

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

January 26, 2021 5:30pm-9:00pm

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CCABMW Members: Paul Dixon, Chair

John Michael Reese Vice-Chairman

Molly DiBlasi Therese Campbell Jacob Thompson Dave Talaga Dan Gilbert

Secretary: Darlene.Kretunski, 702-455-1502, Darlene.Kretunski@clarkcountynv.gov

- I. Call to Order- Roll call of Board Members for determination of quorum: If no quorum is present, meeting cannot begin and will be cancelled.
  - The meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM by Chair Paul Dixon.
  - Roll call of board members was performed by Secretary Darlene Kretunski. A quorum was present, all 7 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 devoted 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 its 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.
  - Chair Paul Dixon asked Secretary Darlene Kretunski if there are any additional public comments.
  - Secretary Darlene Kretunski read the following: Secretary Darlene Kretunski advised a public comment was sent by email on 1-25-2021 @ 2:15 PM (Subject: CAB Agenda Item NDOW Meeting), Darlene Kretunski read the following from the letter sent by email: I would like to provide input on the X.c. Commission Regulation 21-03, 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 Big Game Seasons (For Possible Action) I would like to voice my support for establishing an Archery Only Desert Sheep Tag, as this would provide more hunter opportunity and provide a more challenging hunting experience. Best, Adam Floyd.
  - Board member Jacob Thompson advised he agrees.
  - Chair Paul Dixon advised this item is closed.

#### IV. Approval of Minutes for November 2, 2020. (For Possible Action)

• Chair Paul Dixon introduced this topic.

- Chair Paul Dixon asked the board members for any comments or corrections to the minutes of November 2, 2020 CCABMW meeting.
- Vice Chair John Michael Reese advised that Agenda Item #9 bullet point #4; there is a simple typo referring to Vice Chair John Michael Reese's title as Vice President instead of his correct title as Vice Chair.
- Chair Paul Dixon asked for Public Comments: (None)
- Chair Paul Dixon advised a motion to approve minutes for November 2, 2020 with the following amendment: Agenda Item #9 bullet point #4, Vice Chair John Michael Reese's title as Vice President to be corrected to reflect his correct title as Vice Chair.
- Vice Chair John Michael Reese seconds the motion for approval of minutes with the amendment included in the motion.
- Motion passes 7-0

# V. Approval of the Agenda for January 26, 2021. Agenda Items may be and Held, Combine, or Delete any Items. (For Possible Action)

- Chair Paul Dixon introduced this topic.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised that he would like to amend Item 11 on the Agenda to reflect statement changed from Authorize Vice Chair John Michael Reese to prepare and submit any recommendations from today's meeting to The Wildlife Commission for its consideration at its January 29<sup>th</sup> &30<sup>th</sup> virtual meeting. (For Possible Action).
- Chair Paul Dixon requested motion for approval of the agenda with the requested amendment included in the motion.
- Board member Jacob Thompson second the motion to accept the agenda with the amendment included in the motion.
- Motion passes 7-0

# VI. Reappointment of Paul Dixon and Dave Talaga to Clark County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife. Dave Talaga was appointed as a Sportsmen's Representative and Paul Dixon was appointed as the Clark CCABMW Chair (Informational)

- Chair Paul Dixon introduced this topic.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised that Dave Talaga was reappointed as a sportsmen's representative.
- Chair Paul Dixon stated he was surprised, this was the first appointment of Chair by the Commission and that the BCC has never made this type of appointment previously.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised this item is closed.

# VII. CCABMW Member Items/Announcements/Correspondence: (Informational) The Clark County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife members may present emergent items. No action may be taken by The Clark County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife. Any item requiring The Clark County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife 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 would go around to each board member separately to see if they had
  received correspondence and if so, would the board member like to discuss any correspondence
  and if so, would the board member like to discuss any correspondence they had received or sent,

- Board member Jacob Thompson (None)
- Board member Therese Campbell (None)
- Board member Molly DiBlasi (None)
- Board member Dan Gilbert (None)
- Board member Dave Talaga (None)
- Vice Chair John Michael Reese (Yes)
- Vice Chair John Michael Reese advised that he had received email from a gentlemen named Rex Flowers and the email was in regards to Project 38.
- Email sent 1/22/2021 at 13:05; Subject: Bounty Program: Attached is the program presented thru WCAB to replace Predator Project 38. I would hope that your board would request to do as Washoe did and follow suit. Thanx, Rex (Contents: Project 38: Big Game Protection-Coyotes. Change project to initiate a bounty program on coyotes using the general public as the mechanism for removal of coyotes. 1) Program would be statewide in any area that the taking of coyotes is allowable by law. 2) Program would pay \$50.00 bounty per animal for any coyotes taken. Coyotes taken would have to be presented to the Department in whole or (1) pair of ears with (1) tail for payment. 3) Program would be closed to non-residents and employees and families of Wildlife Services. 4) Program would need the funding in place currently for Project 38 (\$100,000) and additional \$100,000 from the projected carryover for Fiscal 2022. 5) Program would end yearly when all funds have been expended. NDOW would be responsible to advertise through the official website and email the termination of the program should all funds be expended. 6) Project would be more than 1 year with review after 5 years.
- Vice Chair John Michael Reese gave small synopsis to advise board members that Washoe CAB
  has requested that CCABMW consider the program they have presented to replace Project 38 and
  he feels the board members should consider it, and thinks it is a great program.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised that this will be discussed in more detail in the Predation Management Plan.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised this item is closed.

