



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

**Government Center
500 S. Grand Central (Pueblo Room)
Las Vegas, NV
August 3rd, 2021
5:30pm-9:00pm**

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AGENDA

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CCABMW Members: Paul Dixon, (**Chair**)

John Michael Reese, (**Vice-Chair**)

Molly DiBlasi (Board Member)

Therese Campbell (Board Member)

Jacob Thompson (Board Member)

Dave Talaga (Board Member)

Dan Gilbert (Board Member)

Secretary: Darlene Kretunski, 702-455-1402, 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 canceled.

- Chair Paul Dixon started the meeting at 5:45 p.m.
- Chair Paul Dixon asked Secretary Darlene Kretunski to perform the roll call of the CAB board members (Present: Chair Paul Dixon, Vice Chair John Michael Reese, Therese Campbell, Dave Talaga, Dan Gilbert) (Absent: Molly DiBlasi, Jacob Thompson).
- Secretary Darlene Kretunski performed the roll call for the CAB board members.
- **There was a quorum present with 5 board members.**

II. Pledge of Allegiance

- Chair Paul Dixon led the CAB board members in The Pledge of Allegiance.

- III. Public Comment-** 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 CCABMW 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. 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 stated that this section is for public who may like to give public comment during this section due to various reasons, example: the individual does not wish to stay for the complete duration of the meeting and would like to give a comment. He advised that if this comment is in regards to an item that is not on the Agenda, then these comments will be reviewed by the board and the Chair and possibly go on the future Agenda, if the CAB board deems necessary. He stated if a public comment made by the individual is an item on the Agenda tonight, then the comment can be made but no action will be taken during this section, the individuals will have to wait until the Action Item is discussed for action to be taken.
 - Public Comments: (None)
 - Board Comments: (None)
 - **Chair Paul Dixon advised that this item is hereby closed.**
- IV. Approval of Minutes for June 22, 2021 CCABMW Meeting (*For Possible Action*).**
- Chair Paul Dixon introduced this topic.
 - Public Comments: (None)
 - Board Comments: (None)
 - Vice Chair John Michael Reese advised a motion to accept the minutes for June 22, 2021 as presented.
 - Board member Dan Gilbert seconds the motion.
 - **Motion passes 5-0.**
- V. Approval of the Agenda for August 3, 2021. Agenda items may be Held, Combined, or Deleted. (*For Possible Action*)**
- Chair Paul Dixon introduced this topic.
 - Chair Paul Dixon advised that he had originally decided that discussion on Item 9 Fishing in The Wetlands Park would be informational only and he would present but after 41 emails from the public as well as from County Agencies and other departments in another county, he decided it would be best to move Item #9 Fishing in Wetlands Park (informational) to Action Item #11 c. Urban Fishing Opportunities – Wetlands Park.
 - Chair Paul Dixon felt this Action Item needed time to discuss and hear the public’s input.
 - Public Comments: (None)
 - Board Comments: (None)
 - Board member Dan Gilbert advised a motion to approve the Agenda for August 3, 2021 as presented with the exception of tabling Item #9 Fishing in Wetlands Park (informational) and changing it to Action Item #11 c. Urban Fishing Opportunities – Wetlands, in order to have adequate time for healthy discussion and understand the public’s concerns on this issue.
 - Vice Chair John Michael Reese seconds the motion.
 - **Motion passes 5-0.**
- 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 that he will go around to each board members to see if they have received or sent any correspondence.
- Board member Dan Gilbert advised that The Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners Tag Allocation and Application Hunt Committee meeting is on Thursday, August 5, 2021. He stated that there is a push to change regulations on the deer hunt successful draw. He advised that the permit is for 2 years and he is not in favor of the fairness of the draw.
- **FYI-** You do not need to buy license in order to apply for the draw. You have the option to defer purchase of a license pending a successful draw. However, if you have not purchased a license by the draw date and you are unsuccessful in the draw, you will not receive a bonus permit. Following the main draw there is a second drawing for any remaining tags. Any tags remaining after the second draw may be applied for on a first-come-first served basis. Applications for remaining tags are available online.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised that NDOW (Nevada Department of Wildlife) Committee meeting is a zoom meeting and he stated that if the public would like to submit their public comments, these comments should be submitted prior to the Commission meeting because the Commission will sometime answer their public comments before the meeting.
- Vice Chair John Michael Reese advised he has received numerous calls about fishing up at High Desert Fishing and stated that in this area boating is legal but he felt there is attempt to discourage people from boating in these areas.
- Public Comments: **John Bennett Jr. (Supervisor, NDOW of the Southern Region)** he advised there is also parking issues in this area as well.
- Board member Therese Campbell: (None)
- Board member Dave Talaga: (None)
- **Chair Paul Dixon advised that this item is hereby closed.**

