

# Washoe County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife

**Wednesday ~ June 17, 2020 ~ 6:00 p.m.  
Teleconference Meeting**

## **MEMBERS**

Steven Robinson, Chair  
Arnold Pitts, Vice-chair  
Anthony DoMoe  
Ray Kabisch  
Jim Rhea

**1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** [Non-action item]

Chair Robinson led the Pledge of Alligance.

**2. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL** [Non-action item]

Chair Robinson called the meeting to order at 6:11 p.m. A quorum was established.

**PRESENT:** Anthony DoMoe, Arnie Pitts, Jim Rhea and Steve Robinson.

**ABSENT:** Ray Kabisch.

Wade Carner – Deputy District Attorney, was also present.

**3. PUBLIC COMMENTS** [Non-action item]

There were no public comments.

**4. APPROVAL OF APRIL 29, 2020, MINUTES** [For possible action]

Chair Robinson hearing no public or Board comment asked for a motion.

***It was moved by Chair Robinson, seconded by Member DoMoe, to approve the April 29, 2020, minutes as written. The motion carried with Member Kabisch absent.***

**5. BOARD MEMBER MEETING ASSIGNMENT** [Non-action item] - Discussion and determination of member(s) to attend the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners meetings on: 1) June 26 and 27, 2020, in Yerington, Nevada.

Chair Robinson will attend both meetings with Members Pitts and Rhea possibly attending.

**6. COMMITTEE, MEMBER AND LIAISON UPDATES** [Non-action items]

6-1) Correspondence (including sportsmen's concerns) and Announcements – None.

6-2) Overview of the May 1 and 2, 2020, meetings of the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners – Chair Robinson commented that the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners had approved all recommendations made by the Washoe County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife. Concerns were expressed during that meeting included boat launching at Lake Tahoe during holidays such as Thanksgiving and New Year's due to state closure.

Member Pitts noted that boat inspections had resumed.

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7. **Commission General Regulation 490, Party Bonus Points and First Come First Serve, LCB File No. 103-19 [For Possible Action]** - A review, discussion and possible action to recommend that the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners approve, deny or otherwise modify a proposed regulation relating to amending Chapter 502 of the Nevada Administrative Code (NAC). This regulation would allow children under 12 to purchase a bonus point if they turn 12 before the first day of the last season for that species. The regulation also addresses bonus points for sportsmen who apply as a party. Lastly, the regulation would allow a first-come-first-serve opportunity for returned tags that miss the 14-day deadline.

Chair Robinson opened the agenda item and outlined the intent and what is allowed.

There was no presentation.

Member Rhea commented that he had no issues with the proposal,

Chair Robinson explained that he believes this is a step in the right direction although the language is a bit cumbersome.

Member Pitts noted that he liked the idea that kids are able to get Bonus Points,

Hearing no public comment Chair Robinson asked for a motion,

***It was moved by Member Pitts, seconded by Chair Robinson, to recommend that the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners approve the proposed regulation relating to amending Chapter 502 of the Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) as written 103-09. The motion carried with Member Kabisch absent.***

8. **Commission General Regulation 491, Notification of Draw Results [For Possible Action]** - A review, discussion and possible action to recommend that the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners approve, deny or otherwise modify a regulation amending Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) NAC 502.4208 relating to providing notification of draw results to clients who have opted out of having their results made public.

Chair Robinson opened the item and outlined the request to amend NAC 502.4208.

Member Pitts commented that this appears to be a “house-keeping idea”.

Chair Robinson noted his appreciation on how it was done this year.

Hearing no public comment Chair Robinson asked for a motion.

***It was moved by Member Pitts, seconded by Member DoMoe, to recommend that the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners approve Commission General Regulation 491, Notification of Draw Results as written. The motion carried with Member Kabisch absent.***

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9. **Commission General Regulation 492, Thermal Imaging Optics [For Possible Action]** - A review, discussion and possible action to recommend that the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners approve, deny or otherwise modify a regulation to consider amending Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) 503 and NAC 503.1485 relating to wildlife; prohibiting the use of certain night-vision equipment and devices for locating, hunting and taking game mammals and game birds; revising the definition of “trail camera or similar device”; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Chair Robinson opened the agenda item and provided a brief overview noting that as technology continues to evolve there is equipment capable of doing things that were not in the fair chase arena that some would debate. However, there are some that would debate that and that there is not anything that we could consider with regard to law enforcement and not able to speak to.