# VIII. Recap of the November 6, 2020 Commission virtual meeting by Vice Chairman John Michael Reese: (Informational)

- Chair Paul Dixon introduced the topic.
- Vice Chair John Michael Reese advised that he did not attend virtual meeting, he was in Elk Camp.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised that in the state of Nevada passed in legislature 80 percent of the Predation budget is spent on lethal therefore you will see a lot of forms of lethal throughout this plan and this was the time this would be discussed during that meeting.
- Chair Paul Dixon asked board members did any board members have the opportunity to attend, all board members advised they did not have the opportunity to attend.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised that board members should definitely attend the next Commission meeting if they have the opportunity to do so.
- Vice Chair John Michael Reese advised that this item is closed.
- IX. Mule Deer Enhancement Program Update (*Informational*) Vice Chairman John Michael Reese will update The Clark County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife on progress occurring in the Nevada Mule Deer Enhancement Program.

- Vice Chair John Michael Reese advised there are 14 counties in the state of Nevada to form The Mule Deer Committee.
- Vice Chair John Michael Reese advised that the committee consist of 10 people from Southern Nevada.
- Vice Chair John Michael Reese advised that the program will be for a time span for 3-5 years.
- Vice Chair John Michael Reese advised that the goal for the committee is to answer the question: how to stop the bleeding and decline of the mule deer.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised that this item is closed.

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- X. General Business/Action Items: Discuss & make recommendations regarding the following Action Items from The Board of Wildlife Commissioners November 6, 2020 meeting agenda, as well as additional items brought forth to the CCABMW from the public for discussion. CCABMW agenda & support materials are available upon request to Darlene Kretunski (702) 455.1402 or <a href="Darlene.Kretunski@ClarkCountyNV.gov">Darlene.Kretunski@ClarkCountyNV.gov</a>. The final Commission agenda & support at <a href="http://www.ndow.org/Public Meetings/Commission/Agenda/">http://www.ndow.org/Public Meetings/Commission/Agenda/</a>.
  - **A) Use of Hounds on Bear Hunts** (*For Possible Action*) The CCABMW Board will review, discuss and make recommendations to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners about data compiled by the Department relating to the use of hounds on bear hunts, as directed by the Commission in November 2020's meeting as a follow-up to a petition.
    - Chair Paul Dixon introduced this topic.
    - Vice Chair John Michael Reese advised that he is in favor of the use of hounds which would help in tracking bears.
    - Board members Jacob Thompson and Dan Gilbert advised that they agree and would like to see the usage of hounds for hunting bears as well.
    - Public Comments: (None)
    - Board member Therese Campbell opposes stating she voted this way because she does not find
      argument presented by other CAB members compelling and does not support usage of hounds
      for bear hunting.
    - In a split vote (6-1) vote, The Clark CABMW recommends the continued use of hounds. The dissenting vote was due to board member does not support bear hunting or the use of hounds.
  - B) 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 draft Fiscal Year 2022 Predation Management Plan. Following this review, the draft plan will be updated and shared with the State Predatory Animal and Rodent Committee (PARC). All comments from the PARC, County Advisory Boards to Manage Wildlife, and any other interested entity will be compiled and shared with the Wildlife Damage Management Committee (WDMC) for their consideration at their March 2021 meeting.
    - Chair Paul Dixon introduced this topic.
    - Chair Paul Dixon advised that Washoe CAB has put together a proposal of starting statewide coyote program and he wanted to know if CCABMW board members are in support of this proposal. He opened the floor to this discussion.
    - Vice Chair John Michael Reese advised this program is Project 38 which was a statewide coyote bounty program.