VII. Recap of the June 25/26, 2021 Commission virtual meeting by Chairman Paul Dixon: (Informational).

- Chair Paul Dixon introduced this topic.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised the first topic of discussion is Heritage Proposals. He stated that there is a shortage of funds and that the money is taken out of the accounts provided until these accounts are down to the amount of \$5,000 dollars. He advised that the money in these accounts was allocated to cover all projects and came from the \$150,000 dollars.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised that the next matter of discussion is Wildlife Contest. He stated that **David McNinch (Board of Wildlife Commissioner)** will present information he has learned to the Commission for review for their decision to either to make these wildlife contest statewide or just for the county and vote to proceed or not to proceed by simply taking no action, table this item or continue to study with the subcommittee and **David McNinch (Board of Wildlife Commissioner)** would be the lead on this subcommittee which was requested by the Commissioners.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised that the fees to pay for the Wildlife Contests are coming out of fees from hunting. He stated that most of the residents are traditionalist but the remaining portion are mutualist and are concentrated in both Clark and Washoe County. He advised that this was stated in the Nevada Wildlife Value Report which was discussed in our previous meeting on March 16, 2021. This report indicated that the people who have moved into these areas have brought with them a viewpoint of wildlife management hunting that is anti-traditionalist based on the chart on report and people do not

have interest in wildlife outside the confinements of their observable area.

- Chair Paul Dixon advised the next matter for discussion is Duck Stamp. He advised that this was one of the smallest Duck Stamp requests he has seen. He advised to Vice Chair John Michael Reese that his question into whether or not Overton received funding for seeds this year as they had in previous years, he stated that Overton has once again this year allocated these funds.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised the next matter for discussion is Upland Game and Furbearer Seasons and Bag Limits which was approved as presented.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised the next matter for discussion is Heritage Vendors. He stated that for example: organizations such as LV Woods and Waters, California Chapter Wild Sheep Foundation, Wildlife and Habitat Improvement of Nevada, Fraternity of the Desert Bighorn, etc., organizations such as these have received tags.
- **FYI-** During the January 2020 Board of Wildlife Commission meeting the Commission approved the seasons and authorized species for the 2021 hunt year: 1 California Bighorn Sheep Tag, 2 Nelson (Desert) Bighorn Sheep tags, 2 Mule Deer Tags, 2 Pronghorn Antelope tags, 2 Rocky Mountain Elk Tags, 5 Wild Turkey Tags.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised that there are no changes from the previous recommendations.
- **Chair Paul Dixon advised that this item is hereby closed.**

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

- Chair Paul Dixon introduced this topic.
- Chair Paul Dixon asked Vice Chair John Michael Reese for an update.
- Vice Chair John Michael Reese advised that he had no new updates and asked Joe Bennett Jr. (Supervisor NDOW of the Southern Region) if he had any updates.
- **Joe Bennett Jr. (*Supervisor NDOW of the Southern Region*)** advised he would like to apologize for not having a meeting as of yet or orientation for the counties that have not yet received it. He advised that **Pat Cummings (*Biologist, NDOW*)** is on vacation right now. He advised that the water levels looks good with the monsoon and drought conditions within the next two weeks and advised that he has spoken to Park Services about this. He advised that in June NDOW used helicopter to haul 70,000 gallons of water which was hauled from August through June, there was 167,000 gallons in the South and in the remainder of the North there were 121,000 gallons.
- Vice Chair John Michael Reese advised that he understands the delay and thanked **Joe Bennett Jr. (*Supervisor, NDOW of the Southern Region*)**.
- Public Comments: (None)
- Board Comments: (None)
- **Chair Paul Dixon advised that this item is hereby closed.**

IX. Fishing in Wetlands Park. NDOW position, presented by Chairman Paul Dixon: (*Informational*).

- Chair Paul Dixon introduced this topic.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised for this item to be tabled Item #9 Fishing in Wetlands Park (***Informational***) and changing it to Action Item #11 c. Urban Fishing Opportunities Wetlands in order to have adequate time for healthy discussion and understand the public's concerns on this issue.
- Public Comments: (None)
- Board Comments: (None)
- **Chair Paul Dixon advised that this item is hereby closed.**

