



**CLARK COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD
TO MANAGE WILDLIFE
MEETING MINUTES**

**MAY 4, 2021
5:30 PM – 9:00 PM**

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- *The CCABMW members may combine two (2) or more Agenda items for consideration.*
- *The CCABMW may remove an item from the Agenda or delay discussion relating to an item at any time.*

- *No action may be taken on any matter not listed on the posted Agenda.*
- *Supporting Material provided to the Advisory Board members for this meeting may be requested from Darlene Kretunski at (702) 455-1402 and is/will be available on the County's website at www.clarkcountynv.gov*
- *If you do not wish to attend the meeting via teleconference but desire to provide written general public comment or public comment on an individual Agenda item, please submit your comments prior to 2:30 pm, May 4, 2021. You can submit your comments to Darlene.Kretunski@ClarkCountyNV.gov. Be sure to include your name, address, the Agenda item number on which you are providing comment, and your comment. Comments will not be read into the record and will be included as back-up materials for the record. All comments received will be compiled into a document and shared with members of the public body, meeting attendees, and on the public body's website.*

CCABMW MEMBERS:

Paul Dixon, (Chair)

John Michael Reese (Vice-Chair)

Molly Dalasi (Board Member)

Therese Campbell (Board Member)

Jacob Thompson (Board Member)

Dave Talaga (Board Member)

Dan Gilbert (Board Member)

Darlene Kretunski (Secretary) Darlene.Kretunski@ClarkCountyNV.gov (702) 455-1402

- I. ***Call to Order- Roll call of Board Members for determination of quorum: If no quorum is present, meeting cannot begin and will be canceled.***
 - The meeting was called to order by Chair Paul Dixon.
 - Roll call of board members was performed by Secretary Darlene Kretunski. A quorum was present, all six board members were present.

- II. ***Pledge of Allegiance***
 - Chair Paul Dixon led the CCABMW board members in the Pledge of Allegiance.

- III. ***Public Comment (Informational) this is a period to comments by the general public about items on this Agenda. No discussion, action, or vote may be taken on this Agenda item. You will be afforded the opportunity to speak on individual Public Hearing items at the time they are presented. If you wish to speak to the Clark County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife about items within the jurisdiction but not appearing on this Agenda, you must wait until the "Comments by the General***

Public” period listed at the end of this Agenda. Comments will be limited to three (3) minutes. Please clearly state your name and address and please spell your last name for the record. If any member of the Clark County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife wishes to extend the length of a presentation, this will be done by the Chairperson or the Clark County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife by majority vote.

- Chair Paul Dixon introduced this topic.
- Public Comments: (None)
- Board Comments: (None)
- Chair Paul Dixon advised this item is hereby closed.

IV. *Approval of Minutes for March 16, 2021 CCABMW meeting (For Possible Action)*

- Chair Paul Dixon introduced this topic.
- Chair Paul Dixon asked the CAB board members if they had any corrections to address at this time for the meeting minutes that they had received from Secretary Darlene Kretunski.
- Secretary Darlene Kretunski advised that she had one correction, in the meeting minutes under Public Comments (***Game Warden Lt. Christopher Walthers of the Southern Region***), she advised that the spelling of his last name needed to be corrected; his last name should be spelled Walthers instead of Walters.
- Chair Paul Dixon asked the CAB board members if they had any corrections that they felt were needed.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised that since this is an action item, he will now go to the public for comment at this time.
- Public Comments: (None)
- **Vice Chair John Michael Reese advised for a motion to accept the meeting minutes as presented for the March 16, 2021 with the amendment of the correction of the spelling of the last name for (Game Warden Lt. Christopher Walthers of the Southern Region).**
- **Board member Jacob Thompson seconds the motion.**
- **Motion passes 6-0.**

V. *Approval of the Agenda for May 4, 2021 (For Possible Action) unless otherwise stated, items may be taken out of order presented on the Agenda and two or more items may be combined for consideration. The board may also remove an item from the Agenda or delay discussion relating to an item at any time.*

- Chair Paul Dixon introduced this topic.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised that items may be taken out of order, combined, items may be deferred or delayed at discretion of the chair and the board.
- Chair Paul Dixon asked if there were any board comments at this time.
- Board Comments: (None)

- Chair Paul Dixon advised that since no board comments and since this is an action item, he will now go to the public for Public Comment on the Agenda.
- Public Comments: (None)
- Chair Paul Dixon advised hearing no public comments he will return back to the board for Board Comments.
- Board comments: (None)
- **Vice Chair John Michael Reese advised he will make a motion to accept the Agenda as presented.**
- **Board member Dave Talaga seconds the motion.**
- **Motion passes 6-0.**

VI. CCABMW Member Items/Announcements/Correspondence: (Informational)
CCABMW members may present emergent items. No action may be taken by the CCABMW. Any item requiring CCABMW action will be scheduled on a future CCABMW Agenda. CCABMW board members may discuss any correspondence sent or received. (CCABMW board members must provide hard copies of their correspondence for the written record).

- Chair Paul Dixon introduced this topic.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised he will now go around to each board member separately to see if they have received correspondence and if so, would the board members like to discuss the correspondence that has been received or sent.
- Vice Chair John Michael Reese (None)
- Board member Molly DiBlasi (None)
- Board member Jacob Thompson (None)
- Board member Therese Campbell, she advised that she emailed Secretary Darlene Kretunski an item (news article). She stated her apologies for the lateness of sending this item. She advised there was an article in the Nevada Independent by Don Molde, this article was regarding The Mule Deer Enhancement Program. She advised that she forwarded a copy of this article to Secretary Darlene Kretunski and asked that it be forwarded to all CAB board members and put into record. She stated that she does not have any additional comments on this matter.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised that he did know that Secretary Darlene Kretunski did sent the email forwarding this article to all CAB board members and this item will be part of our package for this evening.
- Board member Jacob Thompson advised he had a quick comment, he stated he wanted to make a correction on board member Therese Campbell statement the article is from the Nevada Current not the Nevada Independent.
- Chair Paul Dixon thanked board member Jacob Thompson for the correction and proceeded to go to the last board member he had not spoken to yet, board member Dave Talaga.

- Board member Dave Talaga (None)
- Board Comments: (None)
- **Chair Paul Dixon advised that this item is hereby closed.**

VII. Recap of the March 16, 2021 Commission Virtual Meeting by Chair Paul Dixon (Informational)

- Chair Paul Dixon introduced this topic.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised that the Black Bear petition put forth by Cathy Smith, the CAB board members on a split vote decided not to support. He stated the discussion on this on a Commission level was lengthy but in the end the Commission made a decision to not support the petition moving forward.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised “Rob” Pierce Special Hunt Season for Disabled Persons was taken off the CAB Agenda and again taken off the Commissioner’s Agenda since there was no back up supporting material given on this matter. He advised that the CAB board members did not discuss this matter in the last meeting nor will they have a discussion on this matter tonight as well even if the matter was remaining on the Commission’s Agenda.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised the Water Fowl Seasons and Bag Limits, he stated that outside of the correction made by Vice Chair John Michael Reese requested (*Vice Chair John Michael Reese advised on Page 2 of the Commission Regulation he stated you have the special youth waterfowl hunt and it reads: the daily bag limits is the same as for that of the general season for ducks, mergansers, coots and moorhens, he advised that this should include snipe and scaup as well*). Chair Paul Dixon advised there were no different changes by the Commission.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised that it went fairly smooth for (*Game Division, Biologist Russell Woolstenhulme*) in the Commissioner’s meeting and he hopes the same for *Pat Cummings (Biologist, NDOW)* in tonight’s meeting.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised on the second draft of The Predation Management Plan, was not on the Commission’s Agenda. He stated it is on the CAB’s Agenda tonight and he will simply read recommendations given by the CAB board members previously and move forward with no future discussion on this plan. He stated it has been discussed already and he wanted to keep the discussion tonight open on other matters.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised on discussion on Regulation 496, NAC 503 Simplification, that there was a very lengthy discussion and he stated that the Commission allotted to support the changes that were made. He stated that there were some words changed but in the end he did not feel it was substantial to anything the CAB board members suggested prior.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised about the Wildlife Killing Contest that there was about a two hour discussion at the Commission on this topic and *David*

McNinch (Wildlife Commissioner) took the lead on that discussion as well as **Kerstan Hubbs (Wildlife Commissioner)**. He advised to the CAB board members that in the end the Commission decided to take this matter and start a subcommittee to further its study thus not dismissing this matter nor approving this matter. He advised the Commission wanted to further this study because it is such a hot button public issue with people therefore the Commission felt it needed additional time on a subcommittee level. He stated they wanted the public to come in and express their feelings but this could not be done on a Commission level. He advised that this subcommittee under **David McNinch (Wildlife Commissioner)** will come back and give their recommendations to The Wildlife Commission and The Department of Wildlife Commission as it goes forward on the status of having a coyote contest or as it was called by the sponsor this Wildlife Killing Contest.

