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<b>LEGISLATION APPROVED BY GOVERNOR</b>			
*AB13-child firearm	Revises provisions relating to certain offenses committed by juveniles involving hunting activities or target practice. (BDR 5-470)/ NDOW Bill, Support/NRS 62C.060 and 62E.	Approved by the Governor. Effective March 1, 2012.	(LE) Review language for education and implementation in the field. (Con Ed) include in educational tools to public.
*AB19-Fishing	Revises provisions governing the issuance of certain fishing licenses and permits. (BDR 45-471)/ NDOW Bill, Support/NRS 502.077 and 502.240.	Approved by the Governor. Effective May 29, 2011 for the purpose of adopting any regulations required to carry out the provisions of NRS 502.077, as amended by section 1 of this act, and March 1, 2012, for all other purposes.	(OPS/CON ED) Ops prepare regulations for implementation and work with Con Ed to advertise and update application.
AB37- Office hours	Revises provisions relating to the hours of operation of state offices. (BDR 23-422) / Neural, Would help Operations Div. at small, rural locations as there is minimal staff there/ NRS 281.110.	Approved by Governor, Effective July 1.	(OPS) consider this for implementation at smaller NDOW offices.
AB59 - Open Mtg law	Requirements of governing bodies that violate open meeting law, etc./Neutral/ NRS 241.	Approved by the Gov June 15. Sections 1 and 2 to 7, inclusive, and 8 of this act effective July 1, 2011. Section 1.5 of this act effective January 1, 2012.	(DIR OFF/Committee Staff/Commission) - review for public meetings, i.e. Commission and Committee meetings.
*AB167-Aquatic Invasive Species.	Enacts provisions for the protection of the waters of this State from aquatic invasive species. (BDR 45-847) / Support - necessary for NDOW to have effective AIS Program./ NRS 503.597 and 488.035.	Approved by the Governor June 15th. Effective date: Upon passage and approval for the purpose of adopting regulations and performing any other preparatory administrative tasks that are necessary to carry out the provisions of this act; and (b) On January 1, 2012 for all other purposes.	(FISH/LE/OPS) Sec. 4. - Prepare regulations for the following: for Commission declaring certain species invasive and certain species injurious, declaring certain waters impaired, and specifying decontamination procedures. Sec. 6 - Prepare regulations to implement AIS fees.

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AB217-Guns	Repeals provisions governing the interstate sale of certain firearms. (BDR 52-596) /Neutral, May help Federal Aid from Pittman-Robertson dollars because of gun sales excise tax.	Approved by Governor, Effective July 1, 2011	NA
AB240-Former employee	Revises provisions governing contracts for services entered into by certain public employers. (BDR 23-149)/ Neutral-watch /NRS 284.1729.	Approved by Governor, Effective July 1, 2011	(OPS/FSS) consider this when contracting with former employees.
AB257-Public Comment Periods	Revises provisions relating to the Open Meeting Law, public comment periods. (BDR 19-107)/ Neutral/. NRS 241.020.	Approved by Governor. Effective July 1, 2011.	(DIR OFF/COMMITTEE STAFF/COMMISSION) review for public meetings, i.e. Commission and Committee meetings.
*AB307-Energy fee for Wildlife.	Requires the monitoring of the effects of certain energy development projects on wildlife. (BDR 45-872)/Support/ NRS 501.331, 501.337, NRS 501.356, and NRS 701.	Approved by the Governor June 15th. Effective Date: Sec. 12. The Department of Wildlife shall, before October 1, 2011, adopt any regulations which are required by or necessary to carry out the provisions of this act.	(HAB/DIR OFF) In coming weeks, work with Energy office and Governor's Office on regulations to adopt. (Note: The formal adoption process is by the Department, not Commission, so this would be a separate administrative process.)
AB322 - Commission/ Dream Tag	Revises provisions relating to wildlife. (BDR 45-150)/NDOW-Neutral, Commission-Opposed/ NRS 501.171, 501.333, and 502.219.	Approved by the Governor June 10th. Sections 1, 2, and 4 of this act become effective upon passage and approval. Section 3 of this act becomes effective on July 1, 2011.	(DIR OFF) in coming weeks, put together working group to begin preparing regulations for Dream Tag implementation, along with OPS and Community Foundation.