- X. **Game Warden dogs to assist in their daily activities, presented by Chairman Paul Dixon: (*Informational*)**
- Chair Paul Dixon introduced this topic.
 - Public Comment: (**Mitchell Stoker**) he asked the question if the Game Wardens have a K9 program?
 - Chair Paul Dixon advised that **Jack Robb (*Deputy Director NDOW*)** stated that NDOW does not have a K9 program and such a program is a liability as well as a cost issue. Chair Paul Dixon used Metro as an example and stated they have a K9 program but they also have a larger budget.
 - Public Comment: **Chris Walthers (*Lt. Game Warden of the Southern Region*)** he stated that Game Wardens are allowed to take their own animals (K9) on duty but this becomes the obligation of the Game Warden. He stated in certain situations such as a Game Warden who is working in the boating unit, to have a K9 would simply be a distraction to their job performance. He stated that Game Wardens must fill out paperwork and there are restrictions on how to transport your K9 and expectations of performance of your duties with your K9. He stated if the Game Warden decides to do this, the liability aspects fall solely on the Game Warden because the agency has no support of that.
 - Chair Paul Dixon advised that this is informational and that he will always have informational items and bring them to our meeting from the public concerns, the CAB board members and from NDOW's recommendations.
 - Board Comments: (None)
 - **Chair Paul Dixon advised that this item is hereby closed.**

XI. **General Business/Action Items: Discuss & make recommendations regarding the following Action Items from the Board of Wildlife Commissioners August 6/7 2021 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 Darlene.Kretunski@ClarkCountyNV.gov. The final Commission Agenda & support at http://www.ndow.org/Public_Meetings/Commission/Agenda/.

- a. **Commission General Regulation 489, NAC 503.172, Shed Antler Season, NAC 501.200 (*For Possible Action*)** The CCABMW Board will review, discuss and make recommendations to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners to consider amending Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) 501.200 and 503.172 to change the demerits for violation of the shed antler closure, increase the demerits for a violation of that regulation and require an online class in order to collect or possess shed antlers in the field.
- Chair Paul Dixon introduced this topic.
 - **FYI- "*shed antlers*"** means antlers which have been naturally shed by any big game mammal in this state.
 - **FYI-*Impacts***- displacement or harassment of animals on winter range, pushes animals to less desirable forage areas, precludes wildlife from their critical winter habitats, forces wildlife to deplete energy reserves moving away from people during vulnerable time, off road travel, actually pushing animals to cause them to drop antlers.
 - **FYI- *Successes and Challenges***: Several saturation patrols in heavily collected areas. Surveillance on some individuals suspected of violating season closure, GPS-ing and caching looking to be the issue, Reports of greatly reduced traffic and disturbance in most of eastern NV.
 - ***The Current NAC 503.172***- Shed Antler Season, NAC 501.200 Demerits. The Board of Wildlife Commissioners made amendments to NAC 501.200 and 503.172 to change the demerits for violation of the shed antler closure, increase the demerits for a violation of that regulation and require an online class in order to collect or possess shed antlers in the field. This regulation makes the dates of closure from January 1- April 30. There is new requirement to have taken an online shed antler course offered