- Chair Paul Dixon advised that although **David McNinch (Wildlife Commissioner)** started calling it a Wildlife Killing Contest in the beginning but in the end he backed away from this language and advised that he understood how using the word killing was seen as a hot button item and the discussion was really talking about whether we wanted to continue having organized coyote calling contests or coyote contest meaning the way we remove coyotes. He stated that **David McNinch (Wildlife Commissioner)**, he changed his wording on this matter after seeing the reaction of some of the Commissioners as well as the public on how they were reacting to the word “killing” thus he realized it was a hot button item because it was called “killing” rather than sticking to the real topic therefore attempting to bring the discussion down to a sane discussion with a lot of emotions tied to this matter with people. He stated that he felt it is probably healthy for the Commission to go slow on this matter so they can obtain all the public’s comments around this. He advised in previously that **David McNinch (Wildlife Commissioner)** had started a committee on black bears after black bear hunting was initiated for a couple of years and that lead to significant changes to what they are now and where they are now. He advised that we now have zones for black bear hunting, quotas for different zones in areas where there are no black bear hunting due to potential for public interface between the public and the people in the Tahoe Basin.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised his hope in what comes out of this is to still be allowed to have organized contest for coyote calling. He stated he imagines there will be rules and restrictions that may come out of this as a compromise or maybe not, he stated that he is unsure. He stated it is clearly not a matter that the Commission is going to vote to say stop and ignore all public input that surrounds this therefore he feels they will go forward with this.
- Chair Paul Dixon asked for any questions from board or the public.
- Board Comments: (None)
- Public Comments: (None)

- **Chair Paul Dixon advised that this item is hereby closed.**

VIII. Mule Deer Enhancement Program Update (Informational) Vice Chair John Michael Reese will update CCABMW on progress occurring in the Nevada Mule Deer Enhancement Program.

- Chair Paul Dixon introduced this topic.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised that he would turn this section over to Vice Chair John Michael Reese at this time.
- Vice Chair John Michael Reese advised that both *Pat Cummings (Biologist NDOW)* and *Joe Bennett Jr. (NDOW)* were in attendance at tonight's meeting.
- Vice Chair John Michael Reese stated that he believes that Clark County has a preliminary meeting scheduled but was unsure of the exact date of this meeting, he asked if *Pat Cummings (Biologist NDOW)* or *Joe Bennett Jr. (NDOW)* would have any further knowledge on the date he stated he would like to hear this.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised that he would like to make a quick comment to *Joe Bennett Jr. (NDOW)* before he leaves the meeting, he stated since he was more remote and may not have the bandwidth, he would like him to at times to turn off his video when he spoke thus helping to achieve the bandwidth he needed. He advised that he was cutting in and out while speaking.
- *Joe Bennett Jr. (NDOW)* advised that he would defer to *Pat Cummings (Biologist NDOW)* on the timing of the meeting that Vice Chair John Michael Reese was speaking about. He advised that going forward the first step is giving informational meeting which included Lincoln, and Nye and four other counties that he has already presented this information too. He stated the next step is to move into the limiting factors of the Mule Deer which requires assessment forms and hopefully as the restrictions lift due to COVID he will be able to go out to the field and do some field trips. He advised these things will be some of the next steps moving forward with project proposals that will be going to the Oversight Committee. He stated that *Pat Cummings (Biologist NDOW)* and himself just finished doing some quotas therefore it may take him a moment before they both give the presentations. He advised he thinks that the presentations can be done this month but he will defer this over to *Pat Cummings (Biologist NDOW)*.
- *Pat Cummings (Biologist NDOW)*, advised to *Joe Bennett Jr. (NDOW)* that yes that would be our goal, to get the meeting and a date identified for the month of May. He stated he would like to point out to everyone that this is basically a presentation that will delineate an analysis of the current management situation that will reflect on past act activities within Clark County that influence Mule Deer distributions, influence Mule Deer numbers. He advised in a general sense that they do not do aerial surveys and do not have a robust survey process. He stated that they do have very sound harvest

data that they can make some inferences about when it comes to the harvest metrics that we see over time in order to have some trend information. He reiterated that the goal is to have the initial presentation this month and hopefully they will have a date quickly.

- Chair Paul Dixon thanked *Pat Cummings (Biologist NDOW)*.
- Vice Chair John Michael Reese advised that he had nothing further to say but just wanted to thank Chair Paul Dixon.
- **Chair Paul Dixon advised that this item is hereby closed.**

IX. General Business/Action Items:

Discuss & make recommendations regarding the following Action Items from The Board of Wildlife Commissioners March 19, 2021 & March 20, 2021 meeting Agenda, as well as additional items brought forth to the CCABMW from public for discussion. CCABMW Agenda & support materials are available upon request to Darlene Kretunski (702) 455-1402 or email her at Darlene.Kretunski@ClarkCountyNV.gov. The final Commission Agenda & support at <http://www.ndow.org/PublicMeetings/Commission/Agenda/>.

A) *Legislative Committee Report (For Possible Action) The CCABMW will review, discuss and make recommendations to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners about active legislation being reviewed by the commission legislative subcommittee.*

- Chair Paul Dixon introduced this topic.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised that the Legislative Committee had a meeting on April 14, 2021 and if you go to the Legislative Committee, they have a list of Committee tracks at this time and have recommendations that were made to the Committee and the Committee made to the Commission. He stated that the Commission and the Committee are in agreement with the position that *NDOW (Nevada Department of Wildlife)* is taking on open bills.
- Chair Paul Dixon asked Vice Chair John Michael Reese if at this time he felt in his view point are there any bills out there that he felt important enough that warrant a discussion tonight.
- Vice Chair John Michael Reese stated that there is one (**Assembly Bill 286, (Assemblywoman Jauregui): An act relating to crimes; prohibiting a person from possessing a firearm on a covered premises under certain circumstances; prohibiting a person from engaging in certain acts relating to unfinished frames or receivers under certain circumstances; prohibiting a person from engaging in certain acts**

relating to firearms which are not imprinted with a serial number under certain circumstances; revising provisions relating to the confiscation and disposal of dangerous weapons; providing penalties; and providing other matters properly relating thereto). He stated that this is a gun bill which has been amended slightly and he stated this has been a very unpredictable legislative session and he stated he has no predictions where this bill will end up. He advised this bill could impact sportsman when traveling out of town, or going to private businesses, hotels, restaurants, as far as carrying their firearms.

- Chair Paul Dixon asked Vice Chair John Michael Reese if he had any knowledge on **Senate Bill 78: (An Act relating to wildlife; revising the membership of the Board of Wildlife Commissioners; and providing other matters properly relating thereto. introduced by Senator Goicoechea.**
- Vice Chair John Michael Reese advised that that bill has died in committee, he advised that the reason he didn't want to make any predictions is because it could get attached to another bill that already passed. He stated he is not saying this is going to happen but he also does not want people to think because the bill is dead right know that it has no possibility of ever coming back up again.
- Chair Paul Dixon stated the next is **Senate Bill 175 by (Senator Settlemeyer): Revises provisions related to falconry:(An Act relating to wildlife; requiring a person who wishes to transport, possess or uses a golden eagle in falconry to obtain a falconry license; requiring such a person to prove that he or she complies with certain requirements before he or she is issued a falconry license; authorizing persons who have been issued a falconry license to take, transport, possess or use golden eagles in falconry; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.** Chair Paul Dixon stated that both the Commission and NDOW (*Nevada Department of Wildlife*) support the rehabilitation platform that is here, he advised he had a question to the CAB board members if they know anything else about this Senate Bill because he is aware that the CAB board members do give advice and make votes on falconry.
- Vice Chair John Michael Reese advised he did not follow this senate bill.
- Chair Paul Dixon asked *Pat Cummings (Biologist NDOW)* or *Joe Bennett Jr. (NDOW)* if they were familiar with any information about this bill.
- *Pat Cummings (Biologist NDOW)* and *Joe Bennett Jr. (NDOW)* both stated that they do not have or know any information on this bill.
- Board member Jacob Thompson advised that he has located a summary of the senate bill and would like to share this information.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised for board member Jacob Thompson to proceed with this summary.

- Board member Jacob Thompson advised the bill states: An accelerate to wildlife qualifying a certain person to possess a golden eagle authorizing The Board of Wildlife Commission to adopt a certain regulation to authorize certain person to transport, transfer or possess golden eagle falconry and requires certain persons to obtain government license and an eagle permit before such person authorize to transport, transfer or possess golden eagles and falconry and other matters properly related thereto.). He advised it was referred to The National Committee on 4/22/2021 and the next status updates states next engrossed on April 22, 2021 which he thought meant with 50% progression which doesn't mean it is dead.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised that **Assembly Bill 89 Transferring of Tags (Assemblywoman Titus)**
- **FYI-Brief Summary of Assembly Bill 89: Authorizing the Board of Wildlife Commissioners to establish a program which authorizes a person to transfer his or her tag to hunt a big game mammal to a qualified organization for use by certain persons.**
- Chair Paul Dixon asked if Vice Chair John Michael Reese had an update on this legislative bill.
- Vice Chair John Michael Reese advised he does not have an update on this bill and his hope was for this bill to pass. He stated when speaking to both parties involved, all parties were optimistic and wanted it to pass. He stated he would be surprised if the bill doesn't pass. He stated he is unsure if this matter has meant the deadline yet.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised moving on to the next legislative bill, he stated the last bill he had in mind for discussion was **Assembly Bill 229 (Assemblywoman Bilbray-Axelrod)**
- **FYI-Brief Summary of Assembly Bill 299: Allows for a person in Nevada to keep roadkill only if they obtain a permit. The bill says the animal must be "accidentally" killed for a person to obtain the permit to take it home.**
- **FYI-Assembly Bill 229: An Act relating to wildlife; providing for the issuance of a salvage permit to certain persons for the salvage and possession of certain animals hit and killed by a motor vehicle; imposing certain requirements on a holder of a salvage permit; authorizing a peace officer to make certain inspections; prohibiting a person from selling, bartering or exchanging the carcass of such an animal; providing that a peace officer, agency employing a peace officer and The Department of Wildlife are not liable with respect to any use made of the carcass of such an animal; prohibiting the salvaging and taking possession of such animals from certain areas in this state; providing penalties; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.**
- Chair Paul Dixon asked Vice Chair John Michael Reese if was familiar

with this legislative bill.