During the discussion it was explained that the hours that scopes can be used are set in statute. Other discussion noted that shooting was not allowed in the middle of the night and that the issue may be the hunting of deer using a scope. For example a Game Warden could happen upon a hunter that could indicate they were hunting a lion which is legal. Other discussion pointed out that it is not typically effective to attempt poaching at 2:00 a.m. and that as soon as light reflects on rocks the imager is rendered useless. As the discussion continued, it was noted that a thermal imager does not work that well and would be impractical in most instances.

Chair Robinson opened public comment.

Rex Flowers commented that he is okay with the part on trail cameras and what makes that definition. However the first part on thermal imaging needs to address concerns that are real. What is needed is not more regulation but rather legislation that requires NDOW to spend more time managing wildlife than people.

Mel Belding concurred with Mr. Flowers and his concern about a person having a tag that wanted to hunt coyotes that may be illegal in some counties with a 204 caliber with a thermal imaging. Mr. Belding commented that regulations should be focused on managing game and wildlife in the state with an effort to bring critters back not legislation than might have this technology.

Chair Robinson closed public comment.

Member Domoe commented that Mr. Belding made a good point and the way the regulation is written limits flexibility.

Chair Robinson concurred and noted that this may result in sportsmen rights being infringed on.

Member Rhea stated he was also against the regulation.

***It was moved by Member Domoe, seconded by Chair Robinson, to recommend that the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners deny Commission General Regulation 492, Thermal Imaging Optics, as written. The motion carried with Member Kabisch absent.***

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- 10. Mandatory Indoctrination/Seminar for Bighorn Ram Tag Holders [For Possible Action] -**  
A review, discussion and possible action to recommend that the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners approve, deny or otherwise modify a presentation on mandatory indoctrination/ seminar for bighorn ram tag holders.

Chair Robinson opened the agenda item.

Mike Scott – NDOW, provided an overview of the proposed mandatory Indoctrination/Seminar for Bighorn Ram Tag Holders that had went away and then moved to a voluntary status. The intent is based on a request by a member of the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners to address the issue by implementing either a webinar online or some other process. The webinar is intended to make it so that non-residents do not have to come to Reno to attend a seminar by doing it on-line. Thus assuring that individuals are educated on disease and other issues as well as information on how to identify and report on coughing sheep and know the difference between older and younger rams.

Member Pitts believes that having a mandatory program is important so that individuals are able to differentiate the age class and size of animals and disease.

Responding to Chair Robinson's inquiry about how the length of the course being considered, Mr. Scott explained that he believes it will most likely take several hours so that individuals can see the horn configurations and understand the exceptions. Additionally, the class will not allow participants to use their own optics to educate them and perhaps give an individual more confidence in determining the age of the animal as in the current class. Additionally Mr. Scott believes that hiring a guide might be sufficient to satisfy the seminar requirement.

Member Rhea commented that it appears that this can accomplish a lot in terms of notification of coughing sheep, etc. However, Member Rhea would like to know what the costs might be incurred so he is unsure how to proceed.

Chair opened public comments

Mel Belding honestly thinks this was one of the bright spots to have mandatory indoctrination in the past with maybe the biggest hassle being complaints from biologists who were responsible to give the tags after indoctrination. Mr. Belding believes that ewes are 100 times more important in the ram hunt and hunters were trained to know the difference. Mr. Belding noted that his first training occurred in 1977 and that he had even traveled to Las Vegas (Nevada) for training. Mr. Belding pointed out that a number of questions are covered during the training and that it is important to know what a 6-year old ram is. Therefore, Mr. Belding believes the training should be mandatory.

Rex Flowers noted that he is "on the fence". Mr. Flowers recalled taking the course in the early 1990's and noted that there is a book *Hunting The Desert Ram* that also gives insight in an understandable format. Additionally, Mr. Flowers believes that there is something to be said for having an in-person seminar for interaction with others.

Chair Robinson closed public comments.

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Member Rhea commented that most likely someone coming from Spain would most likely use a guide and questioned if there is a cost associated with taking the course.

Mr. Scott recalled that he had not drawn a tag in about ten years and that he had taught for 15 years before he finally drew a tag. Additionally, Mr. Scott had to sit through a class in Las Vegas (Nevada) even though he was an instructor. Not all of the details have been worked out.