- by the Department before being allowed to collect a shed antler from May 1 to June 30.
- **FYI-** Changes to NAC 501.200 are: 1) Taking or gathering shed antlers in certain counties between January 1 and April 30 NRS 503.655 & NAC 503.172 (Demerits= 9); 2) Taking or gathering shed antlers in certain counties between May 1 and June 30 without a certificate in violation of NRS 503.655 & NAC 503.172 (Demerits= 6) 3) Changes to NAC 503.172 – A person shall not take or gather shed antlers from or on any public land located in Elko, Eureka, Lander, Lincoln, Nye or White Pine Counties (NRS 501.105, 501.181, 503.655) at any time from (a) January 1 to April 30, inclusive, (b) May 1 to June 30, inclusive, unless the person: (1) Is 12 years of age or older and has in his/her possession a certificate issued by the Department, or an agent designated by the Department, as proof that at any time from January 1 to April 30, inclusive, of the current calendar year the person successfully completed the course of instruction in the responsible collection of shed antlers offered pursuant to subsection 2 or (2) Is under 12 years of age and is accompanied by a person who: (A) is at least 18 years of age (B) Has in his/her possession a certificate issued by the Department, or an agent designated by the Department, as proof that at any time from January 1 to April 30, inclusive, of the current calendar year the person successfully completed the course of instruction in the responsible collection of shed antlers offered pursuant to subsection 2. The Department shall: (a) Offer, without charge, an online course of instruction in the responsible collection of shed antlers and issue a certificate of completion from the Department to a person who successfully completes the course; or (b) Designated an agent of the Department to: (1) Offer, without charge, an online course of instruction in the responsible collection of shed antlers that is approved by the Department; and (2) Issue a certificate of completion from the Department to a person who successfully completes the course.
 - Public Comments: **Chris Walthers (Lt. Game Warden of the Southern Region)** he advised that shed antler is habit critical for winter to refresh themselves and he is in support but with certification.
 - Board member Therese Campbell asked the question to Chair Paul Dixon what people do with shed antlers.
 - Chair Paul Dixon advised it is used for commercial collection in stores for items such as decorative lamps etc. and it makes lots of money, and he advised it takes years for regular shed.
 - Board member Dave Talaga asked if there was a charge for classes.
 - Chair Paul Dixon stated the classes online are free but there are no weekend classes offered, but one can go into NDOW office and take the class online in person with their computers at that location.
 - Board member Dave Talaga stated he did not see citations online and ask if NDOW is tracking citations given.
 - Public Comments: **Chris Walthers (Lt. Game Warden of the Southern Region)** stated that yes NDOW is keeping track of the citations.
 - Board member Dave Talaga asked if the tracking of these citations by NDOW is being done for both Nevada residents and non-residents.
 - Public Comments: **Chris Walthers (Lt. Game Warden of the Southern Region)** he advised he could not say for sure if tracking of citations apply to both residents and non-residents. He advised he is in support of this but this creates extra workload on the Game Wardens.
 - Board member Dan Gilbert stated he has a problem with going after citizens and not

commercial facilitators who are selling these products.

- Chair Paul Dixon advised bringing it up to commercial facilitators as well is a good point. He advised that the state of Nevada can't sell or buy shed antlers during this time indicated but can buy shed antlers in other states. He advised it is easy to go over state lines and purchase shed antlers and we need to come to common ground.
- Public Comments: (*Mark Transue*) he asked the question of why we need time to do indoctrination, is there a certain way.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised he has no problem with the time frames.
- Vice Chair John Michael Reese advised that the time frame is during fawn season and everybody knows how but when is the right time; the dos and don'ts.
- Public Comments: (*Annoula Wylderich*) she advised that there are poaching issues because of the antlers.
- Public Comments: **Chris Walthers (Lt. Game Warden of the Southern Region)** he advised not for antlers for trophy aspects for animals with antlers.
- Public Comments: (*John Hiatt*) he advised that demits that are in place by the Commission means nothing and fines will hit these individuals much more.
- Board member Dave Talaga advised that he agrees with board member Dan Gilbert, John Hiatt and stated that workshop should concentrate on these demits being handed out but this is not helping the issue.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised he will speak to the Commission about these concerns addressed.
- Public Comments: **Chris Walthers (Lt. Game Warden of the Southern Region)** he advised to board member Therese Campbell that the impact on the environment or species doesn't accurately show on the species, need to figure out where is the line.
- Board member Therese Campbell advised higher fine amount is the line.
- Public Comments: **Chris Walthers (Lt. Game Warden of the Southern Region)** he advised Nevada regular fines ranging from 0-\$999 and it is a misdemeanor, there is a guide on what to charge for violations.
- Board member Dan Gilbert advised that it is not illegal to collect sheds, it is the manner in which one is collecting the sheds.
- Vice Chair John Michael Reese advised with this two tier system for fines maybe lose hunting privileges for nine years and stiffer penalty should apply if no license, he stated that the regulations are not statewide and only designated to Lincoln, White Pine, Elko due to damage to the wildlife.
- **Board member Dave Talaga advised motion to accept Commission Regulation 489, NAC 503.172, Shed Antler Season, NAC 501.200 as written in addition that workshop sets deterrents to commercial and two tier system and needs to add stronger penalty for a person collecting shed antlers that do not have a license.**
- **Board member Dan Gilbert seconds the motion.**
- **Motion passes 5-0.**

b. **Commission Regulation 21-04, Amendment #2, 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 dates and times for indoctrination courses for black bear.