- Vice Chair John Michael Reese advised that the months of January and February are the critical months to harvest coyotes.
- Vice Chair John Michael Reese advised that the deer mule population is on the decline gradually over 30 years. States such as Utah legislature mandated that 1 million dollars was allocated for usage of habitat restoration and coyote removal.
- Vice Chair John Michael Reese advised that Nevada has lost 30,000 deer from the state's population as opposed to Utah which has a gain of 125,000 therefore Nevada needs to look into other solutions to help with this decline.
- Vice Chair John Michael Reese advised that besides the fact that the state has government trappers and regular trappers, there is a need to get sportsmen involved as well, not just government services.
- Vice Chair John Michael Reese advised that through NDOW, he would like to see a five year program put in place to gather data then determine whether there should be continuation of the program or if it has helped to manage the population as a whole and the program can stop.
- Vice Chair John Michael Reese stated that the Area 014 did this exact program for 10 years helping go forward with gains in the mule deer population, with growth from 800 to 1,400 thus showing that this repetitive type of removal does indeed work.
- Vice Chair John Michael Reese advised that there is not enough hunters therefore he feels it is time for the sportsmen to help and be a part of the solution.
- Board member Dave Talaga asked the question of the Predation Plan budget, is the total 175,000 for coyotes?
- Vice Chair John Michael Reese advised that with Project 38 the Predation Plan budget was 100,000 and that the Washoe CAB took these funds and combined with funds from the following year and allocated it together to make 200,000.
- Board member Dave Talaga advised that in 2020 Utah with their bounty program has harvested 4,109 coyotes at \$50.00 dollars a head with a grand total of \$205,450.
- Board member Dave Talaga asked Vice Chair John Michael Reese of the total number of coyotes that have been harvested in the Nevada Predation Plan.
- Vice Chair John Michael Reese advised that he receives information from The Wildlife Services that reflected the total of about 7,500 on average a year in harvesting.
- Vice Chair John Michael Reese advised that with price of coyote pelts is up this year, leading to an increase in trapping of coyotes, a lot of hunters who normally trap bobcats are now trapping coyotes with the optic of coyote removal.
- Vice Chair John Michael Reese explained to the board that there is inequality in the reproductive difference between mule deer and coyotes. The mule deer have normally two fawn and the coyotes has a liter of six to eight, which renders inequality between the two and clearly shows why the mule deer population is low.
- Board member Dave Talaga asked the question of not including the amount of coyotes that were trapped and only including those coyotes that were removed in the Predation Plan, what is the total?
- Chair Paul Dixon advised to find the answer that board member Dave Talaga would have to look in the Fiscal Year 2022 Predation Management Plan.
- Board member Therese Campbell asked Chair Paul Dixon if someone is hunting deer and see a coyote, can this individual just shot the coyote and is there a limit on the amount of coyotes that can be killed?
- Chair Paul Dixon advised that there is no limit on the amount of coyotes that an individual can kill due to the factor that coyotes are a non-regulated animal for harvesting.

- Chair Paul Dixon advised that his opinion is that most hunters would not discharge their firearm
  on a coyotes because they would be in fear of losing out on their proposed hunt, just to take out
  one or more coyotes.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised that some individuals do chose to hunt coyotes but the number of individuals who would do this, he would image are not that high in his opinion.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised that the only way to get decline in a coyote population is to remove 40 to 50 percent of the population therefore we will be able to see a decline.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised that based on population estimates, there are roughly a quarter of a million coyotes in the state of Nevada, and five percent of the quarter million is 12,500 and this is a rough estimate.
- Vice Chair John Michael Reese advised that Project 22 is doing lion removal and talks about actual quota of 10 for each area. He advised in (Item 37 lion removal) if hunters come across lions they need to remove, how do these hunters do this strategically?
- Chair Paul Dixon advised if there is area with significant predators, that area is looked at to see if removal is necessary in order to continue herd growth.
- Vice Chair John Michael Reese advised he agrees big horn sheep should be protected.
- Chair Paul Dixon asked for any public comments at this time.
- Public Comment: Ron Stoker advised that his comment is that he strongly agrees with Vice Chair John Michael Reese's plan for the bounty and feels that this plan would be cost effective and efficient.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised motion with two recommendations: for the CCABMW to support The Draft Fiscal Year 2022 Predation Management Plan as presented, with recommendations to ID lion kills in sensitive areas for Project 37 and to find out what the cost would be for this program yearly for NDOW.
- Board member Dan Gilbert seconds motion with the requested recommendations.
- Board member Jacob Thompsons advised he is opposed and would require more data from NDOW and data from Utah as well as he would need input from Pat Cummings (biologist for NDOW) before he can agree, therefore at this time he is not in support of this.
- Board member Therese Campbell opposed this motion due to her view that the mountain lions
  are killed any time people discover that deer or long horn sheep has been eaten or partially
  eaten by a mountain lion thus leading to the hunt of the mountain lion. She feels they are under
  siege every season (summer, spring, fall, winter). She does not agree with asking the public
  for assistance in hunting these mountain lions.
- Board member Therese Campbell voted against any mountain lion removal and the removal of Pinion and Juniper that this plan suggests. She continued stating that in Predation Management Plan, there was a report issued from a field ranger that advised about habitat destruction of mountain lions, specifically in the Pinion and Juniper Woodlands. She continued to explain that mountain lions desire to have the cover of woodlands for hunting and more grassland favors the big horn sheep. Thus removing the Pinion and Juniper Woodlands means that the mountain lions would not favor this area for hunting. She advised that this shows favor and by doing so this is doing more harm as it destroys Pinion and Juniper that is favored not just by mountain lions but by other animals as well.
- In split vote (5-1-1), the Clark CABMW voted on two recommendations: The Clark CCABMW recommends supporting the Draft Fiscal Year 2022 Predation Management Plan as presented with recommendations of: 1) The Clark CABMW recommends using the public to identify lion kills in sensitive areas for Project 37. 2) What is the administrative cost of managing this program on a yearly basis for NDOW?