Chair Robinson stated that he likes the idea but does not want to make it mandatory. Therefore, he is more in favor of a voluntary online course which would need to be fleshed out to show what all will be involved.

Member Pitts commented that he believes additional information is needed and that he is not sure he likes the online process.

***It was moved by Member Pitts, seconded by Member Rhea, to recommend that the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners seek further review before moving forward with Mandatory Indoctrination/Seminar for Bighorn Ram Tag Holders requirement.***

Chair Robinson questioned if the motion is intended to accept the proposal as written or to require additional review.

Member Pitts clarified that the intent is to require additional review before moving forward.

***The motion carried with Member Kabisch absent.***

**11. Commission Regulation 20-04 Amendment #1, Heritage Tag Vendor Proposals [For Possible Action]** - A review, discussion and possible action to recommend that the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners approve, deny or otherwise modify the Wildlife Heritage Committee's recommendations regarding Heritage Tag Vendor proposals for Fiscal Year 2021 and may take action on the proposals.

Chair Robinson opened the agenda item.

Mike Scott – NDOW, stated that he had no comments on the item.

Chair Robinson opened public comments

Rex Flowers suggested a change to Prong Horn Antelope by taking one tag from Wild Sheep and giving it to the Fallon NBU who has been asking to get back into the tag game as they have an event that is growing annually and the antelope tag used to go to the Lovelock Chukars.

Mel Belding concurred with Mr. Flowers noting that NBU Fallon over the past few years has made a good impression. Mr. Belding believes that they should be considered first before any national or out of state organization is considered and should be awarded the Pronghorn Heritage Tag.

Chair Robinson closed public comment.

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***It was moved by Member Pitts, seconded by Member Rhea, to recommend that the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners approve Commission Regulation 20-04 Amendment #1, Heritage Tag Vendor Proposals with the following modification to change Pronghorn from Wild Sheep Foundation to NBU - Fallon. The motion carried with member Kabisch absent.***

**12. Fiscal Year 2021 Heritage Project Proposals [For Possible Action]** - A review, discussion and possible action to recommend that the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners approve, deny or otherwise modify a proposal of up to \$1,268,276.61 for projects submitted for FY 2021 funding from the Wildlife Heritage account: 1) Bighorn Sheep and Mountain Goat Capture, Transplant and Monitoring; 3) Project #20-01 (\$68,900); Rocky Mountain Elk Population Monitoring and Harvest Validation; 4) Project #21-02 (\$61,000); Marlette Lake Broodstock Facilities/Passage Improvement Project, Phase 2 – Project #21-03 (\$100,000) 5) Wildfire Related Restoration and Seed Purchase – Project #21-04 (\$100,000); 6) Desert Creek Conservation Easement – Project #21-05 (\$100,000); 7) Middle Rock Creek Habitat Improvement – Project #21-06 (\$125,000); 8) Continued Monitoring of Moose Expansion in Nevada; 9) Project #21-07 (\$20,000); 10) Snake Range Aspen Habitat Restoration – Project #21-08 (\$30,000); 11) Toano Mountain Restoration – Project #21-09 (\$66,000) 12) Egan and Johnson Basin Restoration – Project #21-10 (\$75,000); 12) Area 10 Mule Deer Migration Corridor Habitat Enhancement; 13) Project #21-11 (\$50,000) Toiyabe PMU (Bates, Hickison, and Wolf Ranches) Pinyon Juniper Thinning; 14) Project # 21-12 (\$75,000); SE Schell Habitat Enhancement; 14) Project # 21-13 (\$75,000); 15) Enhancement of Crucial Habitat for Antelope and Mule Deer in Washoe County, Nevada; 16) Project # 21-14 (\$100,000); A New Population Model for Antelope to Improve Accuracy, Identify Limiting Factors, and Improve Management Decisions – Project #21-15 (\$37,500); 17) Investigating Potential Limiting Factors Impacting Mule Deer in Northwest Nevada – Project #21-16 (\$65,000); 18) East Walker River Fish Habitat Enhancement – Project #21-17 (\$11,191); 19) The Interaction Between Restoration, Foraging Ecology, and Mating Behavior in Greater Sage-grouse; Project #21-18 (\$65,855) Survey and Maintenance of Existing Big Game Water Developments; Project #21-19 (\$36,000) Diet Quality and Composition of Mule Deer in the Toiyabe Mountains Following Removal of Pinyon-Juniper – Project # 21-20 (\$32,000) Cave Valley Collaboration – Project #21-21 (\$50,000); Dissemination of Results from Delineation of Lambing Habitat, Population demographics, Resource Selection, and Movement Patterns of Desert Bighorn Sheep – Project #21-22 (\$46,000)

Mike Scott – NDOW, noted that this is an ongoing proCESS and that the Heritage Tag Committee had approved all projects listed this year.