- Chair Paul Dixon introduced this topic.
- Public Comments: (*Steve Peirce*) advised that he is surprised that this is not statewide

and only applied to certain counties.

- Chair Paul Dixon advised that it doesn't make sense for example in places such as Eureka where you see the biggest violations.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised that they are allowing indoctrination courses and having record version to watch and sign up to receive credit for signing up and taking the course. He stated it makes it easier to draw tag.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised that he wanted to make sure tag holders understand the process.
- Public Comments: **Joe Bennett Jr. (Regional Supervisor for Southern Region, NDOW)** he advised the first come, first serve 1,200 tags were not reallocated due to long season. He stated it will show up on your email if you are eligible for this and there is no regulation stating that you have to attend if you have a bear tag.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised that there were tags that were returned never to be reissued.
- **Board member Dan Gilbert advised a motion that Commission Regulation 21-04, Amendment #2, Black Bear Seasons is accepted as presented.**
- **Vice Chair John Michael Reese seconds the motion.**
- **Motion passes 5-0.**

c. **Urban Fishing Opportunities – Wetlands Park (For Possible Action)** The CCABMW Board will review, discuss and make recommendations to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners about reestablishing urban fishing opportunities at Wetlands Park in Clark County.

- Chair Paul Dixon introduced this topic.
- **FYI-** The Wetlands Park is the largest park in the Clark County Nevada Park system, the park is on the east side of the Las Vegas Valley and runs from the various water treatment plants near the beginning of the Las Vegas Wash to where the wash flows under Lake Las Vegas and later into Lake Mead.
- Chair Paul Dixon reiterated that there were 41 emails received on this topic.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised that he wanted to read a brief passage of some of an email that was sent from **Thomas Minwegen (General Manager, Clark County Water Reclamation) Statement of Opposition to Fishing in the Clark County Wetlands Park or the Las Vegas Wash: *The Clark County Water Reclamation District collects and reclaims wastewater in unincorporated Clark County. We strongly oppose fishing in the Wash and the Park (both in the Wash itself as it flows through the Park or in the off-stream ponds within the Park). We urge you to oppose, and not recommend, fishing in the Wetlands Park or anywhere in the Las Vegas Wash.***
- **Chair Paul Dixon advised that this email was also cc: Las Vegas Wash Committee and other individuals at other agencies such as The Water Reclamation, Southern Nevada Water Authority, and Clark County Regional Flood Control etc.**
- **FYI:** (Emails Received: Levi Hani, Cynthia Mason, Lisa Kirk, Mridula Sani, Ardelle Bellman, Shelly Rae, Rahima Schwenbeck, Annoula Wylderich, B. Weiser, Andrea Wirth, Alexander Harper, C.J. Vadovic, James Nelson, Rose Scotellaro, Nancy Olds, Douglas Chang, Charles Dickey, Emily Chancellor, Richard Cantino, James Roombos, Mike Baker, David Anderson, Cathy Kozmary, Scott Clemson, Michelle Gregory, George Harmony, Jennifer Dudek, Nancy Chang, Andrew Poe & Angel Poe, Monica Flores, Logan Moller, Jolene Bradley, David Zechman, Karen McDonal, Cedrick Wilson, Sean Williams, Linda Brown, Narcisa Alprecht, Cherie Coggins, Camille Reyes, Thomas Minwegen)
- Chair Paul Dixon advised this begin when former CAB member Brian Patterson asked question of why to NDOW there is no fishing at The Wetlands Park and if that would be a possibility, this lead to being put on the Agenda for a discussion with Clark County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife.