- New Action Recommendations: The Clark CABMW recommends (Supporting Washoe County Bounty Program) in a split vote (6-1), The Clark CABMW supports the proposal by Washoe CABMW to start a statewide bounty program in reference to Project 38 of the 2022 Predation Management Plan. The Clark CABMW recommends that NDOW prepare a presentation on this possible bounty program.
- C) Commission Regulation 21- 03, 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 Big Game Seasons (For Possible Action) The CCABMW Board will review, discuss and make recommendations to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners about adopting the 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 hunting seasons and dates for mule deer, pronghorn antelope, elk, bighorn sheep, and mountain goat. Including limits, hunting hours, special hunt eligibility, animal sex, physical characteristics, hunt boundary restrictions, and legal weapon requirements, and emergency depredation hunt structure and statewide quota.
  - Chair Paul Dixon introduced this topic (Resident Antelope).
  - Board member Jacob Thompson advised that he agrees with Vice Chair John Michael Reese recommendations on the Antelope Season.
  - Public Comment: (None)
  - Chair Paul Dixon advised a motion to accept as presented CR- 21-03 (2021-2022 and 2022-2023 Big Game Hunting Seasons): Antelope Season.
  - Board member Dan Gilbert seconds the motion.
  - Motion passes 7-0

(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 introduced this topic (Resident Elk)
- Chair Paul Dixon advised that he believes changes to the depredation hunts are due too trying to make it easier on NDOW law enforcement.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised that the depredation hunt can be for bull or cow elk. People who get tags but will not harvest are hurting the program. It is necessary to reduce elk numbers on the farms and to help costs due to damage.
- Board member Jacob Thompson advised that fencing is alternative and he agrees with depredation hunt,
- Board member Dan Gilbert advised that he has safety concerns with depredation hunt, and feels it could go badly.
- Board member Dave Talaga advised this is "fair chase" and he feels it nullifies as many animals as possible.
- Board member Dan Gilbert advised "fair chase" by his definition is wild harvesting.
- Vice Chair John Michael Reese advised a 70-75 range bulls spike for Resident Elk Spike-Any Legal Weapon Hunt.
- Vice Chair John Michael Reese advised to propose the motion to accept dates 051 Late Close Season & 065 Close of the Season.

- Vice Chair John Michael Reese asked the question with depredation, what are the amount of Elk being taken?
- Board member Therese Campbell advised that she is concerned of how many animals that this is getting rid of as well.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised there is no set quota.
- Public Comment: (None)
- Chair Paul Dixon advised a motion to accept as presented CR-21-03 (2021-2022 and 2022-2023 Big Game Hunting Seasons): Elk Season
- Board member Therese Campbell seconds the motion.
- Motion passes 7-0

(Resident Elk- Antlered-Any Legal Weapon Depredation Hunt 4102) (Resident Elk-Antlered-Any Legal Weapon Hunt 4151) (051 Late Close Season & 065 Close of the Season) (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 Hunt 4261) (Resident Elk-Spike Any Legal Weapon Hunt 4651) (70-75 range bull's spike) (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)

• Chair Paul Dixon introduced this next topic (Desert Bighorn Sheep)

(Resident Elk-Antlerless-Any Legal Weapon Depredation Hunt 4107)

- Board member Dan Gilbert advised that he recommended that Archery Hunt 3161 (Bighorn Sheep) should be amended.
- Public Comment: (None)
- Chair Paul Dixon advised motion to accept as presented CR-21-03, 2021-22 and 2022-23 Big Game Seasons and (Resident Nelson Desert Bighorn Sheep Any Ram-Archery Hunt to be amended from CR 21-03, 2021-2022 and 2022-23 Big Game Season as a visible hunt.
- Vice Chair John Michael Reese seconds the motion with the amendments.
- Motion passes 7-0

(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

- Chair Paul Dixon introduced this topic (Mule Deer)
- Board Comments: (None)
- Public Comments: (None)
- Chair Paul Dixon advised motion to accept as presented CR-21-03, 2021-22 and 2022-23 Big Game Seasons.
- Vice Chair John Michael Reese seconds the motion.
- Motion passes 7-0

(Resident Junior Mule Deer-Antlered or -Antlerless-Archery, Muzzleloader, or Any Legal Weapon Hunt 1107)

(Resident Mule Deer-Antlerless Any Legal Weapon Hunt 1181)

(Resident and Nonresident Mule Deer-Antlered Any Legal Weapon Hunt Resident 1331 and Nonresident 1332)

(Resident and Nonresident Mule Deer-Antlered Muzzleloader Hunt Resident 1331 and Nonresident 1332)

(Resident and Nonresident Mule Deer Antlered-Archery Hunt Resident 1331 and Nonresident 1332)

