

Subcommittee Members: Arnie Pitts, Dan Ryan,
Joe Zweifel, Larry Johnson, Steve Robinson

Department Representative: Jon Ewanyk
Tori Cernoch

**Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners
Mule Deer Enhancement Oversight Committee
Mule Deer Enhancement Program Subcommittee
Washoe County; Management Area 1, 2**

**Nevada Department of Wildlife
1100 Valley Road
Reno, Nevada 89511**

Thursday, July 7, 2022 / 6:00 p.m.

DRAFT Minutes

1. Call to Order – Department Representative

Meeting called to order at 6:01 pm.

In Attendance:

Dan Ryan, Subcommittee Member
Joe Zweifel, Subcommittee Member
Larry Johnson, Subcommittee Member
Steve Robinson, Subcommittee Member
Jon Ewanyk, Department Representative
Mike Scott, Game Administrator
Pat Jackson, Predator Staff Specialist

2. *Approval of Agenda – Department Representative – For Possible Action

Member Johnson motioned to approve the agenda.

Member Robinson seconded the motion.

The motion passed.

3. *Approval of Minutes (June 1, 2022) – Department Representative – For Possible Action

Public comment was received from member of the public Rex Flowers concerning the minutes that were not approved; Mr. Flowers asked if the minutes were to have been revised. The Subcommittee discussed the motion that was made at the June 1, 2022 meeting to approve the April 20, 2022 minutes.

Department Representative Ewanyk clarified the agenda item in hand was for the approval of the June 1, 2022 Minutes, not the April 20, 2022 minutes. Game Administrator Scott reminded the Subcommittee that Open Meeting Law requires a summary of a public meeting, not verbatim minutes. Mr. Scott stated that if a member of public wished to have a comment submitted verbatim into the record that he or she submit written comment to the Department Representative. Member Robinson stated that the public comment of the April 20, 2022 Minutes was not accurately reflected, with perhaps 90 percent of the comment left out of the written record and that he felt the true feeling of the public was left out of the minutes. Mr. Scott answered that the minutes can capture public comment, but that the written record would be kept brief.

Department Representative Ewanyk stated that the public comment at the end of the April 20, 2022 meeting was on the agenda item prior to the Public Comment agenda item and so public comment was combined into the agenda item prior; Mr. Ewanyk stated he felt the April 20, 2022 minutes accurately reflected the public comment of those who spoke.

Member Robinson motioned to approve the June 1, 2022 Minutes.

Member seconded the motion.

The motion passed.

4. Member Announcements and Correspondence – Informational

Department Representative Ewanyk informed the Subcommittee that Member Pitts had stepped down and his position will be assumed by Matt Melarkey.

5. *Management Area 1 and 2 – Informational

Department Representative Ewanyk directed the Subcommittee's attention to the status of the Subcommittee's predator project for the upcoming year. Mr. Ewanyk stated that Department staff had met with Wildlife Services staff to talk broadly about predator management across Nevada. Mr. Ewanyk stated that the conversation turned to predator management in western Nevada, where Mark Ono, Nevada State Director, USDA-APHIS-Wildlife Services program, expressed interest in having a scientific survey completed around predator management and its implications on mule deer herds. Mr. Ewanyk stated that Mr. Ono reached out to the Department because Mr. Ono was encouraged by what he had heard at the June 1, 2022 Subcommittee meeting. Mr. Ewanyk stated that Mr. Ono was enquiring if the Subcommittee wanted to take its predator project forward and turn it into a research project. Mr. Ewanyk wanted to know if the Subcommittee wanted to be involved with the research branch of Wildlife Services. Mr. Ewanyk reminded the Subcommittee that the agenda item was informational and so there would not be a vote or a decision made at this meeting; nevertheless Mr. Ewanyk wanted the Subcommittee to discuss this offer from Mr. Ono.

The Subcommittee discussed the offer from Mr. Ono of Wildlife Services. The Subcommittee discussed the status of the Subcommittee's achievements in the past year, its goals, its purpose, and its priorities going forward.

6. Public Comment

Public comment was received from member of the public Rex Flowers. Mr. Flowers stated regarding predator projects, he asks the Subcommittee to look at Project 40 as an example for a base for predator projects in northern Washoe County. Mr. Flowers stated the downfall of Project 18 was the control area comparison and he advised the Subcommittee to do not put that element in a project; that a project needed the area to stand on its own. Mr. Flowers stated that a 5-year plan should consider future predator projects being based on a significant loss of population in a unit or a downward spiral of fawns per 100 does. Mr. Flowers advocated for the consideration of fencing projects for riparian areas, as well as implementing more collars.

7. Future Subcommittee Meetings – For possible Action

The date of August 10, 2022 was decided upon for the next meeting. No public comment was received.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:17 p.m.