

**CABMW Recommendations for the August 2021 Wildlife Commission Meeting**  
(Month/year)

**Lincoln County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife meeting results**

**Submitted by Chairman: Cory Lytle**

To the Wildlife Commission, c/o Executive Assistant to Director Brandy D. Arroyo [bdarroyo@ndow.org](mailto:bdarroyo@ndow.org)

**CABMW Members Present:** C. Lytle, D. Bradfield, G. Rowe, J. Condie, J. Tibbetts **NDOW:** J. Anderson, D. Sallee, A. Coonin

**Others in Attendance:** K. Teel, M. Holt, T. Brown, M. Dwire

**Commission Agenda Action Items**

**1) Agenda item : CGR 489, NAC 503.172 Shed Antler Season NAC 501.200 Demerits**

**Recommendation**

In Support X In Opposition \_\_\_\_\_ See comment below X

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

**The Lincoln CAB supports the regulation change relevant to the increase in demerits. However, we support a closure period of January 1 -April 15. Then a period of requiring the proof of online course April 16 -June 30.**

**While there is appreciation for the regulation and the progress made since this issue was first addressed several years ago, there are some challenges in terms of enforcement and adherence by the general public. Over the past few years, it has been recognized by many that “generally,” the majority of antler hunters adhere to the restriction during the months of February and March. However, April tends to be a challenge in that the weather is warmer, days are longer and more family-oriented trips into the outdoors occur. The April 15 date could potentially assist with challenges of enforcement and allow those experiencing the outdoors to gather sheds 2 weeks earlier. It is understood that certain resource concerns (sage grouse, soil moisture, etc.) were a factor for the April 30 date. The April 15 date might provide a better balance in protecting the wintering herds while also reducing common violations and illegal gathering. It is also understood and supported that information provided in the ethics course might further assist with public acceptance, awareness and education.**

**The Lincoln CAB strongly recommends that a larger discussion ensue regarding the definition of Shed Antlers and their respective “value” as a wildlife resource. There has been a drastic change over the past several years as it relates to shed hunting. Once, an enjoyable pastime for most, shed hunting has now evolved into a significant business and time spent in the field by those hunting shed antlers has increased exponentially. Non-resident shed hunters make up a large percentage of those hunting and capitalizing on “Nevada” sheds. Ideas on how to manage this growing activity and the impacts it brings have varied. The Lincoln CAB continues to recommend regulation requiring possession of a valid hunting license along with the ethics course and calendar restriction for those hunting sheds. Perhaps stronger, more finite language is also needed as it relates to**

assisting law enforcement with technical issues. Discussion has even compared shed antlers to a valuable wildlife resource, similar to “Fur-Bearing Mammals,” which are offered certain protections and are illegal for non-residents to harvest. Furbearers also require a separate fee and license directed to management of those species.

The primary goal with the regulation is, of course, limiting the amount of disturbance and impacts to wintering wildlife. While the regulation provides a level of betterment to our wildlife, we feel there is room for much needed improvement.

2) **Agenda item : CR 21-04, Amendment #2 2021 Black Bear Seasons-**

**Recommendation**

In Support  X  In Opposition \_\_\_\_\_ See comment below  X

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

3) **Agenda item : CR 20-12, Amendment #2, 2021-2022 Upland Game and Furbearer Season and Bag limits**

**Recommendation**

In Support \_\_\_ In Opposition \_\_\_\_\_ See comment below  X

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

**No Action.**

4) **Agenda item : Wildlife Contests**

**Recommendation**

In Support \_\_\_ In Opposition \_\_\_\_\_ See comment below  X

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

**The Lincoln CAB opposes any regulation that would attempt to limit or outlaw any type of wildlife contest.**

5) **Agenda item : Mule Deer Enhancement**

**Recommendation**

In Support \_\_\_ In Opposition \_\_\_\_\_ See comment below  X

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

**Updates regarding a possible field trip were discussed by members and NDOW staff and no action.**