Chair Robinson commented that while the images are all quite nice HE QUESTIONED why Google Earth was not used. It appears that the same information can be obtained using the free resource.

Mike Scott – NDOW stated that he could not speak to that as he believes they want to see more refined photos of animals being chosen. Mr. Scott noted that the Heritage Committee had already recommended approval of the request.

Chair Robinson opened public comment.

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Mel Belding noted that the sooner this particular adventure by NDOW and UNR is forgotten the better. The intent is not to pay someone wages to take care of this but to fund a study and a proposal last year for another part of this same study was shot down by the NBWC. Mr. Belding recalled that this was a horrible event and asked that the board recommend that it be declined.

Rex Flowers commented that he had attended the Heritage Committee meeting and all were approved other than the fencing on private property with funds. The Project 21-22 was not discussed but this project is to secure further funding for the short falls of an associated earlier project. This project is merely to give financial aid to an individual and should be denied.

Chair Robinson noted that the public did not agree with the proposal.

***It was moved by Chair Robinson, seconded by Member DoMoe to recommend that the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners approve Fiscal Year 2021 Heritage Project Proposals with the exception of 21-22. The motion carried: with Member Kabisch absent.***

**13. Duck Stamp Request [For Possible Action]** - A review, discussion and possible action to recommend that the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners approve, deny or otherwise modify a proposal to approve up to \$50,100 for projects submitted for FY 2021 funding from the Duck Stamp account. The specific Duck Stamp projects that may be approved: Ducks Unlimited Wetlands Conservation Support (\$10,000); Eastern WMA Complex Weed Control (\$10,000); Key Pittman WMA Wildlife Food Plots (\$2,600); Ducks Unlimited Wetland Enhancement Support at Mason Valley WMA (\$5,000); Mason Valley WMA Habitat Improvements (\$10,000); and Mason Valley WMA Water Control Structure Replacement (\$12,500)

Chair Robinson opened the agenda item and outlined the main items.

Mike Scott – NDOW, stated he was unfamiliar with the Duck Stamp Request.

Chair Robinson commented that he believes both the Duck Stamp and the Upland Game Stamp Programs are fantastic and that the background information is top-notch showing where the money is going and what the money is funding.

There were no public comments.

***It was moved by Chair Robinson, seconded by Member Pitts, to recommend that the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners approve the Duck Stamp Request as written. The motion carried: with Member Kabisch absent.***

**14. Commission Regulation 20-12, 2020 - 2021 Upland Game and Furbearer Seasons and Bag Limits – [For Possible Action]** - A review, discussion and possible action to recommend that the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners approve, deny or otherwise modify proposed amended to regulations for upland game birds and mammals as well as furbearers for the 2020 season. This regulation will also include fall wild turkey seasons for 2020 and spring wild turkey seasons for 2021.

Chair Robinson outlined the agenda item.

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Mike Scott – NDOW, stated he would try to answer any questions.

Mike Scott – NDOW, noted that a couple of areas are closed to Sage Grouse due to lack of survey information related to the COVID shutdown. The data shows a limited number of males and that is why the closures. Mr. Scott noted that the Martin Fire and other large burn areas are a large reason along with other reasons for the closure.

Chair Robinson open public comment.

Mel Belding noted that he had counted the Leks in unit 184 in the past and there were always more birds towards the end of March into April. This could explain the shortage of birds on the Leks early. Covid scare gave Biologists a very limited time to count Leks early.

Chair Robinson closed public comment.