- Vice Chair John Michael Reese advised that NDOW was not in favor of this bill. He advised he was not sure if the legislative on this matter received a hearing.
- Chair Paul Dixon he sees any directly on legislative bills and these are items that we have voted on as a CAB.
- Chair Paul Dixon asked if any of the CAB board members have a particular bill that they would like to discuss.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised that he supports NDOW personally and advised when it comes to the legislative bills that are out here, he feels the Commission is handling it and if this was not the case then the CAB board members would need to make recommendation. He stated seeing the actions between the Committee and The Department of Wildlife, which he states has a tendency to be in link together, the CAB board members and he as well feels personally supports the Committee recommendations to The Department of Wildlife and the Commission.
- Chair Paul Dixon stated that there are many bills out there and The Department of Wildlife and the Commission are in link together and this is the most important thing but if this was not occurring, then the CAB board members would need to give an opinion if it was not being done. He stated that he is unsure that the CAB board members need to make an opinion on this matter unless any CAB board members feels differently. If any board member feels differently at this time, they may have the opportunity to do so now. He advised that he now opens the floor to the board comments to do so.
- Vice Chair John Michael Reese stated there was not supposed to be any new bills introduced after March but he is aware after last week that there were still new bills being introduced. He stated lots of shuffling is occurring and he does not know how these new bills are doing. He stated the CAB board members did not have a lot of hot button items and he did not pay attention to a lot of bills due to these bills not going forward.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised that it has been a different year at the legislator and he with Chairwoman Tiffany West that the Committee and NDOW and the Commission all agreed with her position and he did not feel the CAB board members would have any different position and he would recommend that affirmation that the CAB board members support the Commission on these bills.
- **Chair Paul Dixon advised a motion that the CAB supports the position of the Commission on these items.**
- **Motion passes 6-0.**

B) Second Draft Fiscal Year 2022 Predation Management Plan (For Possible Action) The CCABMW Board will review, discuss and make

recommendations to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners about the final draft of the Fiscal Year 2022 Draft Predation Management Plan.

- Chair Paul Dixon introduced this topic.
- Chair Dixon advised that this is second and final reading on The Predation Management.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised at the last meeting CAB board members voted 6-1 split vote to support The Predation Management Plan, he stated the CAB recommended that The Department of Wildlife show in their 2020 & 2021 yearly report just how much The Predation fee funding has been applied to the raven control and raven studies over the last 10 years and what were the results of these expenditures.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised that the public continues to see increase in raven population and question: does these expenditures used have any impact. He stated the CAB board members also wanted answers to why The Predation Plan for Project 38 is statewide for coyote removal and not in areas where there is high impact on the deer populations. He stated these were the two comments of the CAB board members. He advised finally, the descending view was from one board member that did not support mountain lion removal and disagreed with all Pinion Juniper removal projects in The Predation Management Plan.
- Chair Paul Dixon asks if there were any items needed to discuss related to The Predation Management Plan or is the CAB board members staying with their previous recommendations from the last meeting.
- Vice Chair John Michael Reese stated he is in agreement with what the CAB is doing, he stated he has one suggestion, that is going forward when Chair Paul Dixon attends the state wildlife meeting to suggest a project to do, and as far as a study goes he would like to see a fawn mortality study upon recruitment study, and he doesn't care if they pick a few areas to do these studies. He advised that there has been studies on black bears, ravens, coyotes, and he feels it is time to do the study directly related to the recruitment of fawns for mule deer. He stated this will probably be part of the mule deer enhancement but he would like to go on record as a suggestion if *Pat Cummings (Biologist, NDOW)* is looking for suggestions, that he entertain this idea.
- Chair Paul Dixon asked if there were any other discussions that CAB board members had on The Predation Management Plan besides the discussions by the CAB in the last board meeting.
- Board member Therese Campbell advised that she read about the raven removal and she would like to go on record to oppose to the poisoning that they are proposing to do. She advised it was said that they are going to

minimize the impact of other species besides ravens by leaving the poison chicken eggs out for a total of 168 hours after which time the eggs would be removed. She stated that this would be seven entire days and nights, she stated that she feels it would not be effective on minimizing the impact on other species and she is concerned about other species such as like eagles and other possible predatorily birds and animals like bears, raccoons, coyotes, mountain lions, basically any species coming across these poisonous eggs. She advised she would like to reflect on record her opposing the distribution of herbicide DRC-1339 which has potential of being indiscriminate in what it kills.

- Chair Paul Dixon advised that raven control has been in effective since he has been on the CAB for 12 plus years now, he asked if there were any statistics on the morbidity of other animals related to these poisonous eggs. He advised he realizes the potential but does anyone have statistics, he advised if anyone knows about the ravens, squirrels, raccoons, bears, fox, eagles any one of these that has been a morbidity from these eggs. He stated to board member Therese Campbell that he was not aware of any concerns of this nature on this subject matter, he advised he realized it could be possible but has no realization of any other species impacted by these poisonous eggs. He advised if maybe **Pat Cummings (Biologist NDOW)** or **Joe Bennett Jr. (NDOW)** had any insight on this particular issue. He reiterated that he once again had never heard of any co-morbidity of any other animals.
- **Pat Cummings (Biologist NDOW)** advised he thinks incidental morality level is low, he stated he is unsure of how well it has been investigated but advised that NDOW doesn't have lots of euthanasian to suggest that this is indeed a real problem.
- **Joe Bennett Jr. (NDOW)** advised in the past that he was not aware of any incidental morality at least to a great extent.
- Vice Chair John Michael Reese advised that he had in previous years contacted wildlife services about the same question if the eggs would hurt other species and they advised that the herbicide DRC-1399 which is used the answer he was told was it only effects the ravens. He stated the reasoning that they do this process for 7 days is it trains the ravens to come and retrieve the poisonous eggs therefore swamping out the live eggs with the poisonous eggs, this process trains the ravens to be comfortable to do this process. He stated this is the why the 7 day window happens, it is part of the training process for the ravens.
- Board member Therese Campbell thanked Vice Chair John Michael Reese for this insight of information and asked the question if the poisonous eggs

only effects ravens or all birds, she stated she did not understand.

- Vice Chair John Michael Reese advised that it only effects the ravens. He stated to Chair Paul Dixon that it would not hurt to bring this question up to the Wildlife Commission meeting to ask this question.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised he will ask The Wildlife Commission if the poison is advent poison or raven poison.
- Board member Therese Campbell thanked everyone for this information.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised that based on previous motion that the CAB board members agreed to and passed, he will add to that motion that Clark County CAB board members would like to see in the near future a fawn mortality study and a fawn recruitment study as part of The Predation Management Plan and that board member Therese Campbell has asked whether the poison used for the ravens eggs affects all birds or just the ravens. He reiterated these are the two changes to the previous motion. Chair Paul Dixon advised that he will assume that board member Therese Campbell will still be opposed to The Predation Plan again because of the things she had an issue with previously and now we have less members this time voting tonight we have 6 board members voting tonight and at the last meeting we had 7 board members voting. He advised the motion is for the CAB board members to have a better understanding of The Predation funds over the last ten years and how these expenditures lead to what ability this has on impacting the raven population where we have targeted the ravens and as we see raven population increasing, do these expenditures warrant continued distribution of poisonous eggs placed out for limiting the numbers of ravens, also study for fawn morality and fawn recruitment, and why is Project 38 for coyotes removal statewide and not area focused in areas where we have potential problems with deer herd numbers and selective coyote removal might be more effective then statewide.
- Board member Jacob Thompson advised that Vice Chair John Michael Reese had the information correct about the reasoning of the poisonous raven eggs, he stated how it works is: (Finding from “The Proceeding of the Vertebrae Pest Conference” article indicates in Nevada DRC-1339 is placed into hard boiled eggs around sage grouse nests and it will only physically kill the ravens who are attempting to invade the grouse nests it doesn’t kill other birds. He advised it is not the concept of just throwing the poisonous eggs around everywhere. He stated that the poison breaks down inside the birds expelling a non-toxic chemical killing ravens only by causing renal failure to the ravens.
- Chair Paul Dixon asked board member Therese Campbell if she still would

like to ask the question if the raven poisonous eggs kills just the ravens or all birds after board member Jacob Thompson has given the answer after he advised that the poison causes renal failure in the ravens and doesn't cause harm or death to the other birds only ravens who are coming around sage grouse nests and will be eating these eggs. The ravens are the only type of birds that would be coming into the space of the sage grouse nests. Because hawks and eagles as far as he is aware do not go around sage grouse nests.

- Board member Dave Talaga advised that he researched DRC-1339, he stated to add on to board member Jacob Thompson stated that it contains lethal dose of DRC-1339 for black birds, cow birds, crackles, starlings, and don't have a factor on other birds, and the poison when exposed to the environment has minimal impact on mammals, he stated the one caution of the poison is to remove any dead cartilage because if cat or owl eat the poisoned dead animal and feed on it for more than 100 days it could affect the mammal or owl.
- Chair Paul Dixon stated probably not going to get 100 day worth of meals if another animal were to eat the raven so this would probably not be an issue.
- Board member Therese Campbell advised that the last comment by Dave Talaga she needed clarity on whether this poison that it does breakdown once the animal has consumed the cartilage or it does break down and if another animal eats this animal it could get poisoned she wanted to know if its yes or no.
- Board member Dave Talaga advised that the DRC-1339 does break down quickly but cartilage that consumed the poison DRC-1339 should be removed or incinerated because if eaten by cat or owl and they feed on it more than 100 days it can cause harm to that animal. He reiterated that it breaks down quickly in the environment and removal of cartilage is necessary if animal consumed the poison.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised the motion should also include if the poison used in the raven eggs
- Board member Jacob Thompson advised that he had two additional things to follow up to board member Dave Talaga earlier comments; he stated that it breaks down quickly in the environment and poison is expelled from the bird as a non-toxic substance from the bird prior to death and due to being in specific areas there is removal of the cartilage of the dead birds and these cartilages are also used for scientific studies for things such as West Nile viruses hence these dead birds are doing duty for wildlife science.

