

# Washoe County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife

## Draft of Minutes

**Thursday ~ May 7, 2015 ~ 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]

Member Humphreys, Jr. 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 Humphreys, Jr., Sean Shea, Cathy Smith and William Tamblyn.

**ABSENT:** Michelle Spencer.

Jen Gustafson – Deputy District Attorney, was also present.

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

There were no public comments

#### **4. APPROVAL OF MARCH 12, 2015, MINUTES** (For possible action)

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 March 12, 2015, minutes, as submitted. The motion carried: Members Humphreys, Jr., Smith, Tamblyn and Chair Shea assenting; Member Spencer absent.***

#### **5. 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) May 15 and 16, 2015, meetings in Reno, Nevada; and 2). June 19 and 20, 2015, meetings in Reno, Nevada.*

Chair Shea pointed out that the June 19 and 20, 2015, meetings would be held in Eureka rather than Reno, Nevada, as stated in the agenda item. Additionally, the Wildlife Damage Management and Heritage Committees will meet on Thursday, May 14, 2015, at 2:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. respectively.

Chair Shea will attend the May 15 and 16, 2015, meetings in Reno, Nevada.

Chair Shea and Member Tamblyn will attend the June 19 and 20, 2015, meetings in Eureka, Nevada.

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

**6-1. Correspondence (including sportsmen's concerns) and Announcements** – Chair Shea outlined recent correspondence from Member Spencer in support of the meeting date/time change;

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and one that is related to a Heritage Project that he will submit at the Thursday meeting and one on Big Horn Sheep quotas, which will be heard later in the meeting.

**6-2). Overview of the March 20 and 21, 2015, meetings of the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners** – No report provided.

**7. CHANGE OF MEETING DAY AND TIME** [For possible action] – *A review, discussion and possible action to change the day and start time of the Washoe County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife meetings from 6:00 p.m. on Thursdays to 2:00 or 3:00 p.m. on Fridays effective July 2015.*

Chair Shea outlined the suggested change in meeting time and date and asked for public comment.

Rex Flowers commented that Monday and Friday are typically not the best days for meetings. Additionally, Mr. Flowers believes that the change from an evening to a day meeting would restrict the ability of the public, board members and prospective board members to serve or participate. Mr. Flowers pointed out that no other Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife meets in mid-afternoon.

Chair Shea explained the underlying reason for the request noting that he had received the packet at 1:00 p.m. today (May 7, 2015). Additionally, moving the meeting to Friday would also allow one extra day for posting as required by the OML (Open Meeting Law). Chair Shea pointed out that interested parties would attend meetings regardless of day and time and that the seven (7) meetings per year should not, in his opinion, present an issue. Chair Shea also noted that by holding the meeting earlier in the day the Board would have access to NDOW (Nevada Department of Wildlife) staff as needed.

Member Tamblyn stated that he can attend either a Thursday evening or Friday afternoon meeting.

Member Smith noted that the change would cause some difficulty with her current work schedule and may limit future members that might not be able to attend a mid-afternoon meeting.

Chair Shea suggested a 4:00 p.m. start time on the Friday before Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners meetings.

Member Smith commented that she typically works until 5:00 or 5:30 p.m. and suggested having the CAB (County Advisory Board) meetings the same week as the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners meetings.

Member Humphreys, Jr. commented that while the views expressed by Chair Shea are valid, Friday typically is not a good day for a meeting. Member Humphreys, Jr. explained that Fridays are one of his busiest work days and that the change may further inhibit meeting attendance.

Chair Shea drew attention to the limited number of individuals present at tonight's (May 7, 2015) meeting for quota setting. Chair Shea noted that Member Spencer had submitted written correspondence in favor of the change in meeting day and time.

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***It was moved by Chair Shea, seconded by Member Tamblyn, to change the meeting date and time Thursday at 6:00 p.m. to Friday at 2:00 p.m. The motion failed: Member Tamblyn and Chair Shea assenting; Members Humphreys, Jr. and Smith dissenting; and Member Spencer absent.***

- 8. COMMISSION REGULATION 15–12, 2015 Big Game Quotas for the 2015–2016 Season** [For Possible Action] – *A review, discussion and possible action to recommend that the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners approve, deny or otherwise modify proposed regulations for the numbers of tags to be issued for mule deer, pronghorn antelope, elk, bighorn sheep, mountain goats, and black bears for the 2015–2016 seasons.*

Chris Hampson – NDOW (Nevada Department of Wildlife), drew attention to the quota table comparison. Mr. Hampson noted a modification to the Elk Antlerless Hunt 4176 and number of tags in 2014 to the proposed quota.