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AB402-Credit cards	Requires a state agency to enter into or participate in a contract to allow it to accept credit cards, debit cards or electronic transfers of money to the agency unless it is impracticable for the agency to do so. (BDR 31-968)/has Fiscal Note, but Neutral/ NRS 353.	Approved by the Gov June 15th. Effective January 1, 2012.	(OPS) NDOW already pursuing this prior to legislation.
AB419-Ground water	Revises provisions relating to groundwater basins. (BDR 48-299)/ Neutral-Watch/ NRS 534.	Approved by the Governor June 4th. Effective July 1, 2011.	(Ops/Habitat/Fisheries) review and note any over pumping that affects wildlife. Review water rights' dates and consider changes.
*AB503-Habitat Con Fee	Revises certain provisions governing the conservation of habitat for wildlife, Allows Habitat Conservation Fee to be used up to 18% on monitoring. (BDR 45-1091)/NDOW-Support sec on money use, Commission-Opposed. NRS 502.242.	Approved by Governor. Eff. July 1, 2011.	(DIR OFF/ CHIEFS/FSS) Consider this language when planning/charging projects.
*AB525-Wildlife Trust Fund.	Creates the Wildlife Trust Fund. (BDR 45-1213) / NDOW bill, Support/NRS 501.	Approved by Governor. Sections 1-14 and 16-22, Effective July 1, 2011	(DIR OFF/FSS) Working group on how to use and advertise this new non-executive budget Gift Fund.
AB553-No PEBP for Retiree	Revises provisions governing subsidies for the coverage of certain persons under the Public Employees' Benefits Program. (BDR 23-1222) /Neutral, Watch/NRS 287.046	Approved by the Governor June 17th. Effective July 1, 2011.	(DIR OFF/HR) Share with new employees/prospects so they are aware.
AB560-Holiday pay	Makes various changes relating to the compensation and benefits of state employees. (BDR 23-1158)/Neutral/ NRS 284.180	Approved by Governor, Effective July 1, 2011.	(DIR OFF/HR) Include recently adopted Personnel Commission regulations along with NRS in NDOW procedures.

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AB580- General Fund	Makes various changes regarding state financial administration and makes appropriations for the support of the civil government of the State. (BDR S-1318)/Page 9 of bill for Wildlife.	Approved by the Governor, Effective July 1, 2011.	(FSS/DIV/FISH) Review.
*ACR3-Sage grouse	Urges proactive protection and restoration of the population and habitat of the greater sage grouse in Nevada. (BDR R-214) / Support	Approved by Governor, delivered to Secretary of State. This resolution becomes effective upon passage.	(DIR OFF) Forwarded copies of all sage grouse legislation that passes to AFWA Sage grouse Team and USFWS.
SB40 - Public Works Bd	Requires certain state agencies and officials to consult with the deputy manager for compliance and code enforcement before adopting regulations concerning the construction, maintenance, operation or safety of buildings or structures. (BDR 28-436)/ Opposed, then amend. Successfully amended/ NRS 341.100	Approved by the Governor. Effective June 17, 2011.	(OPS/ENG) Watch for Public Works Board regulations.
*SB102-Shed Antlers /Poaching Civil Penalties	Requires the Board of Wildlife Commissioners to adopt regulations for the taking of shed antlers; and civil liabilities for big game poaching. (BDR 45-764)/ Support enrolled version/ NRS 501.3855 and 503.	Approved by Governor June 4th. Effective June 4, 2011, for the purpose of adopting the regulations required by section 2 and October 1, 2011, for all other purposes.	(LE) prepare regulations for shed antler collection.
*SB226- Trapping	Requires the Board of Wildlife Commissioners to adopt certain regulations governing the trapping of fur-bearing mammals in certain counties. (BDR 45-975)/ Support enrolled version/ NRS 501.181	Approved by Governor June 3rd. Section 3 of this bill requires those regulations to be adopted on or before December 31, 2012.	(LE/GAME/DIR OFF) prepare trapping in congested areas regulations for a future date, in conjunction with interested parties.

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SB251-Sunset Commission	Creates the Sunset Subcommittee of the Legislative Commission to evaluate certain governmental programs and services and limits person from being appointed to more than 1 board. (BDR 18-745)/ NRS 232A.020.	Approved by Gov. Section 15.5 effective June 16, 2011. Sections 1, 1.5 and 8 to 15, inclusive, effective July 1, 2011.	NA
SB438-Tahoe EIP	Requires the issuance of bonds for environmental improvement projects in the Lake Tahoe Basin. (BDR S-97)/ Support, NDOW implements some of these projects/	Approved by the Governor June 16th. Effective July 1, 2011.	(DIV) Tahoe EIP funded.
SB503-State agency budgets	Authorizes expenditures by agencies of the State Government. (BDR S-1315) Neutral.	Approved by the Governor June 14th, Eff. July 1, 2011.	(FSS/DIR OFF/Chiefs) Budget funded.
SB505-Pay bill	Provides for compensation of state employees. (BDR S-1317)/ Neutral/ Page 16 Sec. 3 of bill is 2.5% pay cut for all, p17 Sec. 4 is 48 hrs furlough a fiscal year = Six 8hr furloughs).	Approved by the Governor June 14th, Eff. July 1, 2011.	(DIR OFF) Revised NDOW furlough policy in conjunction with NRS and recently adopted Personnel Commission regulations.
SCR1-Working Group support	Expresses support for the Pine Forest Wilderness Study Area Working Group. (BDR R-213)/ Support.	Approved - This resolution becomes effective upon passage.	NA
SJR4-Multiple use	Urges Congress to take certain actions concerning federal public lands in Nevada. (BDR R-212) / Support.	Approved -This resolution becomes effective upon passage.	NA