***It was moved by Member Pitts, seconded by Member Rhea, to recommend that the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners approve Commission Regulation 20-12, 2020 - 2021 Upland Game and Furbearer Seasons and Bag Limits, as written. The motion carried: with Member Kabisch absent.***

- 15. Upland Game Bird Stamp Request [For Possible Action]** - A review, discussion and possible action to recommend that the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners approve, deny or otherwise modify a proposal to approve up to \$264,840 for projects submitted for FY 2021 funding from the Upland Game Bird Stamp account. The specific Upland Game Bird Stamp projects that may be approved: Bi-State Sage-grouse Coordinator (\$5,000); Dusky Grouse Ecology and Management in Nevada (\$22,003); Eastern Complex WMA Weed Control (\$10,000); Estimating Greater Sage-grouse Vital Rates within Nevada's Novel Habitats (\$21,250); Estimating the Effects of Large Ungulate Grazing on Greater Sage-grouse in Northwestern Nevada (\$18,397); Greater Sage-grouse Statewide Monitoring (\$47,640); Key Pittman WMA Wildlife Food Plots (\$3,900); Monitoring Greater Sage-grouse Response to the Martin Fire (\$12,750); Monitoring the Effects of Landscape Level Treatments on Greater Sage-grouse in the Desatoya Mountains (\$19,500); Soil Health Restoration on WMAs (\$10,000); Upland Game Translocation and Monitoring (\$12,400); Using Hunter and Population Survey Data to Investigate Drivers of Upland Game Bird Populations and Forecast Harvest in Nevada (\$24,600); Genette Creek Conservation Easement (\$30,000); Toiyabe PMU (Bakes, Hickison, and Wolf Ranch) pinyon Juniper Thinning (\$25,000); A Multi-scale Resilience-based Framework for Restoring and Conserving Great Basin Wet Meadows and Riparian Ecosystems (\$2,400).

Chair opened the item and asked for board comments. Chair Robinson complimented NDOW for a fantastic job and the research being done. Chair Robinson recalled a question posted by Sean Shea who recommended the use of unmanned aerial drones to survey big game. Chair Robinson whether NDOW has considered or is doing unmanned drone surveys.

Mike Scott – NDOW, if the technology were there that we would use drones. We would consider it but there are a lot of challenges due to distance and it is unclear whether the biologist can get the license



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for the drone. As the technology evolves and becomes more viable they will look more into it but not looking into it at this time since it is unclear whether it would be effective.

Responding to Chair Robinson's question about outsourcing, Mr. Scott explained he could not think of any reason not to outsource if the process is effective and affordable.

Chair Robinson will have them reach out to Mr. Scott.

Chair Robinson opened public comment

Rex Flowers suggested that the request as written be approved and questioned if there is a need for more funding than what is being requested. Mr. Flowers suggested that the request be reviewed and perhaps amended in a month or two as he would rather see the funds being used than in the bank.

Mel Belding commented that he believes this might not be all thermal imaging due to the collars on sage grouse.

Mr. Scott – NDOW, explained that a variety of different methods are used to count birds using telemetry, satellite as well as the fly over. Mr. Scott pointed out that the Sharp Tail survey showed that some of the birds have a different way of strutting.

***It was moved by Chair Robinson, seconded by Member Rhea, to recommend that the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners approve the Upland Game Bird Stamp Requests as written. The motion carried: with Member Kabisch absent.***

**16. Biennial Upland Game Release Plan for Fiscal Years 2020 and 2021, Amendment 1 [For Possible Action]** - A review, discussion and possible action to recommend that the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners approve, deny or otherwise modify the NDOW (Nevada Department of Wildlife) proposed biennial upland game release plan for fiscal years 2020 and 2021.

Chair Robinson opened the agenda item.

Mike Scott – NDOW, commented that he had no presentation but was available to answer questions.

Responding to Member Pitts inquiry about how the type of bird is decided, Mr. Scott explained that the first thing is to determine if the habitat is suitable and provides food and water sources, which the biologist then reviews and submits to the Supervising Biologist which then goes to the staff level.

Member Pitts commented that it is cool that NDOW is putting these birds back here.

There were no public comments.

***It was moved by Member Pitts, seconded by Member Rhea, to recommend that the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners approve Biennial Upland Game Release Plan for Fiscal Years 2020 and 2021, Amendment 1, as written. The motion carried: Member Kabisch absent.***

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- 17. Review and Consideration of Possible Changes to Waterfowl Hunt Zones for 2021-2025 [For Possible Action]** - A review, discussion and possible action to recommend that the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners approve, deny or otherwise modify recommendations on possible changes to waterfowl hunting zones. The Pacific Flyway entertains changes to waterfowl hunting zones every five years, and potential changes must be noticed by July 1, 2020 to receive consideration. Any changes accepted by the Pacific Flyway will not take effect until the 2021 waterfowl seasons and would remain in effect until 2025.