## **Antelope**

Mr. Hampson noted that the tag allocation has a modest increase. Mr. Hampson pointed out that ongoing drought conditions have impacted habitat and herd populations statewide. Mr. Hampson pointed out that Snotel sites had little to no snow recorded during the winter months with modest rainfall that has caused many of the spring sources to go dry. The lack of snowfall to replenish streams has also caused herds to move off of their normal summer ranges. Mr. Hampson noted that the hardest hit areas or populations will have more conservative tag allocations and pointed out that aerial surveys confirmed that many summer ranges were void of animals due to the ongoing drought conditions. In one instance the herd had moved across state boundaries to the State of Oregon.

Chair Shea pointed out that Units 032, 034 and 035 used to be one unit group for pronghorn hunting and are now separated.

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

## **Hunts 2151 and 2251 – Resident Antelope and Non-resident – Horns longer than ears – Any Legal Weapon**

Responding to Member Humphreys, Jr., inquiry about the impact of wildfires, Mr. Hampson noted that the largest fire over the past couple of years had consumed 300,000 acres in the State of California and 50,000 acres in Unit 015 in the State of Nevada. In Unit 012, antelope were drawn into the burned area this year because of the good forage that was available.

***It was moved by Member Smith, seconded by Member Humphreys, Jr., to recommend that the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners approve quotas in Hunt 2151 – Resident Antelope – horns longer than ears, any legal weapon.***

***Member Smith withdrew the motion. Member Humphreys, Jr., withdrew the second.***

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***It was moved by Member Smith, seconded by Member Humphreys, Jr., to recommend that the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners approve quotas in Hunts 2151 and 2251, any legal weapon as written. The motion carried: Members Humphreys, Jr., Smith, Tamblyn and Chair Shea assenting; Member Spencer absent.***

### **Hunts 2171 and 2271 Resident and Non-Resident Antelope horns longer than ears – Muzzleloader**

***It was moved by Member Smith, seconded by Member Humphreys, Jr., to recommend that the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners approve Hunts 2171 and 2271 as written. The motion carried: Members Humphreys, Jr., Smith, Tamblyn and Chair Shea assenting; Member Spencer absent.***

### **Hunts 2161 and 2261 Resident and Non-resident Antelope horns longer than ears - Archery**

***It was moved by Member Humphreys, Jr., seconded by Member Smith, to approve Hunts 2161 and 2261, as written. The motion carried: Members Humphreys, Jr., Smith, Tamblyn and Chair Shea assenting; Member Spencer absent.***

### **Hunt 2181 Resident Antelope horns shorter than ears – any legal weapon**

***It was moved by Member Humphreys, Jr., seconded by Chair Shea, to recommend that the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners approve Hunt 2181, as written. The motion carried: Members Humphreys, Jr., Smith, Tamblyn and Chair Shea assenting; Member Spencer absent.***

### **Desert Big Horn Sheep**

Chair Shea noted that NBU (Nevada Bighorns Unlimited) had submitted correspondence (copy on file) opposing ewe quotas in Units 068 and 253 as it is their position that the ewes should be trapped and relocated to reduce population densities.

Mr. Hampson outlined tags sales in 2014 compared to 2013 as well as the number of days in the field and hunter success. Mr. Hampson noted that Unit 181 is located near the bombing range and is difficult to survey as the herd tends to scatter at the sound of the helicopter. Mr. Hampson drew attention to the disease studies underway and encouraged those present to read the full report.

Rex Flowers outlined the recruitment rates of 54 lambs per 100 ewes. Mr. Flowers encouraged the trap and transplant of ewes, which will return an additional 30 sheep in the next year.

Chair Shea closed public comment.