- **D)** Commission Regulation 21-04, 2021 Black Bear Seasons (*For Possible Action*) The CCABMW Board will review, discuss and make recommendations to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners about adopting the 2021 hunting season dates, open management units, hunting hours, special regulations, animal sex, legal weapon requirements, hunt boundary restrictions, and dates and times for indoctrination courses for black bear.
  - Chair Paul Dixon introduced this topic.
  - Vice Chair John Michael Reese advised that the season is from September 2021 through December 2021 and is divided between three groups.
  - Vice Chair John Michael Reese advised that during the season hunters receive one bear tag and when the quota is reached on the black bear then the season is closed thereafter. He advised he wants the season to continue because the quota on the black bear is never met.
  - Board member Jacob Thompson agrees with this regulation and advises that it is important in predator management and feels it is more efficient to harvest bears.
  - Board member Dan Gilbert states he is in favor because it is to determine maturity of the black bear and it promotes success rate and the fact that the state of Nevada never meets its quota.
  - Board member Therese Campbell advised that Nevada bear hunt is a trophy hunt and this
    activity is the ethics of which are fundamentally indefensible. She advised that the trophy
    hunting is not based on science, sound management practices or conservation. She advised
    that in 2018 Nevada Wildlife Values Survey that only thirty percent of respondents approve
    of Nevada's bear hunt.
  - Vice Chair John Michael Reese advised motion to approve the Commission Regulation 21-04, 2021 Black Bear Seasons as presented by the department.
  - Board member Molly DiBlasi seconds this motion.
  - Board member Therese Campbell advised she is opposed and is not in support of black bear hunting. She advised that NBWC and NDOW should end this hunt.
  - Public Comment: (None)

- In a split (6-1) vote, the Clark CABMW recommends approving Commission Regulation 21-04, 2021 Black Bear Seasons as presented. The dissenting opinion was opposed to all black bear hunting and wanted there to be no season.
- E) Commission Regulation 21-05 2021-2022 Mountain Lion Season and Harvest Limits (*For Possible Action*) The CCABMW Board will review, discuss and make recommendations to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners about adopting the 2021-2022 mountain lion hunting season open unit group, hunting hours and special regulations.
  - Chair Paul Dixon introduced this topic.
  - Vice Chair John Michael Reese advised Nevada has many mountain lions but there is a shortage of hunters to hunt the mountain lions.
  - Board member Therese Campbell asked the question of what was the fee for a mountain lion tag.
  - Chair Paul Dixon advised he will find out the answer to Therese Campbell question momentarily.
  - Board member Dan Talaga asked Chair Paul Dixon, why mountain lions were not included in the bounty program.
  - Chair Paul Dixon advised that the mountain lion program already has seasons and limits and
    the fact that mountain lions are game animals and not non-game animals is the reason why
    the mountain lions have no bounty on them.
  - Board member Jacob Thompson advised there are 700 mountain lion tags that are disturbed
    to hunters and if mountain lion hunting is banned and the professional hunters are paid to kill
    mountain lions then the cost would be very high.
  - Board member Therese Campbell asked Chair Paul Dixon if mountain lion season is 365 days.
  - Chair Paul Dixon advised yes, and stated that there is a certain quota limit in each region and
    when the harvest limits are reached in Nevada, then mountain lion season ceases until the
    next year.
  - Chair Paul Dixon advised that as far as he is aware, this quota limit has never been reached in the 12 years he has served on the advisory board.
  - Vice Chair John Michael Reese advised that it allows 1 animal per tag and 2 tag max per person. It includes Unit Groups: 142, 143, 144, 145, 155, 161, 162, 163, 171, 172, 173, 183, 184, 251, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 108, 109, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 121, 231, 044, 045, 046, 051, 061, 062, 064, 065, 066, 067, 068, 071, 072, 073, 074, 075, 076, 077, 078, 079, 081, 091, 101, 107, 141, 151, 152, 153, 154, 156, 011, 012, 013, 014, 015, 134, 164, 221, 222, 223, 241, 242, 243, 244, 245, 253, 254, 261, 262, 263, 264, 265, 266, 267, 268, 271, 272, 031, 035, 042, 043, 181, 182, 205, 207, 208, 211, 213, 252.
  - Public Comment: (None)
  - Chair Paul Dixon advised for motion with two amendments: to approve Commission Regulation 21-05 2021-2022 Mountain Lion Season and Harvest Limits as presented, and the Clark CCABMW recommends that unit 033 (Sheldon's) should be open for mountain lion hunting.
  - Board member Dan Gilbert seconds the motion.
  - The Clark CABMW voted split (6-1), the one dissenting opinion opposed all mountain lion hunting. The board member wanted to have no season for mountain lion hunting and wanted to revamp the entire mountain lion management plan as a whole.

