

**STATE OF NEVADA
BOARD OF WILDLIFE
COMMISSIONERS**

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Title: Predation Management

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PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to inform the public and guide the Nevada Department of Wildlife (Department) in actions relating to Predation Management by establishing an informed Predation Management Program and incorporates the tools of predation management for protection of nonpredatory game animals and sensitive wildlife species, research necessary to determine successful techniques for managing and controlling predatory wildlife, and the use of proven and emerging, science-based techniques of predator population management and control.

POLICY

1. Conduct projects in the most efficient and cost-effective manner possible, with clear goals, objectives, and timelines defined at the onset, and with an emphasis on identifying and refining prescriptive measures of Predation Management for use in the future. Lethal and nonlethal predator control efforts will be undertaken in a targeted fashion to reduce specific wildlife-related losses to wildlife populations. Priority will be given to act in areas where other efforts are completed, underway, or planned that will also benefit wildlife populations.
2. The Predation Management Plan shall be developed each Fiscal Year according to the following procedure:
 - a. The Department shall prepare a Draft Predation Management Plan (Draft Plan) outlining proposed actions needed for the protection, preservation, management, and restoration of wildlife populations and their habitats. Descriptions of Control Programs, Management Activities, and Research Programs, collectively referred to as "project(s)," shall include specific project goals, a detailed description of anticipated results, predator and prey species that may be affected, whether or not the project will span more than one Fiscal Year, and if the project is for a Control Program. A description of the project area should be provided, including a map, and an assessment of the habitat conditions. The Draft Plan shall address the Department's comments from the prior Fiscal Year's Status Report.

- b. A Draft Plan shall be submitted to the Predator Animal and Rodent Committee (PARC) and Wildlife Damage Management Committee (WDMC) during January of every calendar year. Incorporating feedback from both groups, the Draft Plan will be presented to the Commission at the March meeting. The Commission may elect to approve the Draft Plan at that time, or provide additional feedback. The Draft Plan would then be presented one final time at the May Commission meeting.
3. On or before June 30, the Final Predation Management Plan shall be posted on the Department's website.
4. Any time after June 30 but no later than August 1, each contractor or subgrantee of a project from the previous Fiscal Year shall submit a report to the Commission on a form prescribed by the Department and which has been developed in consultation with the WDMC. Such reports may include: a summary of predators removed and habitat conditions (if applicable), work conducted, and viability of project moving forward.
5. The Department shall prepare an annual Predation Management Status Report (Status Report) detailing results of the previous Fiscal Year's projects. This report will include a summary of all lethal removal reports, excluding any sensitive data, proprietary information, or time-sensitive locational information. This Status Report shall be presented at the last Commission meeting of each calendar year.
6. This Status Report will be used in Department and Commission deliberations in subsequent years and in future Predation Management planning efforts.

This policy shall remain in effect until amended, repealed or superseded by the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF WILDLIFE COMMISSIONERS REGULAR SESSION, May 13, 2016.