During the discussion it was pointed out that hunt unit 253 sheep have tested positive for MO. As the discussion continued, it was noted that the population tends to move back and forth among the various units

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## **Hunts 3151 and 3251 – Resident and Non-resident Nelson (Desert) Bighorn Sheep, Any Ram Any Legal Weapon**

*It was moved by Smith, seconded by Member Humphreys, Jr., to recommend that the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners approve Hunts 3151 and 3251 as written. The motion carried: Members Humphreys, Jr., Smith, Tamblyn and Chair Shea assenting; Member Spencer absent.*

## **Hunt 3181 – Resident Nelson (Desert) Bighorn Sheep Any Ewe – Any legal weapon**

*It was moved by Chair Shea, seconded by Member Smith, to recommend that the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners approve Hunt 3181, as written. The motion carried: Members Humphreys, Jr., Smith, Tamblyn and Chair Shea assenting; Member Spencer absent.*

## **Hunts 8151 and 8251 - Resident and Non-resident California Bighorn Sheep, Any Ram, Any Legal Weapon**

Mr. Hampson outlined the statistics for California Bighorn Sheep noting that the two (2) returned tags had been received too late to reissue. Mr. Hampson then outlined the success rate and ongoing disease studies. Mr. Hampson noted that Mountain Lions had killed five (5) collared sheep and that Wildlife Services had been in the area to remove predators for the past two years. Mr. Hampson noted that the department is hesitant to transplant sheep due to the ongoing drought and its impacts on habitat that make it difficult to imprint transplanted animal to the new location. Mr. Hampson outlined that because there is less available water and other resources that transplanted animals could leave the area searching for better food and water. Mr. Hampson noted that the BLM (Bureau of Land Management) had not yet approved the Cherry Mountain bighorn release and that a protest by a domestic sheep herder had been filed.

Rex Flowers suggested that additional sheep be moved to Coleman or Hays by removing 7 of the 10 sheep with 9 other sheep being moved elsewhere.

*It was moved by Chair Shea, seconded by Member Humphreys, Jr., to recommend that the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners approve Hunts 8151 and 8251, as written. The motion carried: Members Humphreys, Jr., Smith, Tamblyn and Chair Shea assenting; Member Spencer absent.*

## **Hunt 8181 – Resident California Bighorn Sheep Any Ewe – Any Legal Weapon**

Mr. Hampson noted while the other species such as mule deer and antelope also use the guzzlers even if they were first intended to be built for bighorn sheep. Bighorn often favor natural water sources and can be skittish about using new guzzlers for a period of time.

There were no public comments.

*It was moved by Member Smith, seconded by Chair Shea, to recommend that the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners approve Hunt 8181, as written. The motion carried: Smith,*

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***Tamblyn and Chair Shea assenting; Members Humphreys, Jr., dissenting; and Member Spencer absent.***

### **Hunt 9151 – Resident Rocky Mountain Bighorn Sheep – Any Ram – Any Legal Weapon**

Mr. Hampson outlined the results of the previous year's hunt noting that the warmer weather made the hunt somewhat more difficult than usual. Mr. Hampson noted that some areas continue to struggle with recruitment due to disease issues. Mr. Hampson drew attention to a die-off in Unit 074 that is being investigated. Additional information on the current disease research being done can be found in the Big Game Status Report that is available on the NDOW (Nevada Department of Wildlife) website.

There were no public comments.

***It was moved by Member Humphreys, Jr., seconded by Member Smith, to recommend that the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners approve Hunt 9151, as written.***

### **Hunt 7151 – Resident Mountain Goat – Any Goat – Any Legal Weapon**

Mr. Hampson provided an overview of the 2015 quota recommendation. Some hunt units continue to have low kid ratios more than likely due to disease related issues. NDOW has put together a non-mandatory on-line indoctrination for Mountain Goat hunting that is now available to those that may be interested.

There were no public comments.

***It was moved by Member Tamblyn, seconded by Chair Shea, to recommend that the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners approve Hunt 7151, as written. The motion carried: Members Humphreys, Jr., Smith, Tamblyn and Chair Shea assenting; Member Spencer absent.***

The meeting recessed at 7:18 p.m. and reconvened at 7:25 p.m.

### **Hunt 4102 – Resident Elk – Antlered – Any Legal Weapon Depredation**

Mr. Hampson noted that Elk herds continue to do well and that the quotas are intended to keep populations within the agreed to populations in the various Elk Management Plans. Mr. Hampson noted some slight reductions in certain hunt units while other units have varying degrees of increases.

Rex Flowers suggested that the Any Legal Weapon hunt in unit group 161-164, 171-176 early increase the tag quota from eight (8) to ten (10).

