

Action Report

CABMW recommendations for the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners Meeting on: Monday, March 12, 2022

Carson City County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife

Submitted by Chairman: Danny Thompson

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CABMW Members Present:
Others:

Commission Agenda Action Items:

1) Agenda item: 15H, Commission Policy 67, Feral Horses and Burros

Recommendation:

In Support In Opposition See comment below

Other comments, including a dissenting viewpoint (different than the majority) or issue brought up during discussion:

The CCABMW discussed and deliberated the draft policy. The Board supports any and all action to reduce the impact of feral horses and burros on the environment. In the report “care and capacity” is documented, but not clarified. The population of feral horses and burros on the range which can be sustained is a fluid number based on environmental consideration (drought, fire etc). We would like the Commission to address this topic and clarify.

We request the Commission to seek current numbers of animals on the range in an effort to determine a true impact assessment. We request the Commission to hold the BLM and USFS to fulfill their role in the management of the feral horse and burros. We would support litigation by the State of Nevada against these entities to produce action.

We have seen the impact and damage on the range which is caused by the overpopulation of feral horses and burros and we support the Commission in confronting this issue.

of public signed in/testified for this item: 0

2) Agenda item: 16A*, Commission Regulation 22-10 Migratory Game Bird Seasons

Recommendation

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The CCABMW request the Commission to amend the current season recommendation for Western Nevada Waterfowl (All ducks and geese). We recommend the season begin October 22, 2022 or later, and run to the full extent allowed by federal law. Our intent is to allow the public to enjoy the opening seasons of upland hunting and waterfowl hunting without conflict. This would also remove the obligatory break in season because of the federal limitations.

Over the course of my tenure on the committee we've had numerous presentations and requests to move the seasons to a later start. Active waterfowl hunters realize the bird migration to our area doesn't impact until cold weather systems push the ducks and geese from the north. Though there may be local populations these birds quickly become scarce. Waterfowl migrate twice each year over the Sierras and currently we only capture the movement west. We have the ability to capture both if we move the season to a later start.

Members of the public signed in: 0

3) Agenda item: 6* Draft Fiscal Year 2023 Predation Management Plan

Recommendation

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Members of the Board recognize the need for predator control and the impact overpopulation has on the game specifics. We support the proposal as written.

Members of the public signed in: 0