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<b>DEAD BILLS</b>			
AB64- Truancy	Revises provisions governing education. (BDR 34-302). Would require NDOW to revoke licenses of parents who kids are habitual truants/ NDOW-No fiscal impact and Neutral, Commission Neutral-Amend.	DEAD - missed Apr 15th deadline.	NA
AB159-Public Records	Revises provisions relating to public records. (BDR 19-574) / Problems with these changes, as other agencies do -Watch.	DEAD - missed Apr 15th deadline.	NA
AB329- Wildlife in water law.	Defines the term "wildlife" for certain provisions of law relating to water. (BDR 48-312) / Support.	DEAD - missed May 20th deadline. (Senate Natural Resources Committee referred to Interim Public Lands Committee.)	NA
AB342-News notice	Authorizes the State and local governments to publish material electronically in lieu of in a newspaper in certain circumstances. (BDR 19-271)/ Neutral	DEAD - missed Apr 15th deadline.	NA
AB347- Deer Tags	Requires the Department of Wildlife to make certain tags for hunting deer available annually. (BDR 45-977) fiscal note / Oppose - negative affect on general public deer hunting opportunity .	DEAD - missed Apr 15th deadline.	NA

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AB378- Carcass as meat.	Authorizes a charitable organization to possess and transport the carcass of a game mammal for inspection and processing under certain circumstances. (BDR 45-52) / Fiscal Impact- Oppose - Concerned due to health risks and implementation.	DEAD - missed Apr 15th deadline.	NA
AB403-Temp Regs	Requires the adoption of certain permanent regulations. (BDR S-974)/Watch	DEAD - Failed Deadline May 20th. (Senate Gov't Affairs)	NA
AB474- Sunset commissions . EXEMPT	Creates the Sunset Subcommittee of the Legislative Commission to review certain boards and commissions. (BDR 18-889) /Watch, Similar to AB406, and SB251	DEAD - No action by Sine Die. Sen. Legislative Operations and Elections, awaiting hearing.	NA
AB479-4/10s	Revises provisions governing the hours of operation of state offices and the hours of employment of state employees. (BDR 23-890)/ Neutral.	DEAD - No action by Sine Die. Was heard in Assem. Gov't Affairs, referred to Ways and Means.	NA
AB522- Question 1	Authorizes the issuance of bonds for projects and programs to protect, preserve and obtain the benefits of the property and natural resources of this State. (BDR S-1211)/Support.	DEAD - No Action by Sine Die. Hearing held in Ways and Means.	NA

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SB56-DOIT BILL	Revises provisions governing the entities required to use the services and equipment of the Department of Information Technology. (BDR 19-426)/NDOW-Concerned but Neutral, Commission opposed.	DEAD - missed Apr 15th deadline.	NA
SB359- Contracts	Revises provisions relating to contracts with a governmental entity. (BDR 23-973) EXEMPT, CONTAINS UNFUNDED MANDATE/ Watch.	DEAD - No action by Sine Die. Senate Floor approved May 28, Referred to Committee on Ways and Means.	NA
*SCR9-Table Mountain	Expresses opposition to the location of a proposed wind power project on Mount Wilson and Table Mountain. (BDR R-1286)/ Support.	DEAD - Although approved by Sen Natural Resources June 4th, but never reported to the Senate Floor.	(DIR OFF/GAME) Watch for it in Public Lands Comm.
SJR12- Wild land	Expresses opposition to the designation of certain public lands as Wild Lands and urges the Secretary of the Interior to rescind the order requiring that designation. (BDR R-1113)/NDOW-Watch, Commission Support.	DEAD - Failed May 20 Deadline. (Assembly)	NA
SJR5-Wild Horses	Expresses opposition to certain proposed actions concerning wild horse and burro herds on federal public lands in Nevada and urges Congress to take certain actions concerning those herds. (BDR R-215)/ Support.	DEAD - Failed May 20 Deadline. (Assembly)	NA

**KEY**

Asterisk \* = High Priority legislation. Other - When Dept and Commission positions were different it is noted. Otherwise, same position.  
 DIR OFF=Director's Office, OPS=Operations, LE=Law Enforcement, FISH=Fisheries, DIV=Diversity, CON ED=Conservation Education, HR=Human Resources, FSS=Fiscal Services Section, ENG=Engineering.