- Board member Therese Campbell again asked the question that if the raven is poisoned and another animal eats the cartilage then that animal can get poisoned or not, which one is it.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised that in order for it to be impacted then the animals would have to feast steadily on ravens for over 100 days straight and he does not see that likely happening.
- Board member Therese Campbell advised she was just not clear on the 100 day window, she stated she understands now.
- **Chair Paul Dixon advised motion for additional addendums are the recommendations of the fawn morality and fawn recruitment studies to be added to The Predation Management Plan to look at if the loss of fawns is due to the factor of predator or due to something else and to keep all the previous recommendations from the last meeting by the CAB as well.**
- **Vice Chair John Michael Reese seconds the motion.**
- Board member Therese Campbell asked if there is possibility to vote in two parts on this matter. She stated she wanted to vote yes to the additional addendums that were suggested by Vice Chair John Michael Reese but she is still in opposition on the rest and would like to keep her previous recommendations that reflected this.
- Chair Paul Dixon explained to board member Therese Campbell that the motion was for the two additional items from Vice Chair John Michael Reese asking for fawn mortality and fawn recruitment studies to be added to The Predation Management and they were still keeping her recommendation of opposition from previous meeting.
- **Motion passes 6-0**

c) Commission Regulation 21-14, Big Game Quotas for the 2021-2022 (For Possible Action) The CCABMW Board will review, discuss and make recommendations to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commission about regulations for the numbers of tags to be issued for mule deer, pronghorn antelope, elk, bighorn sheep, black bear, and mountains goat for the 2021-2022 seasons.

- Chair Paul Dixon introduced this topic
- Chair Paul Dixon advised the first section of discussion on this matter is Resident Black Bear Even Sex and Illegal Weapons Quota-
- Chair Paul Dixon advised if the CAB board members have any questions about this discussion and stated all of the CAB board members should have been able to reference this information via the internet.

- Vice Chair John Michael Reese advised to Chair Paul Dixon that nothing has changed on this matter.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised that he agrees that nothing has changed from last year. He advised on the Black Bear Season that since nothing has changed if any of the CAB board members have any comments on the quotas that are being carried from last year to this year.
- Vice Chair John Michael Reese advised that he is fine with the quota.
- Board member Dave Talaga advised that he is fine with the quota as well.
- Board member Therese Campbell advised that she is in favor of asking for the quota of zero, she stated because she feels the bear hunt is a “trophy hunt” not based on science or management and therefore she advised she is opposed to it.
- Board member Molly DiBlasi advised she is in favor of the quota as is.
- Board member Jacob Thompson advised that he was in favor of the quota as is.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised that he has heard a dissenting opinion and the remaining board members are in favor at this time he requested a motion to be made, he stated he will document it accordingly on the spreadsheet that was provided to do so.
- Board member Dave Talaga advised a motion to accept The Black Bear Quota 2021 as is.
- Vice Chair John Michael Reese seconds this motion.
- **Motion passes 5-1 vote, the dissenting opinion is because the CAB board member believes The Black Bear hunt is a trophy hunt and they do not believe in the science.**
- Chair Paul Dixon advised the next matter: Resident Antelope Horns Longer than Ears & Hunt 2151. He asked for any board comments at this time.
- Vice Chair John Michael Reese advised that there was a reduction in amount of tags and he stated he is in agrees with this reduction therefore he is in favor of the recommendations.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised any comments on Antelope Any Legal weapon Horns Longer than Ears Hunt 2151. Chair Paul Dixon asked the CAB board members 2151 to take these all Antelope as a group rather than separately.
- Vice Chair John Michael Reese advised that he would rather do them all as a group.

- **FYI-Antelope consists of the following groups: Resident Antelope- Horns longer than Ears-Any Legal Weapon Hunt 2151 & Nonresident Antelope-Horns longer than Ears-Any Legal Weapon Hunt 2251 & Resident Antelope-Horns longer than Ears-Muzzleloader Hunt 2171& Nonresident Antelope-Horns longer than Ears-Muzzleloader Hunt 2271 & Resident Antelope-Horns longer than Ears-Archery Hunt 2161 & Nonresident Antelope-Horns longer than Ears-Archery Hunt 2261 & Resident Antelope-Horns shorter than Ears-Any Legal Weapon Hunt 2181.**
- Chair Paul Dixon advised Antelopes: Hunt 2151 Non Resident & 2171& 2272 Muzzleloader Hunt for Antelope 2261 & 2262 Archery 2181 Hunt Shorter than Ears
- Chair Paul Dixon signal was lost before he could complete the wording for the motion.
- Secretary Darlene Kretunski asked Vice Chair John Michael Reese would he please take Chair Paul Dixon's place over and advise a motion on this matter.
- **Vice Chair John Michael Reese agreed and made the motion for Commission Regulation 21-14 Any Legal Weapon Hunt 2151, 2251, 2171, 2271, 2161, 2261, 2181 to accept as presented.**
- **Board member Dave Talaga second the motion.**
- **Motion Passes 6-0.**
- Chair Paul Dixon returned after his signal was lost and advised that the next matter of discussion would be Elk and asked the CAB board members if they would like to do Elk as a group,
- Vice Chair John Michael Reese advised that it would be better to do the remaining matters as groups.
- **FYI- Elk consists of the following groups- Resident Elk-Antlered-Any Legal Weapon Depredation Hunt 4102 & Resident Elk-Antlered-Any Legal Weapon Hunt 4151 & Nonresident Elk-Antlered-Any Legal Weapon Hunt 4251 & Resident Elk-Antlered Muzzleloader Hunt 4156 & Nonresident Elk-Antlered-Muzzleloader 4256 & Resident Elk-Antlered-Archery Hunt 4161 & Nonresident Elk-Antlered-Archery Hunt 4161& Nonresident Elk-Antlered –Archery 4261& Resident Elk-Antlerless-Any Legal Weapon Hunt 4181 &Nonresident Elk-Antlerless-Any Legal Weapon Hunt 4281 & Resident Elk-Antlerless-Muzzleloader Hunt 4176 & Nonresident Elk-Antlerless Muzzleloader Hunt 4276 & Resident Elk-Antlerless Archery**

Hunt 4111 & Nonresident Elk- Antlerless Archery Hunt 4211 & Resident Elk-Antlerless-Any Legal Weapon Depredation Hunt 4107.

- Chair Paul Dixon asked if the land used for the depredation hunt is it around someone's private land is it Bakers Ranch.
- Vice Chair John Michael Reese advised he believes so but asked **Joe Bennett Jr. (NDOW)** for clarification of the location.
- **Joe Bennett Jr. (NDOW)** advised it is actually Southern Nevada Water Authority properties on 115 adjacent to the park on Shoshone Road as you approach Majors Station.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised that he had a comment from board member Dan Gilbert, he advised he sent this email to all board members.
- Board Comments: (None)
- Public Comments: (None)
- **Chair Paul Dixon advised a motion to approve as recommended by NDOW the following Elk hunts (with the exception of Spike hunt) : 4102, 4151, 4251, 4156, 4256, 4161, 4261, 4181, 4181 Wilderness only, 4281, 4176, 4276, 4111, 4211, 4107 as presented by The Department of Wildlife.**
- **Vice Chair John Michael Reese seconds the motion.**
- **Motion Passes 6-0.**
- Chair Paul Dixon advised the next matter of discussion is the Resident Elk-Spike Any Legal Weapon Hunt 4651.
- Chair Paul Dixon read email from board member Dan Gilbert which read as follows: Overall the numbers are trending down and the amount of elk taken is good but he disagrees with going from zero spike tags to 100 spike tags in Area 11 which is drastic move which puts numerous hunters in the field. He stated that they may want to engage in a management tool but gradually and these types of numbers get to 100 over several years not in one year, and the same is for Area 22 & Area 23 where there is removal of 40 to 50 spikes by this process. He stated the steps taken are too big of steps by going after spikes.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised that the reason the elk bull to cow ratio is due to the extreme aggression for removal of cow elk from the population in order to get their numbers to the correct management numbers by the elk management plan and by doing so there is off balance to bull elk to cow elk in the field now thus reasoning for the spike hunt.
- Vice Chair John Michael Reese advised that that he agrees with board

member Dan Gilbert on this. He stated that *Pat Cummings* (& *Joe Biologist, NDOW Bennett Jr. (NDOW)*) are here tonight. He asked them both the question if they had knowledge of the results of the meeting of the CAB board members on Monday for White Pines on those spike hunts.