- F) Commission Regulation 21-06, 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 Restricted Nonresident Guided Mule Deer Seasons and Quotas (For Possible Action) The CCABMW Board will review, discuss and make recommendations to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners about adopting the 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 hunting seasons and quotas for restricted nonresident guided mule deer including hunt boundary restrictions.
  - Chair Paul Dixon introduced this topic and asked Vice Chair John Michael Reese to speak on this topic.
  - Vice Chair John Michael Reese advised that the limit is 1 animal per tag with hunting hours 30 minutes prior to sunrise and 30 minutes after sunset.
  - Vice Chair John Michael Reese advised that the quota for restricted non-resident guided hunt is subtracted from rifle of the non-resident or any legal weapon quota. The total restricted non-resident guided quota cannot exceed 16% of the total non-resident quota from the previous year, or 400 tags thus the number of restricted non-resident deer tags issued for any area or hunt group cannot exceed 37.5% of the rifle deer tags issued to non-residents during the past year for that area or hunt unit group.
  - Board member Therese Campbell asked Chair Paul Dixon if the deer population in Nevada suffered from Chronic Wasting Disease. She stated that she was under the impression of a report about mule deer population of all western states and the decline of mule deer due to Chronic Waste Disease and wanted to know if this was correct.
  - Chair Paul Dixon advised as far as he is aware, Nevada does not have any cases of this disease. He state that he is aware it is in eastern Utah.
  - Vice Chair John Michael Reese advised that Nevada deer herd population is part of the mule
    deer program and this population is impacted by a variety of things and this is why this
    program is in place to study it. He advised that deer population has a lot of factors that have
    led to the decline such as Predation, drought, disease, hard winters, but not Chronic Waste
    Disease.
  - Public Comments: (None)
  - Chair Paul Dixon advised motion for the Clark CABMW to approve Commission Regulation 21-06, 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 Restricted Nonresident Guided Mule Deer Seasons and Quotas as presented.
  - Vice Chair John Michael Reese seconds the motion
  - Motion passes 7-0
- G) Commission Regulation 21-07, 2022 Heritage Tag Seasons and Quota (*For Possible Action*) The CCABMW Board will review, discuss and make recommendations to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners about adopting a regulation to set the 2021 Silver tag species seasons, and quota.
  - Chair Paul Dixon introduced this topic.
  - Vice Chair John Michael Reese advised this was put in place by the Governor, and they are taking tags offered and having online auction this year and no banquets as in previous years due to COVID-19.
  - Vice Chair John Michael Reese advised that there are three companies who are involved in this.
  - Chair Paul Dixon advised that NDOW has not made any changes to Heritage tag or quotas,
  - Vice Chair John Michael Reese advised it is: (2) mule deer, pronghorn antelope, (2), elk (2) bighorn sheep (2), California bighorn sheep (2), turkey tags, (5).

- Vice Chair John Michael Reese advised that there is a mandatory Bighorn sheep indoctrination class that is needed. He advised that big game and turkeys can be hunted 30 minutes prior to sunrise and 30 minutes after sunset
- Chair Paul Dixon advised that any legal firearm or bow can be used during the big game season.
- Vice Chair John Michael Reese advised the Heritage and Silver tag quotas cannot exceed 15 game tags and 5 turkey tags.
- Public Comments: (None)
- Vice Chair John Michael Reese advised a motion for the Clark CABMW to approve Commission Regulation 21-07, Heritage Tag Seasons and Quota as presented.
- Board member Jacob Thompson seconds the motion
- Motion passes 7-0
- **H)** Commission Regulation 21-08, 2021 Silver State Tags (*For Possible Action*) The CCABMW Board will review, discuss and make recommendations to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners about adopting a regulation to set the 2021 Silver State tag species seasons, and quota.
  - Chair Paul Dixon introduced this topic.
  - Chair Paul Dixon advised that NDOW Silver State Tag species or quotas: (1) tag for mule deer, pronghorn antelope, elk, bighorn sheep. He advised that NDOW has closure of hunt unit 271 for desert bighorn and unit 091 for the elk.
  - Vice Chair John Michael Reese advised that there is a mandatory indoctrination class for the bighorn sheep.
  - Chair Paul Dixon advised that the combination of the Silver State Tag and Heritage can only go up to 15 big game tags and 5 turkey tags.
  - Vice Chair John Michael Reese advised that big game can be hunted 30 minutes before sunrise and 30 minutes after sunset.
  - Chair Paul Dixon advised that any legal firearm or bow may be used during big game season.
  - Public Comment: (None)
  - Chair Paul Dixon advised motion for the Clark CABMW to approve Commission Regulation 21-08, 2021 Silver Tag as presented.
  - Board member Jacob Thompson seconds the motion.
  - Motion passes 7-0
- I) Commission Regulation 21-09, 2021 Partnership in Wildlife Tags (*For Possible Action*) The CCABMW Board will review, discuss and make recommendations to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners about adopting a regulation to set the 2021 Dream tags hunt species, seasons, and quota.
  - Chair Paul Dixon introduced this topic.
  - Chair Paul Dixon advised that tags are as follows: mule deer (22), residents and nonresidents (3), pronghorn antelope (5), elk (3), mountain goat (1), resident big horn sheep (4).
  - Vice Chair John Michael Reese advised the closure of units 181, 263, 271 for desert bighorn sheep and 091 for elk tags, and 041 California bighorn sheep. He advised that NDOW has mandatory bighorn sheep indoctrination class.
  - Vice Chair John Michael Reese advised big game can be hunted 30 minutes before sunrise and 30 minutes after sunset.
  - Public Comment: (None)

