content development and objectives, course delivery, and associated costs and budget.*

Chair Shea opened the agenda item and pointed out that there was no support material available. It is therefore his recommendation that the board recommend that the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners take no action due to the absence of support material. Chair Shea noted that it was unclear whether there would be any support materials for the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners to review at their upcoming meeting.

Responding to Judi Caron's inquiry, Chair Shea explained that he had contacted NDOW (Nevada Department of Wildlife) personnel who indicated they did not have any materials and were unsure if materials would be available for the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners.

Hearing no additional public comment Chair Shea asked for a motion.

***It was moved by Member Humphries, Jr., seconded by Chair Shea, to recommend that the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners take no action on Trapper Education due to the lack of support materials and to continue the matter to a future meeting agenda. The motion carried unanimously.***

**14. UPDATE ON BIGHORN HERD STATUS AND DISEASE IN MINERAL AND ESMERALDA COUNTIES AND AMENDMENT TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2014–2015 BIG GAME RELEASE PLAN** [For Possible Action] – *A review, discussion and possible action to recommend that the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners approve, deny or otherwise modify a proposed amendment to the Fiscal Year 2014–2015 (through June 2015) Big Game Release Plan to add a Desert Bighorn augmentation for the Garfield Hills and Gillis Range in Mineral County.*

Chair Shea opened agenda item and noted that there was no information available from NDOW (Nevada Department of Wildlife) and recommended that this body take no action until such time as the information is made available for public and CAB (County Advisory Board) review. Chair Shea opened public comment.

Responding to Mel Belding's inquiry about availability of date, Chair Shea explained that he had been told the data was still being reviewed and that staff "did not want to jump the gun."

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Mr. Belding noted that he believes this is the same releases that were tabled at the last Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners meeting.

Mike Dobel – NDOW, commented that he had not been informed that the matter had been removed from the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners previous meeting agenda. Mr. Dobel drew attention to the complex of ranges in Esmeralda and Mineral Counties noting that only Garfield Hills did not have sheep. Mr. Dobel explained that NBU (Nevada Bighorns Unlimited) and NDOW had developed water resources so that a reintroduction can be made to the Garfield Hills area. Currently the veterinarian and staff biologists are reviewing sample tissues collected from one lamb and one adult sheep that had died.

Chair Shea opened public comment.

Mel Belding noted the different sources of somewhat conflicting information. It appears that the Ram died of acute sinusitis but had titters to Movi and that the lamb had been found at the base of a cliff had Movi. Mr. Belding explained that sheep had been transplanted in the state since the 1960's and that diseased sheep had been transplanted to the State of Texas where they were expecting sheep were not 100% clean. Mr. Belding pointed out that in the early years it was common that sheep with sore mouth were transplanted. However, a recent transplant had been halted due to sore mouth. Mr. Belding believes that the transplant should move forward to reduce herd populations.

Rex Flowers pointed out that sheep tend to cross units lines regardless of health and that a Ewe Hunt had been established to reduce high populations. Mr. Flowers noted that diseased sheep had been successfully transplanted in the past and that guzzlers had been developed in various areas to accommodate transplanted sheep. Mr. Flowers pointed out that over-population and disease can kill sheep that otherwise could have been transplanted. Mr. Flowers supports moving forward with sheep transplants.

Chair Shea closed public comment.

Member Humphries, Jr., noted that there had been some element of fear expressed at the Tonopah (Nevada) Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners meeting. Member Humphries, Jr., commented that, in his opinion, Nevada is top ranked for a reason and previous success in the transplant of animals with various pathogens and other diseases. Therefore, Member Humphries believes the transplant needs to move forward. Member Humphries, Jr., noted the lack of support materials at tonight's (August 7, 2014) meeting.

Member Tamblyn explained that he believes that the proposal should be moved forward.

Member Spencer noted that she was unsure of what direction to go with the proposal.

Member Smith stated that she did not have sufficient information to make an informed decision.

Chair Shea drew attention to the absence of any support materials upon which he could base a recommendation.

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***It was moved by Member Shea, seconded by Member Spencer, to take no specific action due to the absence of support materials and a Big Game Release Plan. The motion carried: Members Smith, Spencer, Tamblyn and Chair Shea assenting; and Member Humphries, Jr., dissenting.***

- 15. COMMISSION REGULATION 15-01, Migratory Waterfowl and Webless Bird Seasons, Bag Limits, and Special Regulations for Waterfowl and Webless Birds, Public Hunting Limited on Wildlife Management Areas and Designated State Lands – 2014-15 Season** [For Possible Action] – *A review, discussion and possible action to recommend that the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners approve, deny or otherwise modify recommendations for seasons, bag limits, and special regulations for migratory waterfowl and webless game birds for the 2014-2015 season and adopt regulations that comply with the proposed regulations framework for the 2014-2015 late and early hunting seasons on certain migratory game birds established by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. The Commission may also adopt changes to rules regulating public hunting on Wildlife Management Areas and designated state lands and may take action to change the current regulations for the Controlled Goose Hunting Zone within the Mason Valley Wildlife Management Area.*

Chair Shea opened the agenda item to public comment.