***It was moved by Chair Shea, seconded by Member Smith, to recommend that the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners approve Hunts 4102, 4107, 4151, 4481, 4156, 4161, 4651, 4181, 4181 Wilderness only, 4481, 4176, 4476, 4111, 4411 with Muledeer option 1341, 4251, 4256, 4261, 4281, exception to Hunt 4151 Units 161-164, 171-173 early change from quota from***

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**8 to 10. The motion carried: Members Humphreys, Jr., Smith, Tamblyn and Chair Shea assenting; Member Spencer absent.**

***It was moved by Chair Shea, seconded by Member Humphreys, Jr., to recommend that the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners approve Hunt 4481 option Muledeer 1331, Hunt 4476 Muledeer option 1371, as written. The motion carried: Members Humphreys, Jr., Smith, Tamblyn and Chair Shea assenting; Member Spencer absent.***

## **Mule Deer**

**Hunt 1107 – Junior Mule Deer – Antlered or Antlerless, Archery, Muzzleloader or Any Legal Weapon; Hunt 1101 – Resident Mule Deer – Antlerless – Any Legal Weapon Depredation; Hunt 1181 – Resident Mule Deer – Antlerless – Any Legal Weapon; Hunt 1331 – Resident Mule Deer – Antlered – Any Legal Weapon; Hunt 1371 – Resident Mule Deer - Antlered - Muzzleloader; Hunt 1341 – Resident Mule Deer – Antlered – Archery; Hunt 1331 – Non-resident Mule Deer – Antlered – Any Legal Weapon; Hunt 1371 – Non-resident Mule Deer – Antlered – Muzzleloader; and Hunt 1341 – Non-resident Mule Deer – Antlered – Archery**

Mr. Hampson explained the increased allocations in certain units due to populations that are in excess of carrying capacity. Other units may see a decrease in the recommended quota due to the continued severe drought conditions. Mr. Hampson commented that he believes that quality bucks can be found in nearly all of the Washoe County hunt units. Mr. Hampson then summarized the population ratios and the results of the surveys and hunter success.

Rex Flowers recommended the following modifications: Resident Hunt 1331, unit group 011-013 Early from 140 to 130, unit group 011-013 Late from 40 to 35, unit group 015 from 35 to 20, unit group 033 Late from 25 to 20, Hunt 1371, unit group 011-013 from 8 to 5, unit group 033 from 4 to 5, Hunt 1341, unit group 015 from 10 to 5, Non Resident Hunt 1331, unit group 015 from 3 to 2, Hunt 1341, unit group 011-013 from 4 to 3.

Chair Shea closed public comment.

Miles think good idea to reduce as suggested

Chair Shea noted that in Units 011 through 013 he had observed less than a quarter of the normal populations. Chair Shea suggested a reduction of 25-percent in units 011 through 013. Additionally, Shea suggests a 50-percent reduction on the Sheldon. It will be interesting to see how vegetation and other resources rebound with the feral horses removed.

Mr. Hampson outlined the past collaring data that showed that some of the Sheldon deer had migrated into Oregon as well as south into hunt unit 012. The survey indicated low densities of mule deer on the winter range and that the drought conditions and mild winter have caused deer to scatter out widely. Mr. Hampson noted that the NDOW quotas for unit 033 had been reduced by 35% already and that the board's concerns are understood. The intent is to provide as much opportunity as possible while remaining conservative in the number of tags being allocated this year due to the severity of the drought.

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During the discussion it was noted that there are significant concerns about the amount of privately held lands in hunt unit 013 and whether to include those in the survey or not. It was also noted that deer in the alfalfa fields were not included in the count.

***It was moved by Chair Shea, seconded by Member Tamblyn, to recommend that the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners approve Junior Hunt 1107, Hunts 1101, 1181, 1331, 1371, 1341, 1331, 1371, 1341, with the following modifications: Hunt 1107 Unit 011 change quota to 56 from 75; Unit 033 change 20 to 10; Hunt 1331 change Unit 011 013 early from 140 to 105; unit 011 013 late change from 40 to 30; Unit 033 early from 45 to 23; Unit 033 late from 25 to 13; Hunt 1371 Unit 011 013 from 8 to 6; Unit 033 from 4 to 2; Hunt 1341 Unit 011 thru 013 from 30 to 23; Unit 033 from 10 to 5; Hunt 1331 Unit 011-013 early from 10 to 7; Unit 011 late from 4 to 3; Unit 033 early from 4 to 2; Unit 033 late no change; and Hunt 1371 Unit 011-013 no change; Hunt 1341 Unit 011 and Unit 013 change from 4 to 3; Unit 033 no change. The motion carried: Members Humphreys, Jr., Smith, Tamblyn and Chair Shea assenting; Member Spencer absent.***

### **Hunts 6151 and 6251 – Resident and Non-resident Black Bear – Either Sex – Any Legal Weapon**

Carl Lackey – NDOW, explained that, in his opinion, Black Bears are not showing any slower rates of recruitment and that the number of human Black Bear interactions have increased in the urban/wildland interface due to continued drought conditions. Mr. Lackey explained that there is no evidence or reason to suspect that Black Bears are seeing a decrease in fitness due to being chased by hounds. Mr. Lackey noted that the Pine Nut production at good at this point and that Black Bears have and continue to exhibit good fat layers based on a finding large numbers of pine nuts in stomachs.