- Chair Paul Dixon advised motion for the Clark CABMW to approve Commission Regulation 21-09, Partnership in Wildlife Tags as presented.
- Vice Chair John Michael Reese seconds the motion
- Motion passes 7-0
- J) Commission Regulation 21-10, 2021 Dream Tag (For Possible Action) The CCABMW Board will review, discuss and make recommendations to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners about adopting a regulation to set the 2021 Dream tags hunt species, seasons, and quota.
  - Chair Paul Dixon introduced this topic.
  - Board member Therese Campbell asked Chair Paul Dixon what a Dream Tag is and stated that she was not familiar with a Dream Tag.
  - Chair Paul Dixon advised it is simply a lottery for people to apply as opposed to the Heritage tag which is auctioned off.
  - Vice Chair John Michael Reese advised it is basically a raffle, 1 animal per tag. He advised
    that there are six Dream Tags, one for each animal. The animals are: mule deer, pronghorn
    antelope, Nelson desert bighorn sheep, Rocky Mountain elk, Black Bear, California bighorn
    sheep.
  - Chair Paul Dixon advised there are no changes and it is the same as previous years.
  - Vice Chair John Michael Reese advised that he was impressed with the amount of tags and stated he was in favor of the regulation. He stated that NDOW has a mandatory indoctrination class for bighorn sheep.
  - Public Comment: (None)
  - Vice Chair John Michael Reese advised motion for the Clark CABMW to approve Commission Regulation 21-10, 2021 Dream Tag as presented.
  - Vice Chair John Michael Reese seconds the motion.
  - Motion passes 7-0

NEW ACTION: Board member Dan Gilbert advised motion to put Commission Regulation 21-11, 2021 Big Game Application Deadlines/Commission Regulation 21-12, 2021 Big Game Tag Application Eligibility and Tag Limits/Wildlife Heritage Auction Tags together and vote on all three at the same time instead of individually voting on each.

- Vice Chair John Michael Reese seconds the motion
- Motion passes 7-0
- K) Commission Regulation 21-11, 2021 Big Game Application Deadlines (For Possible Action)
  The CCABMW Board will review, discuss and make recommendations to the Nevada Board of
  Wildlife Commissioners about adopting a regulation to set the 2021 big game tag application
  deadlines and related information.
  - Chair Paul Dixon introduced this topic.
  - Vice Chair John Michael Reese advised that NDOW wants big game applications to be submitted online only and they are not at this time accepting applications by mail. He advised that NDOW is adding sex and species draw order to Big Game Main draw. He advised there is no change to deadlines on big game applications for big game main draw/big game second draw/restricted non-resident guided mule deer hunt draw.
  - Vice Chair John Michael Reese advised the tag holder has seven days to return their tag if they so desire after receiving the tag.
  - Public Comments: (None)

- Chair Paul Dixon advised motion for the Clark CABMW to approve Commission Regulation 21-11, 2021 Big Game Application Deadlines as presented.
- Vice Chair John Michael Reese seconds the motion.
- Motion passes 7-0
- L) Commission Regulation 21-12, 2021 Big Game Tag Application Eligibility and Tag Limits (*For Possible Action*) The CCABMW Board will review, discuss and make recommendations to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners about adopting regulation to set the 2021 big game tag application eligibility and tag limits and related information.
  - Chair Paul Dixon introduces this topic.
  - Vice Chair John Michael Reese advised that for Big Game Tag Eligibility, there is 1 tag per draw application, exceptions (eligible person may submit: (1) antlerless mule deer, (1) junior antlered, antlerless mule deer, (per draw). (1) Pronghorn antelope horns longer than ears, (1) pronghorn antelope horns shorter than ears per draw. (1) Spike elk, (1) antlered elk, (1) antlered depredation elk, (1) antlerless elk, including antlerless elk, management elk, antlerless depredation elk, per draw. (1) Ram bighorn sheep. (1) Ewe bighorn sheep per draw. (1) Antlered mule deer, (1) antlerless mule deer per emergency hunt, (1) pronghorn antelope horns longer than ears and one, (1) pronghorn antelope horns shorter than ears per emergency hunt. He advised for Big Game Tag 1 tag with exceptions (eligible person can also get Heritage, Elk Incentive tags, Mule Deer/Pronghorn Antelope Landowner Damage Compensation tags, in addition to their other tags in the draw process.
  - Vice Chair John Michael Reese advised that the second draw is tags remaining after the big game main draw. He advised the first come first serve eligibility is after big game second draw and include any returned tags and no eligible alternate.
  - Public Comments: (None)
  - Chair Paul Dixon advised motion for the Clark CABMW to approve Commission Regulation 21-12, 2021 Big Game Tag Application Eligibility and Tag Limits as presented.
  - Board members Dan Gilbert seconds the motion.
  - Motion passes 7-0
- M) Wildlife Heritage Auction Tags (For Possible Action) The CCABMW will review, discuss and make recommendations to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners about Commission approved vendors for the 2021 Heritage Auction Tags that canceled or may cancel their scheduled fundraising events due to COVID-19. The Commission may select an alternate method by which to auction these tags. Options may include, receiving sealed bids or working with the current vendor or other vendors that possess the ability to administer a live internet auction.
  - Chair Paul Dixon introduced this topic.
  - Chair Paul Dixon stated that the auctions are online and help to raise a lot of money.
  - Chair Paul Dixon advised to board members to view the 2021 Heritage Tag Vendor Fundraiser Event Schedule if they have not already had the opportunity to do so.
  - Public Comments: (None)
  - Chair Paul Dixon advised motion for the Clark CABMW to approve Wildlife Heritage Auction Tags as presented.
  - Board member Jacob Thompson seconds the motion.
  - Motion passes 7-0

NEW ACTION: Chair Paul Dixon advised motion to put Commission General Regulation 495, NAC 502 Simplification & Commission General Regulation 496, NAC 503 Simplification, Commission General Regulation 497, NAC 504 Simplification, Commission General Regulation 493, NAC 488 Simplification to place together as group to vote on them at one time.