- *Pat Cummings (Biologist NDOW)* he advised he did not know.
- *Joe Bennett Jr. (NDOW)* he advised he was not aware of the recommendations either.
- Vice Chair John Michael Reese advised he had not seen the recommendations as well. He stated that the spike hunt is stretched out for longer period of time and the fact that it is 100 spike tags he is aware that this raised a red flag for board member Dan Gilbert. He stated he knows that incrementally the total is 20 for this season and 20 for that season and 20 going forward to the next season, he asked *Joe Bennett Jr. (NDOW)* his thoughts on what the ultimate goal is in that area and if he had any ideas on this.
- *Joe Bennett Jr. (NDOW)* advised that that NDOW has created some artificially high bull ratios with the aggressive cow harvest. He stated that yearling bulls do not have a high survival rate as do the adult age class bulls do, and there will be some form of morality that will occur regardless in the yearling bulls but it is mainly to control the bull ratio. He stated that by creating artificially high ration there are lots of broken bulls you will visibly see and he would like to mention that most spike hunts statewide, the success rate runs 20% on average and just because there is 100 tags allocated you will probably get around 40 spikes for the entirety of the unit. He advised it was modeled on the projected harvest therefore the bull ratio age class structure stays strong to the even out to the projected future.
- Vice Chair John Michael Reese advised his next question was what was going to be the projected future, he stated when you give a 100 tags out typically you will look to get a 50% success rate, but you advised typically 20% range for spike elk out of that area. He stated he is in favor of this because of the layout being done in the manner that because it is not done all in one season it is spread out.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised he agrees and he wanted to make sure that board member Dan Gilbert's email on his dissenting opinion made it to the record because it was submitted to Chair Paul Dixon as the Chairman.
- Vice Chair John Michael Reese asked *Joe Bennett Jr. (NDOW)* if he thinks that this hunt will be done for multiple years or do you think by

the time the survey count is done this particular hunt will be a past hunt and the quotas will decrease.

- **Joe Bennett Jr. (NDOW)** he advised it that is difficult to answer because it is being used as a management tool at this time in order to decrease the bull ratios and he advised the quotas are modest when you convey the overall population size and recruitments in those areas therefore he feels it will continue over multiple years and used as a management tool until they achieve the desired quota then at this time there will be adjustments.
- Vice Chair John Michael Reese advised that he sees many elk crossing at the location crossing the 93 and coming out of the 1-11 and going back on the other side of the highway. He advised with the current statistics on this he is in favor with this, he understands how suddenly overnight adding 100 tags could set up a red flag but he still is confident in this and the success rate is predicated on weather as well. He advised he will be willing to let this continue for a year and collect additional data on to help see what changes are needed for the following year.
- Public Comments: **Game Warden Lt. Christopher Walthers of the Southern Region**, advised that he received Intel from a Game Warden from the Eastern Region that regarding the spike elk hunt the CAB in that area is in support of this. He stated this is informational.
- Vice Chair John Michael Reese advised that in Area 22 & Area 23, the Game Warden in Lincoln County discussed how last year there were five citations given between those areas on the spike elk hunt and he felt this was not high number. He reiterated that he would like to let this go for another year then see the results and adjust accordingly.
- Public Comments: **Joseph Terry** he wanted to say that he is in support of the spike elk hunt and he feels it is for management purposes and he stated the amount of elk taken may look like a lot but it is actually not. He advised he had this tag in previous years and he did not see an elk while hunting and he stated he does like the opportunity for hunters and also to eliminate some of the male bulls.
- **Vice Chair John Michael Reese advised a motion for CR 21-14 Resident Elk-Any Legal Weapon Hunt 4651(Spike Hunt) accept as presented.**
- **Chair Paul Dixon seconds the motion.**
- **Motion Passes 5-1 with the dissenting opinion from board member who disagrees with the increase in spike hunt tags**

allocated in Area 22 & Area 23 and feels engaging in management tools should be done gradually.

- Chair Paul Dixon advised the next matter for discussion will be Big Horn Sheep.
- **FYI-Big Horn Sheep consists of the following groups: Resident Nelson Desert Bighorn Sheep-Any Ram-Any Legal Weapon Hunt 3151 & Nonresident Nelson Desert Bighorn Sheep-Any Ram-Any Legal Weapon Hunt 3151 & Resident Nelson Desert Bighorn Sheep-Any Ewe-Any Legal Weapon Hunt 3181 & Nonresident Nelson Desert Bighorn Sheep Any Ewe-Any Legal Weapon Hunt 3281 & Resident California Bighorn Sheep Any Ram-Any Legal Weapon Hunt 8151 & Nonresident California Bighorn Sheep Any Ram-Any Legal Weapon Hunt 8251 & Resident California Bighorn Sheep Any Ewe-Any Legal Weapon Hunt 8181 & Resident Rocky Mountain Bighorn Sheep Any-Ram-Any Legal Weapon Hunt 9151 & Resident Mountain Goat-Any Goat Any Legal Weapon Hunt 7151 & Resident Nelson Desert Bighorn Sheep Any Ram-Archery Hunt 3161- Amended.**
- Vice Chair John Michael Reese advised that board member Dan Gilberts comments were as follows: he stated in Area 241 that the desert bighorn sheep depot went from three to five and his second comment was what are they doing going from 32 to 42 rams in the muddies.
- Vice Chair John Michael Reese advised he knows this area well and it needs badly population to bedrock by available habitat. He also stated that it has an inherently low success rate already and he feels it should stay at three for sure on this one. He asked *Pat Cummings (Biologist NDOW)* if he could explain what board member Dan Gilbert was referring to in the last statement asking about going from 32 to 42 rams in the muddies.
- *Pat Cummings (Biologist NDOW)* he advised in 2019 & 2020 have been standard environmental conditions marked by very little rainfall and timing of the rainfall not being good and lack of developing concert seasons and rapid depletion of the water developments and lack of water availability and in some cases death of animals due to water availability. He stated that NDOW realized even in the absence of aerial survey data due to depleted rain conditions and lack of water availability on a scale that has been unsurpassed that there was a need to lower the herd. He stated what is seen now in terms of the department quota recommendation for rams and ewes are real noticeable upticks in our recommendations thus trying to lower this

herd at least in the muddy segment in the muddy black mountain herd.

- Chair Paul Dixon asked Pat Cummings (Biologist NDOW) he asked what is the success rate in this area, is it not close to 100%.
- **Pat Cummings (Biologist NDOW)** advised it is not usual and yes it is quite high,
- Chair Paul Dixon asked the question so we are looking at with ewes taken out maybe 116 animals in that herd.
- **Pat Cummings (Biologist NDOW)** advised that NDOW is hoping that the aggressive ewe quota will result in removal of about 60 total with a hunt success resulting around 70%.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised if add onto the ram tags which tend to be more on the order around 100% with rams due to people get these they tending to be around 90% to 100%, so we are looking to remove about 100 animals from a population that has 700 to 800 animals right now.
- **Pat Cummings (Biologist NDOW)** he advised this total has come down from the population high, this includes 1,000 animals 1,000 adults which includes the muddy mountain segment and black mountain segment. He stated the current estimate of the population as a whole in 2021 is about 900.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised that we are looking at an attempt to do a 10% population reduction that will help with environmental impacts to these animals permanently both range and habitat as well as water.
- Pat Cummings (Biologist NDOW) he advised the challenge is even more and stated that NDOW does know in early fall 2019 with two water developments to the west on the southern end of Muddy Peak having been fully depleted animals died. He advised there was a sheep hunter finding dead sheep to the west. He stated this same ordeal happen again in 2020. NDOW detected dead bighorn sheep at water developments on the south end of Muddy Peak that were dry at end of September. He advised NDOW shifted gears from aerial big horn sheep survey to flying from one water development to the next and from one mountain range to the next. They were landing at different airports completing assessments and where we stood in terms of water availability for most of our bighorn sub herds throughout Southern Lincoln County and Clark County hence painting a bleak picture.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised he can recall this time. He stated there is probably in the muddies area up to 30 to 40 sheep who passed away

around guzzlers that he is aware of.

- Pat Cumming (Biologist NDOW) advised that is constant of what his knowledge learned from guides.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised that the discussion about the muddies was very good, he asked Pat Cummings (Biologist NDOW) what does he know about Unit 241 and why the tag limit is increasing around 60% and adding two more tags going from three to five. He stated he guesses in an area with small population and is not filled to capacity as he is unaware.
- **Joe Bennett Jr. (NDOW)** he advised this year Unit 241 the unit was broken up to include Delmar's to the entire hunt unit. There is more quality rams there. NDOW conducted aerial survey searches in this area and classified 201 sheep, it was a record survey coming in at record 10 hours. He stated based off breakdown from the aerial survey data within the population model, this is why you are seeing this increase. He advised this area goes clear to the highway and that there is more than enough rams to be harvested on the southern portion.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised that he is familiar with this area very well and feels this area is considerable expansion in real estate and is good for the hunters. He stated that he has seen sheep in all these areas.
- Chair Paul Dixon thanked **Joe Bennett Jr. (NDOW)**.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised that CAB board members are getting answers to questions and he believes that if board member Dan Gilbert was present that he would not be in disagreement after the discussion that we just had explain of the reasoning of why numbers are where they are at this point. He advised the ability to translocate sheep out of the muddies translates that this is not done for the factors of disease or cost.
- **Pat Cummings (Biologist NDOW)** he advised that he is glad that he brought up this information up. He advised that NDOW would prefer to translocate ewes rather than harvest ewes in a hunt. He stated NDOW is working with Utah Division of Wildlife Resources to see if NDOW can encourage this agency to issue a formal Letter of Request can get this agency to send issue formal letter to their Director for Desert Bighorn. This letter would come from the muddy mountains provided that muddy mountains would be Mycoplasma open pneumonia free. He advised that NDOW would have to do pre capture sampling work and send these samples too Washington Animal Disease Diagnostics Lavatory for some type of confirmation

that they do not have Mycoplasma open pneumonia. He advised that he had hoped to receive this formal request would go forward and received on the Nevada end prior to the next Commission meeting, so that the Commission could deliberate and determine what to do with the letter of request order from Utah should it go through then balance this information with ram and ewe quotas. He advised that there might be reexamination of these quotas and adjustments in view of agreement (example: to state that NDOW will furnish Utah with sheep).