**\* HIGH PRIORITY BILLS SIGNED BY THE GOVERNOR**

Below is a more detailed explanation of the High Priority legislation and how it will affect Wildlife and in relation to the Department mission.

**Assembly Bill 307, Assembly Bill 167, Senate Bill 102 will each dramatically aid NDOW in its day to day mission *to protect, preserve, manage and restore wildlife and its habitat:***

**AB307**-Wildlife cost recovery/Energy bill that NDOW, the conservation community, Governor’s Office, and energy industry all supported. One of the most significant components of the bill signed by the Governor is the creation of the Fund for the Recovery of Costs, which will require that certain energy development applicants reimburse the actual costs to NDOW for the review. Currently this work is in triage mode, and barely paid for by sportsperson-derived funding. This would new funding mechanism will be set up similar to how the BLM recovers costs. NEXT STEPS: Habitat staff have already begun drafting regulations for Department approval based on the BLM guidelines for cost recovery. NDOW will be working with the Office of Energy and Governor’s Office to coordinate those regulations.

**AB167**-the Aquatic Invasive Species bill, was signed by the Governor June 15<sup>th</sup>, will provide substantial civil and criminal penalties for release of injurious aquatic wildlife (such as piranha, pike, and snakehead), and aquatic invasive species. It also provides statutory authority for Nevada to develop a comprehensive Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) program with inspections, education, enforcement, monitoring, etc. It also provides the Commission authority to set by regulation an annual AIS fee (service recovery fee), to help fund this new AIS program and fund inspections; for residents not more than \$10 for residents’ motorized vessel and not more than \$5 for resident non-motorized vessels. For non-residents the AIS fees are established in NRS at \$20 for non-resident motorized vessels, and \$10 for non-resident, non-motorized vessels. NEXT STEPS: Fisheries, Law Enforcement, and Operations staff in collaboration with our partners will begin drafting regulations for Commission approval to implement the many parts of this new law.

**Senate Bill 102** establishes more significant civil penalty liabilities for poaching of big game so that Nevada is more comparable to western states (these are effective Oct 1). This bill also provides authority to the Wildlife Commission to regulate the practice of collection of shed antlers. NEXT STEPS: Law Enforcement and Game Management staff will begin drafting regulations for Commission approval, and collecting feedback from CABs and sportspersons on what needs regulating in the shed antler hunting world: ethics, education and sensitive seasons restrictions have been the most supported among the hunting public.

**Assembly Bill 13 and Assembly Bill 19 will significantly support the *scientific, educational, recreational and economic benefits and opportunities for the citizens and visitors of Nevada* :**

**AB13 (NDOW Legislation)** creates flexibility for law enforcement in non-violent child firearms violations and provides penalty guidelines for courts in the cases of juvenile poaching for more consistency. With this law as clearly written as it is, regulations won't be necessary. This bill is effective May 29, 2011 for the purpose of adopting any regulations required to carry out the provisions of NRS 502.077, as amended by section 1 of this act, and March 1, 2012, for all other purposes.

**AB19 (NDOW Legislation)** establishes a new fishing license called the *Interstate Boundary Waters-Only Fishing license* for non-residents for non-residents for use along the bordering waters, and broadened eligibility for the NV Special Fishing Permit children's groups, helping schools, scout groups, and any legitimate non-profit group for the benefit of children to promote fishing. NEXT STEPS: NDOW staff has already begun drafting NAC to amend the reciprocal waters regulation to meet this new statute to include the interstate boundary water license. The special fishing license can be implemented without NAC, and NDOW and license agents will begin marketing and selling the new license as soon as next fishing season (Effective March 1, 2012).

**A few operational bills were passed: AB503, AB525, and SB226:**

**AB503-Habitat Conservation Program** – The existing Habitat Conservation fee is paid by all license-holders. After several iterations of this bill, as passed by the Legislature and Governor allows up to 18% of that fee to be used to pay for monitoring.

**Assembly Bill 525 (NDOW Legislation)** creates a Wildlife Trust Fund Account as a private, non-state account. This is very important as it will encourage additional donations: a non-executive budget account is most appealing to donors wishing to keep their bequests and donations safe from possible state takeovers, perceived or real.

The version of **SB226** signed by the Governor is very different from version originally introduced, and that's in part, because of the legislative team and the many concerned constituents' work communicating with legislators. It requires the Wildlife Commission to adopt regulations by December 31, 2012 governing the trapping of fur-bearing mammals in residential area of a county whose population is 100,000 or more (i.e. congested areas in Washoe County/populated areas in Clark County). NEXT STEPS: Division Staff will work on drafting regulations to meet this requirement.