- Vice Chair John Michael Reese seconds the motion
- Motion passes 7-0
- N) Commission General Regulation 495, NAC 502 Simplification (*For Possible Action*) The CCABMW Board will review, discuss and make recommendations to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners about simplification of CGR 495, NAC 502.
  - Chair Paul Dixon introduced this topic.
  - Vice Chair John Michael Reese advised that NAC 502 modern terminology used and he did not see anything out of line on this regulation.
  - Board Comments: (None)
  - Public Comments: (None)
  - Chair Paul Dixon advised motion for the CABMW to approve Commission General Regulation 495, NAC 502 Simplification as presented.
  - Vice Chair John Michael Reese seconds the motion.
  - Motion passes 7-0
- O) Commission General Regulation 496, NAC 503 Simplification (*For Possible Action*) The CCABMW Board will review, discuss and make recommendations to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners about simplification of CGR 496, NAC 503.
  - Chair Paul Dixon introduced this topic.
  - Vice John Michael Reese advised that NAC 503, modern terminology used and he did not see anything out of line on this regulation.
  - Board Comments: (None)
  - Public Comments: (None)
  - Chair Paul Dixon advised motion for the Clark CABMW to approve Commission General Regulation 496, NAC 503 Simplification as presented.
  - Vice Chair John Michael Reese seconds the motion.
  - Motion passes 7-0
- P) Commission General Regulation 497, NAC 504 Simplification (*For Possible Action*) The CCABMW Board will review, discuss and make recommendations to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners about simplification of CGR 497, NAC 504.
  - Chair Paul Dixon introduced this topic.
  - Vice Chair John Michael Reese advised that NAC 504, modern terminology was used and he did not see anything out of line on this regulation.
  - Board Comments: (None)
  - Public Comments: (None)
  - Chair Paul Dixon advised motion for the Clark CABMW to approve Commission General Regulation 497, NAC 504 Simplification as presented.
  - Vice Chair John Michael Reese seconds the motion.
  - Motion passes 7-0

- **Q)** Commission General Regulation 493, NAC 488 Simplification (*For Possible Action*) The CCABMW Board will review, discuss and make recommendations to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners about simplification of CGR 493, NAC 488.
  - Chair Paul Dixon introduced this topic.
  - Vice Chair John Michael Reese advised that NAC 488, modern terminology was used and he did not see anything out of line on this regulation.
  - Board Comments: (None)
  - Public Comments: (None)
  - Chair Paul Dixon advised motion for the Clark CABMW to approve Commission General Regulation 493, NAC 488 Simplification as presented.
  - Vice Chair John Michael Reese seconds the motion.
  - Motion passes 7-0
- XI. 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 may be taken on a matter not listed on the 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.
  - Chair Paul Dixon asked Secretary Darlene Kretunski how many members from the public were online in tonight's meeting?
  - Secretary Darlene Kretunski advised there were four individuals from the public in tonight's meeting.
  - Public Comment: (None)
  - Chair Paul Dixon advised this item is closed.
- XII. Authorize the Chair Paul Dixon to prepare and submit any recommendations from today's meeting to the Wildlife Commission for its consideration at its January 29/30 virtual meeting (For Possible Action)
  - Chair Paul Dixon introduced this topic.
  - Chair Paul Dixon advised motion to authorize Chair to prepare and submit the recommendations from tonight's meeting to the Wildlife Commission meeting for its consideration.
  - Vice Chair John Michael Reese seconds the motion
  - Motion passes 7-0
- XIII. The Next Advisory Board meeting is scheduled for March 16, 2021 (Teleconference), Las Vegas, Nevada. This meeting will be in support of the March 19/20, 2021 Commission meeting scheduled to be in Las Vegas, Nevada.
  - Chair Paul Dixon introduced this topic.
  - Chair Paul Dixon advised he will be attending this meeting and urged other CABMW CAB members if they have opportunity to attend to do so.
  - Board Comments: (None)
  - Public Comments: (None)
  - Chair Paul Dixon advised this item is closed.
- XIV. Adjournment.

**POSTING LOCATIONS:** This meeting was legally noticed and posted at the following locations:

Nevada Department of Wildlife, 3373 Pepper Lane, Las Vegas, Nevada,  $89120\,$ 

https://notice.nv.gov (Nevada Public Website)

 $\underline{https://www.clarkcountynv.gov/airquality/Pages/default.aspx} \ (Division \ of \ Air \ Quality, \ Department \ of \ Environment \ and \ Sustainability)$