- Chair Paul Dixon advised asked *Pat Cummings (Biologist NDOW)* what is the likelihood of NDOW receiving the letter of request before Saturday.
- *Pat Cummings (Biologist NDOW)* he advised he had not heard anything on this. He asked Joe Bennett Jr, (NDOW) had he heard anything.
- *Joe Bennett Jr. (NDOW)* advised that he had not heard updates since NDOW's meeting with Utah.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised in the past NDOW has had the ability to translocate sheep and know that you can do so, he advised the only as a management tool now the only option is ewe removal in that area as well as ram herd to slow the population, regrowth and continue to keep the herd size smaller so that they can live within the water supplies available to them.
- *Pat Cummings (Biologist NDOW)* he advised that Chair Paul Dixon's synopsis is correct and stated that most of the Bighorn sheep sub population in Nevada are coping with some type of variant of Mycoplasma open pneumonia. He advised that it's a miracle that Muddy mountain black mountain population has been MOP free, he stated that the herds that surround them are MOP positive. By continuing best management practices, he stated that NDOW can't take healthy sheep and translocate them and release them into population of sheep that could possibly harbor that bacterial pathogen.
- Chair Paul Dixon asked Pat Cummings (Biologist NDOW) if he had any idea because he has knowledge on sheep traveling from Utah into Virgin Valley corner and traveled multiple mountain ranges and have been around during mating season especially big rams and this really surprises him that we do not see them getting MOP with the larger population and with sheep coming in after traveling elsewhere.
- *Pat Cummings (Biologist NDOW)* he advised it really is amazing and

in the last few years with the Lake Mead levels dropping so low and with the majority of the Muddy River and Virgin River is dry with just a trickle of water ways through this area thus giving ability of the burrows to repopulate. He advised by sheep can travel elsewhere and come back and infect the rest of the herd. He advised there was a hunter who seen two groups of sheep that were clinically ill and also a photographer who was able to capture photos showing some ill sheep showing some nasal discharge. He stated that some samples have been obtained in the coming week and these samples were sent to Reno and next To Utah Diagnostic Lavatory and NDOW may learn that their Crown Jewels of Bighorn sheep is now MOP positive. He stated that he is hopeful that what respiratory visuals that were observed by the photographer were due to a different pathogen.

- Vice Chair John Michael Reese advised that if **Pat Cummings (Biologist NDOW)** if he had any idea about the amount gallons of water NDOW flew in under the emergency water drops.
- Pat Cumming advised that Vice Chair John Michael Reese question was not understood because he had trouble due to Vice Chair John Michael Reese having static while broke up what he was saying while speaking.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised to **Pat Cummings (Biologist NDOW)** he wanted to know how much water did you end up using in the muddies for your emergency drop, this is the question that Vice Chair John Michael Reese was attempting to ask you.
- **Pat Cummings (Biologist NDOW)** stated that he would have to answer this question after he looked up the stats on this information and he could have that answer by tomorrow, but he stated that he can confirm that it was definitely on the order of many thousands of gallons of water. He stated the 5 grams gallon drive the water development could hold with a success rate of a draw down rate of at least 200 gallons a day. He stated it has a spec capacity of over 18 gallons, which is 18, 400 gallons. It incorporates a primary system of 5 tanks (IRM Driving Tanks), these do 2200 gallons a piece and next there is a subsystem with 3 tanks with similar specifications. NDOW learned from February 2021 with a water development maintenance flight that if this system that is fully recharged and is 100% full then given the population of sheep in the muddy mountains and the intense drop down rate on that project and the recharge due to monsoon and the intense drop down rate on that project and the recharge due to monsoon season activity in July 2021, the sheep will drink this water source dry by the end of July.

- Chair Paul Dixon advised that he has clear understanding now and know now where the harvest limit for both ewe and ram are coming from.
- Board member Therese Campbell asked the question: NDOW is stating that due to lack of rain the sheep drink those guzzlers dry at an earlier point of the season and the rationale for increasing the quota is too attempt to get lower populations in these areas thus stopping the competition of these sheep for the limited water supply.
- **Pat Cummings (Biologist NDOW)** advised that this is correct to board member Therese Campbell on her synopsis on this subject matter.
- Board member Therese Campbell asked if NDOW is at all concerned that if we may still have a drought, that the population of sheep still might crash and the Ferrell horses and Burro population in this area play a factor of why the water supply is dry.
- **Pat Cummings (Biologist NDOW)** he advised the National Weather Service has advised that these drought conditions will continue through July 2021 and he is not optimistic of the active monsoon season developing. He stated without any doubt he can say that we are now at May 2021 and it is the beginning of the month and looking at our mountain range water resources and assessing where we are in terms of water storage, he can say we are well below where we were this time last year. He stated that NDOW has never been in this situation before and even with the assistance of their emergency bases to help minimize sheep mortality due to dying literally of thirst. He stated this is also causes the grass and shrubs that the sheep eat daily to be depleted with no new growth. He stated that the dry foliage that the animals eat makes the animals thirstier therefore they need water to drink to wash down the foliage and this causes more thirst for the sheep. He advised in regards to the Ferrell horse and Burro, these horses are not in the Muddy mountains they are more so in Bitter Spring Valley and he advised these are not wild horses, simply horses that owners no longer can take care of or do not want any longer and have choose to turn these horses loose in this area. In regards to Burro, there is a sizeable population in Unit 272 and they number about 500, the desert bighorn sheep area is small due to primarily disease and the burro tend to be in areas where the bighorn sheep are not, they are located in areas like around Lake Mead doing damage and damage to the foliage but in lower elevation and these horses tend not to be around water sources that the sheep rely on and they are not in the mountains where the sheep reside, they stay at lower elevation

areas.

- Chair Paul Dixon asked **Pat Cummings (Biologist NDOW)** is anyone caring for the health of the horse herds or is this a management tool for working will **BLM (Bureau of Land Management)** and is this agency moving quickly on these horses to help them. He stated he knows that when they horse herd from Spring Mountain they ended up euthanizing 95% of the horse herd and this was done because of the health conditions.
- **Pat Cummings (Biologist NDOW)** he advised that **BLM (Bureau of Land Management)** that this agency on April 1, 2021 announced the availability of an environmental assessment supporting a plan to gather these horse herds and burros in The Lake Mead complex. This process has not been done since 2007, this is long overdue. He advised that yes the **BLM (Bureau of Land Management)** does have plans for removal of these horse herds *because those horses in Bitter Spring Valley are indeed in bad shape hence BLM (Bureau of Land Management) will need to move quickly and make effective removals.*
- Board member Therese Campbell advised the question to the CAB board members or Pat Cummings (Biologist NDOW) does NDOW replenish the guzzlers, is this done once a year or how often these guzzlers are filled and is the water to fill the guzzlers flown in by helicopter.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised that that the guzzlers are built with an apron that is sized to collect rainfall and this apron is on quarter of an acre or bigger and it has drains and it fills the guzzlers. He stated almost each year up until now there has been enough rain to fill these guzzlers to full capacity. He stated that due to drought this year these guzzlers have not been replenished to full capacity. He advised that Sundance Helicopters and The Fraternity of the Desert Bighorn and NDOW have worked together on this. He stated that The Fraternity of The Desert Bighorn along with NDOW have used their operating funds to hire the helicopter company to load 250,000 gallons of water and put into these guzzlers to replenish them, he stated they do not necessarily have to drop the water directly into the guzzlers, they can drop the water upon the aprons he spoke of which goes into the guzzlers. By using this method there is less of a chance of losing water then attempting to try to do precise drop into the guzzler and losing thousands of gallons. He stated also need to do it on days that there is less wind for safety purposes. He stated this process is definitely costly.
- **Pat Cumming (Biologist NDOW)** advised there has been more updated

he stated that NDOW was doing emergency water hauls last year and through the first week of this year thus causing change in the manner of which this process is done. He stated that NDOW that when they relied on Sundance Helicopters these charter service had limitations with its aircraft performance, and now the new aircraft that NDOW is using he stated that the performance capabilities of the NDOW's new aircraft is very impressive. He advised that before the amount delivered was 90 gallons and this is not a lot and this would have continued to be cost prohibited if they continued to use the services of Sundance helicopters they could not have accomplished anywhere close to what they can now by using their own new two aircrafts they used larger buckets thus delivering on average about 180 gallons per sorting. NDOW incorporated new gear which doesn't drop water directly on the metal aprons, most metal aprons are not designed to drop that quantity of delivery and large amount of water can be lost in this type of delivery. NDOW has updated its equipment to minimize the loss of water and they are very good at doing so.

- Board member Therese Campbell asked again the question that NDOW process to deliver the water to the guzzler sounds complicated and time consuming and labor intensive, how many times NDOW would have to do this process. She advised she is trying to understand, would it take a week, a few days and is the process fill it up then airlift it over to the site then dump it, is it delivered on windy days or is the amount delivered enough for a day worth of water or enough for a week(s). What is the amount the sheep could drink daily?
- **Pat Cummings (Biologist NDOW)** he advised he was attempting to explain that the situation with the sheep, he referenced the five gram water valve it is outlier and the number of sheep that rely on this project for water and the very high drought rate he was letting everyone know that the situation with the environmental condition in the Muddy Mountains with the bighorn sheep resource and limited water availability is the big problem. He stated overall there are less amount of these bighorn sheep that are reliant on just one water source.
- **Joe Bennett Jr. (NDOW)** asked **Pat Cummings (Biologist NDOW)** to quickly explain the amount of water that NDOW is capable of moving daily for board member Therese Campbell.
- **Pat Cummings (Biologist NDOW)** advised that NDOW can move thousands of gallons in a day and it is planned and they are very efficient and logistically but the weak link of the operation sometimes is with 3,000 gallon water trucks, truck can only be done in certain areas due to tires going flat and stuck in sand those types of issues. He stated that NDOW is going get early start from June 2-11, 2021 focus on vocal

areas that need water and they will be working on these areas.