Chair Robinson opened the agenda item and outlined the request.

Mike Scott – NDOW, commented that he believes that Russel Woolstenhulme has discussed the details of the plan with others.

Chair Robinson commented that the changes appeared to make more sense and opened public comment.

Rex Flowers recalled previous discussions in recent months about changes to the hunt zones that resulted in the proposed map. Mr. Flowers pointed out that it needs to have the Pacific Flyway proposal in place by the beginning of July.

Chair Robinson closed public comment.

***It was moved by Member DoMoe, seconded by Chair Robinson, to recommend that the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners the approve Waterfowl Hunt Zones for 2021-2025 as written. The motion carried: Member Kabisch absent.***

- 18. Wildlife Damage Management Committee Report and Fiscal Year 2021 Draft Predation Management Plan (Final Draft) [For Possible Action]** - A review, discussion and possible action to recommend that the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners approve, deny or otherwise modify a report from the Wildlife Damage Management Committee and the final draft of the Fiscal Year 2021 Predator Management Plan with the Department.

Chair Robinson opened the agenda item.

Mike Scott - NDOW, noted that Pat Jackson is the staff predator representative and has met with other wildlife representatives on other associated Nevada Boards. There are no changes being proposed and this is the final that will go to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners for approval.

Chair Robinson recalled a previous recommendation to add a Project 37a to focus on areas 1 and 2 and Project 38a to provide more focus in those areas.

Member Pitts commented that this seems like a good idea.

Chair Robinson believes that a previous motion was made to bring it to the Commission again.

Member Rhea believes that this is what needs to be done there.

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Chair opened public comment.

Mel Belding commented that 37a was originally a department proposal and questioned why it was removed and not part of this draft.

Chair Robinson closed public comment

Robinson asked Mr. Scott to address Project 37a.

Mr. Scott commented that to his knowledge there had never been a Project 37a.

Chair Robinson closed the public hearing.

***It was moved by Chair Robinson, seconded by Member Pitts, to recommend that the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners approve Wildlife Damage Management Committee Report and Fiscal Year 2021 Draft Predation Management Plan (Final Draft) with the modification of adding 37a and 38a for lion and coyote removal in Area 1 and 2. The motion carried: Member Kabisch absent.***

**19. Change of Meeting Schedule [For possible action]** – A review, discussion and possible action to modify the Washoe County Advisory Board to Manager Wildlife meeting schedule revert to the previous Thursday meeting schedule or the Monday before the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners meeting.

Member Pitts spoke with Jack Robb – NDOW, who suggested that the Washoe County meeting be held the day before scheduled Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners meetings.

Mike Scott – NDOW, pointed out that the Washoe County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife could hold meetings whenever they wanted. The issue for NDOW is having information that may be needed available for the meeting. The move to the Wednesday meeting date made it challenging to have materials available.

Chair Robinson recommended that the meeting be moved to its original schedule of the Thursday the week before scheduled Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners meetings.

Chair Robinson opened public comment.

Rex Flowers noted that a number of Commissioners travel on the Thursday the day before the Commission meeting and might not get information for the Friday Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners meetings. Mr. Flowers noted that the Thursday the week before the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners is preferable as Monday would be difficult for Robert.

Mel Belding commented that the meeting date did not matter.

Member Domoe noted that over the next three months Thursday would be a better meeting date for him.

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Member Rhea stated he had no specific preference.

Chair Robinson pointed out that it could not be done the day before the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners and is in favor of moving back to the original Thursday meeting schedule.

***It was moved by Chair Robinson, seconded by Member DoMoe, to revert to the original meeting schedule of the Thursday, one week before scheduled Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners meetings. The motion carried: Member Kabisch absent.***

## **20. PUBLIC COMMENTS** [Non-action item]

Mel Belding stated that Chair Robinson has done a good job in running meetings.

## **21. ADJOURNMENT** [Non-action item]

Chair Robinson adjourned the meeting at 7:47 p.m.