Chair Shea opened public comment.

Rex Flowers recommended that based on the four years of data collects he would recommend the following changes to Hunt 6151 go from 41 to 52 and that Hunt 6251 go from 4 to 5.

Chair Shea closed public comment.

Mr. Lackey noted that the harvest objective of 20 had not yet been met but was getting closer.

Member Humphreys, Jr., concurred with Mr. Flowers' comment and suggestion to recommend an increase in the quota.

Member Smith disagreed pointing out that she does not believe that the population is more robust than it is in the state of California. Additionally, Member Smith noted the condition of pine nuts will be affected by the continued drought and that bears can be chased more than once. The only studies on hounding were written in the 1980's and they were poorly done. With the continued drought, Member Smith believes the quota should be reduced.

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Chair Shea noted that he had spent a lot of time in the field and that the trees are loaded with pine nuts. It is Chair Shea's belief that the continued drought would have already caused a reduction.

***It was moved by Member Humphreys, Jr., seconded by Member Tamblyn, to approve Hunts 6151 and 6251 with an increase the quota from 41 to 52 and from 4 to 5. The motion failed: Members Humphreys, Jr., and Tamblyn assenting; Member Smith and Chair Shea dissenting; and Member Spencer absent.***

***A motion by Chair Shea to approve Hunts 6151 and 6251 as written died due to lack of a second.***

The meeting recessed at 8:16 p.m. and reconvened at 8:24 p.m.

9. **COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 456 LCB (Legislative Counsel Bureau) File No. T004-15 (Temporary LCB File) – Elk Arbitration Panel: Proposed Changes to NAC (Nevada Administrative Code) 502.42283 [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 temporary regulation concerning 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.**

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

***It was moved by Chair Shea, seconded by Member Smith, to recommend that the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners approve Commission General Regulation 456 LCB (Legislative Counsel Bureau) File No. T004-15 (Temporary LCB File) – Elk Arbitration Panel: Proposed Changes to NAC (Nevada Administrative Code) 502.42283, as written. The motion carried: Members Humphreys, Jr., Smith, Tamblyn and Chair Shea assenting; Member Spencer absent.***

10. **DRAFT PROCESS FOR USE BY THE COMMISSION IN ARBITRATION AS DESCRIBED IN NAC 502.42283 [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 process for arbitration as described in proposed amendment to NAC 502.42283 arbitration panel that will outline the responsibilities of the Department and landowner applicant when contesting issues associated with awards of special incentive elk tags, the establishment of a subcommittee to hear the contest, timelines associated with contest and decision, and recommendations to the Commission as decision-making arbitration panel.**

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

***It was moved by Member Tamblyn, seconded by Chair Shea, to recommend that the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners approve draft process for use by the Commission in arbitration as described in NAC 502.42283, as written. The motion carried: Members Humphreys, Jr., Smith, Tamblyn and Chair Shea assenting; Member Spencer absent.***

- 11. REQUEST FROM THE COLVILLE CONFEDERATED TRIBES IN WASHINGTON FOR UP TO FIFTY PRONGHORN ANTELOPE DURING WINTER 2015–2016** [For Possible Action] – *A review, discussion and possible action to recommend that the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners approve, deny or otherwise modify a request by the Colville Confederated Tribes in Washington regarding a request to capture and translocate up to 50 pronghorn antelope from Nevada to tribal lands in Washington.*

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

Responding to Member Tamblyn's inquiry about who paid for the capture and translocation, Jack Robb – NDOW (Nevada Department of Wildlife), stated that the Colville Confederate Tribes in Washington would provide pay those costs. Mr. Robb pointed out that the State of Nevada has benefit from other States providing translocation of species and that NDOW is supportive of reciprocal action.