- Public Comments: **Joseph Terry** he stated that he agrees with the recommendation of NDOW with the 2020 quota. He stated he had question about the process and needed clarity in Nelson Bighorn there was an Archery Hunt added and he was curious as to why this was added, was it due to hunters using archery more when hunting or is archery become more popular, and he did not notice this for any other sheep species. He reiterated again that he does agree with the recommendations.
- Pat Cummings (Biologist NDOW) he stated the thought process was because there was a level of demand there for this hunt and the ability to provide more hunter opportunity if they incorporate a different weapon class.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised that the quota for Rocky Mountain Bighorn sheep and Resident Mountain Goat are the same as past years, he asked **Pat Cummings (Biologist NDOW)** if this was indeed correct.
- Pat Cummings (Biologist NDOW) he stated that is correct.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised to s that board member Dave Talaga had to leave the meeting at 7:00 PM therefore the votes will come down to just 5 board members now.
- **Chair Paul Dixon advised motion to approve Resident Bighorn Sheep Hunts 3151, 3251, 3161, 3181, 3281, 8151, 8181, 8251, Resident Mountain Bighorn Sheep 9151 & Resident Mountain Goat hunt 7151 as presented by the department.**
- **Vice Chair John Michael Reese seconds the motion.**
- **Motion Passes 5-0**
- Chair Paul Dixon advised the next item for discussion: Resident Junior Mule Deer-Antlered or Antlerless-Archery, Muzzleloader, or any Legal Weapon Hunt 1107.
- Public Comments; (None)
- Board Comments: (None)
- **Chair Paul Dixon advised motion to Approve Resident Junior Mule Deer Hunt 1107 as presented by the department.**
- **Vice Chair John Michael Reese seconds the motion.**
- **Motion passes 5-0.**
- Chair Paul Dixon advised the next item for discussion: Mule Deer
- Vice Chair John Michael Reese advised he has recommendations that he would like to make so he will go through each group separately.
- Vice Chair John Michael Reese advised on Resident Mule Deer-Antlerless Any Legal Weapon Hunt-1181. He stated that he is opposed to any doe hunts. He stated he will be voting no on this issue. They do

have reduction on this in Area 6, in this area there has been a hard push for tag allocations are proposing 765 tags as opposed to last year total was 1,045 tags.

- Board member Therese Campbell advised she wanted to know Vice Chair John Michael Reese comments on the doe hunt, are you opposed of mule deer hunting of the doe just in the one area or in general.
- Vice Chair John Michael Reese advised that statewide there are not many doe hunts when we have 260,000 in our peak he was not opposed to doe hunting but now the number is down to 84,000 and with the number being this low he would much rather see translocation instead. He reiterated that he is opposed to doe hunt in the current situation they are in right now.
- Board member Jacob Thompson asked what specific area Vice Chair John Michael Reese is referring to.
- Vice Chair John Michael Reese advised it is Area 6 & Area 7. The Jr. Youth are allowed to hunt doe, he would like to see the youth have the opportunity to doe hunt. He stated everyone else is attempting to harvest a Buick and when they cannot they generally will take a doe.
- Board member Jacob Thompson asked Vice Chair John Michael Reese that doe hunting in Unit 6 it states they are observed to ratio of up to 100 doe in the Upper Management Guidelines, he understands about as stated translocation being a preferable option but as advised by Chair John Michael Reese this option is not deemed successful. He asked the question is there no rationale to harvest doe but still have the ability to bring this total back to the natural balance it was previously.
- Vice Chair John Michael Reese advised yes and no. He asked Joe Bennett Jr (NDOW) if he had knowledge if the totals were from them flying over the area or is it from the model.
- Joe Bennett Jr. (NDOW) advised the model was used.
- Vice Chair John Michael Reese advised that the model is based on trends, historically Area 22 they were in past taking out 800 does today the number is very dismal and he feels once it is lost it is hard to come back to the previous numbers. He stated he would rather save the doe then to take them out with the hunt.
- Public Comments: **Joseph Terry** he agrees with the recommendations and believes if there was a concern then NDOW would recommend drop in tags or just no tags, therefore he stated he feels comfortable with the recommendations.
- Chair Paul Dixon asked **Joe Bennett Jr. (NDOW)** question if the doe removal due to buck to doe ratio being out of sort.
- **Joe Bennett Jr. (NDOW)** he advised that the state of Nevada is conservative when it comes to buck to doe ratio, he stated that it goes by

management objectives, NDOW manages for 33 bucks per 100 doe per season. He stated this is where the 33 ratio is coming from this indicated to NDOW how many bucks can be removed from the population to get to the 30 bucks per 100 doe ratio. He stated that the drought concerns and fire concerns, leads to some level of morality each year regardless.

- Chair Paul Dixon advised that it comes down to caring capacity and if no doe removal then the potential is there to have great mortality during migration season or winter season due to poor body mass.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised that does are great indication of the herd's health, whether the does are lactating or not. He asked if there is any studies planned or on the books for any of the doe hunts where we will be analyzing these animals, because we have a unique opportunity to see about their health since by doing so since we will be harvesting them.
- **Joe Bennett Jr. (NDOW)** he advised he is not aware of any specific studies but there has been yearly captured in Areas 6, 7, 10 of the doe to do more of a metric measure with body condition scoring and take measurements of the doe. He stated they have quite bit of data they already have that they can reference and that assists when they capture these animals in the winter and early spring months when they go into their poor spotty conditions. He stated that fawn recruitments are their main indicator and over the winter fawn loss from our aerial survey data reflected with either drought conditions or heavy winter will show in those ratios.
- Vice Chair John Michael Reese advised he did analysis of Area 10: last season when you combine all the seasons in the areas and Area 10 together from all legal weapons for a total of 1,540 tags issued, out of this total only 326 deer where harvested for a 21% success rate, in archery there was 465 tags issued and only 60 bucks were taken out making it only 12.9% success rate, muzzleloaders were the highest with 79 tags and 22 bucks taken out with a success rate of 29%. He stated if you combine all three of categories then you see that there were 2,800 more tags issued and 408 deer harvested for 19% success rate. He stated that he would like to say on record that the deer they claim are there are not there, it would not benefit to continue taking out does especially in Area 10. He advised the numbers do not add up.
- **Chair Paul Dixon advised a motion to approve Hunt 1181 Resident Mule Deer-Antlerless Any Legal Weapon Hunt as presented by the Department.**
- **Board member Jacob Thompson seconds the motion.**
- **Motion Passes 3-2 split decision, the dissenting is due to the fact that there is less than 20% success rate in Area 10 with a proposal to**

take out 160 doe is ludicrous and not a solution to grow the population.

- Chair Paul Dixon advised the next matter: Resident and Nonresident Mule Deer- Antlered Any Legal Weapon Hunt Resident 1331
- Vice Chair John Michael Reese he stated in Area 7 Early Area (091) October 5- October 20, 2021 with a recommendation 850 which is the same as last year, he stated he feels it should be closer to 650. He stated in the late area (Area 071-079) it was dropped a little from last year from 220 to 200 and he feels it should be 150 instead. He stated in Area 10 there are three seasons (early, middle, late) combining those three last year there were 1540 tags issued and this year it is 1550 tags. He stated that last year they only took out 325 tags they need to either state the success rate was not good therefore there were tags left over or success rate is full because there were no deer to be found. He stated he cannot see giving out 1850 tags with having a 30 year decline and Area 10 is supposed to be prime area. He stated in Area 10 he would love to see the tags drop from 850 to 600 and 150 to 75.
- Vice Chair John Michael Reese advised that two years ago the mule deer population was at estimated 92,000 now it is at 84,000.
- Vice Chair John Michael Reese advised that the Mule Deer Enhancement Program was started to prioritize what are the limiting factors for the mule deer and he believes the limiting factor for the mule deer right now is the high quotas. He advised that in Area 22 he would love to see Area 221 & Area 223 reduced from 220 to 200 tags and to see the middle area go from 130 to 100 tags, and the late area go from 20 to 15 tags. He advised during the rifle season the tags were not cut back a lot they went from 8174 to 8083 tags.
- Vice Chair John Michael Reese advised that he took the success rate of all of these areas: Area 10, Area 111, Area 13, Area 221, Area 231, Area 242 and combined all of these areas to find what the actual success rate was and the success rate was 28.9%. He stated that Area 10 was the area that took the success rate down the most yet they are attempting to raise the quota and he stated this is appalling instead of lowering the quota. He stated typically statewide even though we have had harsh summers the success rate is generally around 52% to 48% and sometimes higher. He stated the only area that was above 50% was Area 24 and they were only giving out 115 tags in this area. He stated that all of these areas are below par of what should be produced in these areas. He advised he is proposing a reduction then what was approved by the department's findings.
- Board member Molly DiBlasi stated that she understood what Vice Chair John Michael Reese was saying and how he always states that the

deer mule is on a constant decline (her signal was lost).