Don Molde noted that there was no waterfowl person present and that his calculations showed the season to be 75-days in length. The question is whether this is the longest season allowed under the guidelines for the State of Nevada. Mr. Molde commented that his assumption is that the recommendation is for the maximum season allowed. Mr. Molde noted the extreme drought conditions had lack of water throughout the State of Nevada. Mr. Molde suggested that a hunt under such conditions would eliminate the “fair chase element from the hunt and suggested that the season be adjusted to current conditions.

Bob Brunner noted that 109-days is a typical season for waterfowl and that he believes that Nevada does a better job of regulating itself than others. Mr. Brunner noted that waterfowl typically does not stop when there is a lack of water and that once the area freeze the waterfowl move on. Therefore it is difficult to over-harvest the population.

Chair Shea closed public comments.

Member Smith commented that she needs to learn more but her research on the Canadian numbers indicates that populations have increased and that she believes she may be able to support the recommendation.

Member Spencer comment that she has a great appreciation for birds and noted that birds are rounded up and shipped back to Canada as the public has a tendency to feed them so that they do not migrate. Member Spencer can support the recommendation.

Member Tamblyn commented that it appears the recommendations are nearly the same as last years’.

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Member Humphries, Jr., stated the he could support the recommendation as stated without change.

Chair Shea concurred with all.

***It was moved by Member Smith, seconded by Chair Shea, to recommend that the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners approve Commission Regulation 15-01, Migratory Waterfowl and Webless Bird Seasons, Bag Limits, and Special Regulations for Waterfowl and Webless Birds, Public Hunting Limited on Wildlife Management Areas and Designated State Lands – 2014-15 Season as written. The motion carried unanimously.***

- 16. NEVADA ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES (NACO) WILD HORSE LAWSUIT** [For Possible Action] – *A review, discussion and possible action to recommend that the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners approve, deny or otherwise modify recommendations for the NACO wild horse lawsuit.*

There was no discussion or specific action taken as this item removed from the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners agenda.

- 17. WASHOE COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE MEMBERS AND/OR STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS, REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION AND SELECTION OF TOPICS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS** [Non-action item] – *Selection of additional agenda item(s) for the September 4, 2014, meeting.*

Chair Shea suggested an agenda item to discuss and recommend that the wait time for an Elk tag be reduced from ten (10) to three (3) years as well as a change to make the PIW (Partners in Wildlife) draw before the regular draw.

Member Humphries, Jr., suggested that an agenda item be considered to discuss how to assure that CAB (County Advisory Board) recommendations have a greater acceptance by the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners.

Chair Shea commented that he will request a presentation on the Nevada OML (Open Meeting Law).

- 18. PUBLIC COMMENTS** [Non-action item]

Joel Blakeslee noted that it was important for the public to be able to provide comment based on the board discussion.

Rex Flowers noted that a presentation on the Nevada OML (Open Meeting Law) would be good. Mr. Flowers congratulated the two new members (Cathy Smith and William Tamblyn).

Bob Brunner also congratulated and welcomes the new board member and noted that he has a degree in Wildlife Management and asked that the science be looked at since the focus is wildlife first. However, Mr. Brunner does not wish to be told that what his grandfather taught him is wrong.

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Mel Belding concurred with Mr. Brunner's comment and noted that he spends weekends working to provide water resources for sheep. Drawing attention to Chair Shea's suggested agenda item on elk tags, Mr. Belding commented that he believes there should be some consideration given to those hunters that are carrying the maximum number of points allowed that have yet to draw a tag.

Don Molde noted his congratulations to the officers and welcomed the new board members. Mr. Molde noted that there nearly 75-percent of those surveyed that hunt were unaware of the CAB (County Advisory Board) and that only about 25-percent of those showed any interest. Mr. Molde noted that he believes minority reports should also be heard as there are some that may have a different point of view.

Caron Tayloe noted her concerns about the lack of water due to the continued drought and the amount of water used in fracking. Ms. Tayloe would like to have NDOW (Nevada Department of Wildlife) consider the issues and what effect fracking using large quantities of water and chemicals would have on the state's wildlife.

Member Spencer explained that when she attends Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners meetings she presents the outcome of the discussions and subsequent motions rather than the discussions that took place.

## **19. ADJOURNMENT [Non-action item]**

Chair Shea adjourned the meeting at 8:06 p.m.