***It was moved by Member Smith, seconded by Member Tamblyn, to recommend that the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners approve the request from the Colville Confederated Tribe in Washington for up to fifty (50 Pronghorn Antelope. The motion carried: Members Humphreys, Jr., Smith, Tamblyn and Chair Shea assenting; Member Spencer absent.***

- 12. COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 457 LCB (Legislative Counsel Bureau) File No. T003-15 (Temporary LCB File) – Awards, Issuance, and Use of Tags – Proposed Changes to NAC (Nevada Administrative Code) 502.42279** [For Possible Action] – *A review, discussion and possible action to recommend that the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners approve, deny or otherwise modify a temporary regulation amending license issuance and use clarification for elk incentive tags. Elk incentive tags were designed to be issued in association with "bull" hunts and seasons. Subsequent to initial NRS and NAC adoption, "spike" hunts have been developed, and "antlered" tags do not clearly denote the appropriate quota or season for which the incentive tags are intended. The amended formula will account for the harvest of "spike" elk, but identify seasons for incentive tag use.*

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

***It was moved by Member Humphreys, Jr., seconded by Chair Shea, to recommend that the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners approve Commission General Regulation 457, LCB (Legislative Counsel Bureau) File No. T003-15 Awards, Issuance and User of Tags changes to NAC (Nevada Administrative Code) 502.42279, as written. The motion carried: Members Humphreys, Jr., Smith, Tamblyn and Chair Shea assenting; Member Spencer absent.***

- 13. HUMBOLDT COUNTY ELK SPECIES MANAGEMENT PLANNING PROCESS** [For Possible Action] – *A review, discussion and possible action to recommend that the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners approve, deny or otherwise modify the continuing elk sub-planning process in accordance with the Nevada Elk Species Management plan for Humboldt County.*

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Chair Shea noted that the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners would receive an update at their meeting and that support materials are not yet available.

Jack Robb – NDOW (Nevada Department of Wildlife), explained that the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners had started the process at the previous meeting and that staff is still gathering information. Therefore there is no update available at this time.

No specific action was taken.

- 14. FISCAL YEAR 2016 DRAFT PREDATION MANAGEMENT PLAN (Third Draft)** [For Possible Action] – *A review, discussion and possible action to recommend that the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners approve, deny or otherwise modify an updated third draft of the proposed Fiscal Year 2016 Predator Management Plan. The Commission may take action to modify or approve the plan.*

Chair Shea opened public comment.

Rex Flowers expressed his support for the proposal noting that nearly 81-percent of the money is going to “on the ground” uses. Mr. Flowers believes that a better explanation is needed on the operational costs of projects.

Gerry Lent outlined the duties of the Washoe County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife duties: The boards shall solicit and evaluate local opinion and advise the Commission on matters relating to the management of wildlife within their respective counties (NRS 501.297). Mr. Lent pointed out that the deer numbers went down in the Granites for the first time in 10 years and pointed out that 11 years ago when the project was started only 44 tags issued and this year 224 tags is being recommended which is a 409-percent increase. Mr. Lent believes that the herd populations will decrease now. Mr. Lent recalled that this area had been managed as a trophy area in the past and that the Project should in his opinion be reinstated.

Chair Shea closed public comment.

Member Smith noted her disappointment that the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners had removed two (2) non-lethal projects. Member Smith believes there should be increased emphasis on habitat preservation and enhancement rather than predator removal.

Chair Shea agreed with member Smith on increased habitat improvement as a priority but it seems difficult to get federal agency involvement.

***It was moved by Chair Shea, seconded by Member Humphreys, Jr., to recommend that the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners approve Fiscal Year 2016 Draft Predation Management Plan, as written The motion carried: Members Humphreys, Jr., Smith, Tamblyn and Chair Shea assenting; Member Spencer absent.***

- 15. WASHOE COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE MEMBERS AND/OR STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS, REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION AND SELECTION OF**

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## **TOPICS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS** [Non-action item] – *Selection of additional agenda item(s) for the June 11, 2015, meeting.*

Chair Shea commented that he would try to have an update from either a Game Warden or Biologist on current law enforcement or a Biologist on non-game species.

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

Gerry Lent questioned where he could secure a copy of the Big Game Hunt and his concern that CAB's (County Advisory Board) rubber stamping of NDOW (Nevada Department of Wildlife) recommendations may be a waste of time.

Rex Flowers noted that there will be two (2) Subcommittee meetings on Thursday, May 14, 2015 including the Heritage Committee. Mr. Flowers noted that there are two (2) projects being proposed for Washoe County one for habitat improvement and Sage Grouse in Riparian areas.

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

Chair Shea adjourned the meeting at 8:47 p.m.