- Vice Chair John Michael Reese stated we have not had a update in quite a few years and we as responsible sportsmen need to say how can we grow the populations more, and he stated we have no control over habitat or weather that much and there has been a lot of restoration completed in prior and there was some receding in staff and it is not as if the responsible sportsmen are not attempting to take actions to help this issue he is stating that what actions have been taken are not working. He stated we need to do something drastic actions about this situation and cut the tags back. He stated that would be cutting the opportunities back for hunting and he understands that last year there were 349,000 people who put in applications for Big Game tags. He stated that the demand is there but he feels the product is not.
- Board member Molly DiBlasi stated she hates for the tags to be cut but she also wants the deer population to grow.
- Board member Therese Campbell stated she agrees with Vice Chair John Michael Reese and that if the mule deer population is decreasing then it would stand to reason that a mitigating factor or attempt to mitigate the declining population would include a deduction in the activity of the hunters temporarily along with some actions taken by NDOW. This is the reason she agrees with Vice Chair John Michael Reese.
- Board member Jacob Thompson stated that he feels Vice Chair John Michael Reese makes great points and he would also back the assessment of NDOW in regards of what the bag tag limits should be. He stated that in the end he is backing NDOW on that the numbers should be and it is based on science therefore we trust their method and their numbers presented.
- **Vice Chair John Michael Reese advised a motion for Resident Mule Deer Antlered Any Legal Weapon Hunt Resident 1331 accept the recommendations of the department with the exception of Area 071-079, Area 10, Area 22 with the quota reductions for these areas given by Vice Chair John Michael Reese recommended in these areas as presented.**
- Secretary Darlene Kretunski asked Chair she just received a message asking to have public comment at this time.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised he retracts the previous motion given and will hold this motion in abeyance at this time will take Public Comment by Mr. Joseph Terry at this time and apologized for missing his comment previously.
- Public Comment: *Joseph Terry* he stated that he agrees with NDOW's science and recommendations as well as agreeing with board member

Jacob Thompson that we should trust their recommendations are as well as asking them insight of why they have recommendation on these numbers. He state if the herds are in such a regressed number as indicated by Vice Chair John Michael Reese.

- **Vice Chair John Michael Reese advised a motion for Resident Mule Deer Antlered Any Legal Weapon Hunt Resident 1331 accept the recommendations of the department with the exception of Area 071-079, Area 10, Area 22 with the quotas reductions for these areas given by Vice Chair John Michael Reese recommended in these areas as presented.**
- **Board member Therese Campbell seconds the motion.**
- **Motion Passes 5-0.**
- Vice Chair John Michael Reese stated that the next matter for discussion: Resident Mule Deer-Antlered Muzzleloader Hunt 1331.
- Vice Chair John Michael Reese advised that Area 7 and Area 10 stayed the same and the success rate was mediocre. He stated that he has no issues with the 80 tags they advised since the muzzleloader was the most successful of all the hunts. He advised it is down to 29% he projects that they will probably take out 35 deer in this area, he stated they are not been taken out by the hundreds therefore he is comfortable with this recommendation. He sees no red flags or issues, last year there were 745 tags and this year they propose 700.
- Vice Chair John Michael Reese advised the next matter for discussion: Resident Mule Deer Antlered-Archery Hunt 1331.
- Vice Chair John Michael Reese advised that this is archery tag and he understands the talk about why so many tags and giving sportsmen the opportunities but there were sixty deer's harvested out of 540 with a 12% success rate. He stated the archery hunt last year in Area 10 there were 60 deer's harvested out of 540, with 12% success rate. He gave example by stating even if it was success rate of 10% if the proposal was for 500 then that would only be taking out 50 deer. He stated he feels the tags are being sold for the purpose of revenue and no other reason but due to the fact that the success rate is low. He stated that the species really is not there for to be harvested.
- Vice Chair John Michael Reese advised that in Area 22 it was lowered down to 65. He stated in archery the total went from 28000 to 2593. He stated that archery has a low success rate anyway.
- Vice Chair John Michael Reese advised for Nonresident Mule Deer Antlered-Archery Hunt 1332 & Nonresident Mule Deer-Antlered Muzzleloader Hunt 1331 he stated he is in favor of both and has no issues.
- Public Comments: (None)

- **Vice Chair John Michael Reese advised a motion to approve the department recommendation of CR 21-14 Resident and Nonresident Mule Deer-Any Legal Weapon Hunt 1331 and 1332, Resident and Nonresident Mule Deer-Antlered Muzzleloader Hunt 1331 and 1332, Nonresident Mule Deer Antlered-Archery Hunt 1332.**
- **Board member Molly DiBlasi seconds the motion.**
- **Motion Passes 5-0.**

D) Commission Regulation 21-04, Amendment #1, 2021 Black Bear Seasons (For Possible Action) The CCABMW Board will review, discuss and make recommendations to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissions about adopting the 2021 hunting season dates, open management units, hunting hours, special regulations, animals sex, legal requirements, hunt boundary restrictions, and dates and times for indoctrination courses for black bear.

- Chair Paul Dixon introduced this topic.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised that the department recommendation is as follows: Resident- 45 tags, Nonresident-5 tags for 2021 black bear season and their recommendation has not changed since 2017. The department has recommended total harvest of 20 bears with the same harvest limit since 2020 combine with six bears from unit 192, 184 195, 192 with female limit of 3 with a combine total of 6 bears from units 201, 202, 204, 206 with a limit of 2 and a combine limit of eight bears for units 291, 203 with the female limit of 3.
- Vice Chair John Michael Reese advised that we had already discussed this matter and voted on this.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised he has the dissenting opinion from board member Therese Campbell.

E) Setting CY21 and CY22 CCABMW meeting dates (For Possible Action) The CCABMW Board will establish their CY21- CY22 meeting dates.

- Chair Paul Dixon introduced this topic.
- Chair Paul Dixon asked Secretary Darlene Kretunski if we can had meeting dates from NDOW for the rest of 2021 going into the next year 2022 or do we need to approve for you to set up Tuesday meetings as they become available to you.
- Secretary Darlene Kretunski advised she does not have any information yet, it is not listed. She advised she could try to get it so it can be voted on at the next meeting.

- Chair Paul Dixon asked if she could find it for the next meeting.
- Secretary Darlene Kretunski advised the Commission will discuss those dates for 2022 at their next Commission meeting.
- Secretary Darlene Kretunski advised that the Commissioners will discuss the dates in their meeting on Friday, March 19, 2021.
- Vice Chair John Michael Reese asked Chair Paul Dixon if we could table this since we had no information on this matter to vote on it.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised that this matter should be tabled and discussed at the next CAB meeting on June 22, 2021.
- **Chair Paul Dixon advised that this item is hereby closed.**

X. *Comments by the General Public-A period devoted to comments by the general public about matters relevant to CCABMW's jurisdiction will be held. No vote be taken on a matter not listed on posted Agenda. Comments will be limited to three (3) minutes. If any member of the CCABMW wishes to extend the length of a presentation, this will be done by the Chair or the CCABMW by majority vote.*

- Chair Paul Dixon introduced this topic.
- Public Comments: ***Game Warden Lt. Christopher Walthers of the Southern Region*** advised that he would like to discuss the doe issue from the benefit of law enforcement, we get a number of hunters each season who self-report shooting a doe with a antler tag, one benefit for the doe hunt from the prospective of law enforcement would be eliminating the issue for the hunter. He advised this doesn't account for those individuals who shoot the doe with the antler tag and never report this. He advised this may assist with issues regarding wrong physical characteristics, wrong sex on a hunt and in these instances citations are issued where they self- report and the animal is seized but the hunter still has the ability to go out and shot the proper animal because we do not take their tags. He advised he just wanted to share this from law enforcement view to you as a Commission level and to let you know that law enforcement does support the doe hunt. He thanked the CAB.
- Chair Paul Dixon
- Public Comments: ***Joseph Terry*** advised if ***Game Warden Lt. Christopher Walters of the Southern Region*** to take to the Commission to make them aware of the conversation about all the deer tags and the numbers that Vice Chair John Michael Reese wanted to lower some of those numbers, he advised he just wanted insight to ask NDOW recommended the numbers they did. He thanked the CAB.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised he will ask these questions at the next board

meeting. He advised to the public that these meetings are virtual and they can dial in and listen to the meeting as well. He advised on Saturday will dealing with the discussion of The Big Game Quota will take place in the morning, and if you call in the afternoon, he advised that they will probably be discussing the mule deer portion and he stated he will bring back the results in the next CAB board meeting.

- Vice Chair John Micheal Reese advised that the public can also comment at the State Wildlife Commission and email any questions they may have and the board will receive an email back.
- Chair Paul Dixon went and ask the public who were attending did they have any input that they wanted to discuss at this time (Ron stoker, Jana wright, Ron Gardena)
- Pat Cummings (Biologist NDOW) he advised that NDOW has information produced annually so whatever unit that you have interest in they need to consult The Big Game Status Trend book go to the unit you are interested in and read the report, it contains three general sections and for each Big Game a passage that talks about aerial survey data and you can see what the distribution of the animals were and a section on habitat detailing what is occurring in that area. The other section goes into population and trend of the herd

XI. *Authorize the Chair Paul Dixon to prepare and submit any recommendations from today's meeting to the Wildlife Commission for its consideration at its March 19, 2021 & March 20, 2021 virtual meeting (For Possible Action)*

- Chair Paul Dixon introduced this topic.
- Public Comments: (None)
- Board Comment: (None)
- Chair Paul Dixon advised motion for Chair Paul Dixon to attend the meeting and submit recommendations from tonight's meeting to the Wildlife Commission meeting.
- Vice Chair John Michael Reese seconds the motion.
- **Motion Passes 5-0**

XII. *The Next Advisory Board meeting is scheduled for June 22, 2021 (Teleconference) Las Vegas, Nevada. This meeting will be in support of the June 25, 2021 & June 26, 2021 Commission meeting scheduled to be in Winnemucca, Nevada.*

- **Chair Paul Dixon introduced this topic.**
- **Chair Paul Dixon urged other CABMW board members to attend as well if they have the opportunity to do so.**

- **Public Comments: (None)**
- **Board Comments: (None)**
- **Chair Paul Dixon advised this item is hereby closed.**

I. Adjournment

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