- Public Comment: (**Brian Patterson**) he stated that Clark County had requested to close the fishing area seven years ago because they were worried about liability of drowning. He advised that 25% of the water is street runoff and with items sitting in the water and only 75% is treated and the remaining is not. He advised that the people who come to The Wetlands Park are people who come to bird watch, ride their bikes, and there are restricted areas as well, but there is still illegal fishing, trash, and dumping issues.
- Public Comments: **Chris Walthers (Lt. Game Warden of the Southern Region)** he advised that the Game Wardens patrol fishing not the homeless encampment and all other law enforcement issues are dealt with by Metropolitan Police Department and Clark County Park Police. He stated that there were two fires each year caused by humans who built fire for warmth, this took place from period of February through November. He stated the homeless lives there due to the remoteness. He stated the County ignores the issue and has left these matters up to law enforcement to enforce issues if they like to enforce it.
- Public Comments: **Brandon Senger (Supervisory Fisheries Biologist, NDOW)** he asked the question if fishing is allowed at any other parks.
- Public Comments: **Joe Bennett Jr. (Supervisor, NDOW of the Southern Region)** he stated that Commission regulations give Floyd Park and Sunset Park that fishing is allowed but he advised that the problem is that these parks are not kept clean.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised that he has had a talk with the **Elizabeth Bickmore (Senior Program Administrator for Clark County Wetlands Park)** and that unfortunately she is not in tonight's meeting, he stated she had advised through letter from the **Daniel Hernandez (Director, Clark County Parks and Recreation)** that they were in opposition to opening The Wetlands Park/Las Vegas Wash to fishing at The Wetlands Park.
- Vice Chair John Michael Reese advised that he himself is a fisherman, and he would like to know if the fish can be eaten. He stated he would like to take a tour of The Wetlands Park and would like to know how many drug busts have taken place, also how bad is the homeless at the park and does the park have the potential to be cleaned up again. He stated he was worried about needles and the homeless.
- Board member Dan Gilbert stated he would like to research regulations to see why no fishing and what is needed pros and cons.
- Board member Dave Talaga stated he is looking for anti-fishing bias and that the pros are the water shed has enhanced the natural 29 acres, he stated there is a slow flow of water so plants can absorb and detox before it goes into Lake Mead, he advised the cons are that it created eco wildlife there but should be concentrating on fisherman leaving debris and not punish all fishers.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised that if **NDOW (Nevada Department of Wildlife)** sees these issues then they should have authority to do something.
- Board member Dave Talaga agrees with Vice Chair John Michael Reese and board member Dan Gilbert that there is still a lot more information still needed.
- Vice Chair John Michael Reese stated he wondered if all the fisherman cleaned up after themselves would the 41 who sent emails still oppose.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised that fishing was allowed but Las Vegas Flood Control decided against it.
- Board member Therese Campbell advised that she has read all letters and stated that 300,000 visits of people going to trails, nature center and they have debris issues. She stated that this is a wildlife refuge for a lot of species and the majority of people want the park to be used as intended.
- Board member Dan Gilbert advised he wanted more time to make a decision and public comment gist are instances of bird watching, conservationist, and anglers.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised for the public comments when speaking to please remember to stay at 3 minute minimum required for public comments.
- Public Comments: (**Linus Cechavicius**): she advised that she is new to fishing she advised that there are trash recipicals due to anglers that toss trash off boat therefore they need disposable area

on their boats. She stated that the water quality is similar to Flagstaff, Lake Mary (mercury is hard to consume) and the signage states consumption to two hours a day and request catch and release.

- Public Comments: (**Robert Bleckar**) he stated there needs to be: 1) more opportunity for recycle trash 2) signage for consumption.
- Public Comments: (**Robert Gaudet**) he advised he takes offense to state that fisherman cause trash issue because he has never left any trash and he has been an instructor for 30 years and he has taught family and others to do the same and he even picks up others trash as well.
- Public Comments: (**Mitchell Stoker**) he advised that fishing is a great opportunity and there are two lakes in Vegas and that Floyd Lamb Park, Sunset Park and The Wetlands Park has beautiful creek in a low income area and one can get there by bus. He stated that fisherman need to clean up behind themselves and have education classes for them as well as signage. He advised that he would pick up behind fisherman and the homeless debris.
- Public Comments: **Chris Walthers: (Lt. Game Warden of the Southern Region)** he asked Mitchell Stoker if he has seen the homeless population at The Wetlands and asked when he last visited this location.
- Public Comments: (**Mitchell Stoker**) he advised that he has seen the homeless population because he is a Nevadan and advised he has not been to The Wetlands recently.
- Public Comments: (**Christopher Owens**) he advised that the area needs to be utilized but he will not have his children in this area because it is too dangerous, and there is flooding, he stated there are other fishing areas such as Cornerstone Park.
- Public Comments: **Chris Walters: (Lt. Game Warden of the Southern Region)** he advised that Cornerstone Park in Henderson that there is no fishing and that the mercury is high at this park.
- Public Comments: (**Christopher Owens**) he advised there are still four other ponds to fish: Boulder City, Sunset Park, Floyd Lamb Park, and Lake Mead.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised that last year when there was a drought and the water temperatures got to certain temperature there was a disease outbreak.
- Public Comments: (**Steve Peirce**) he stated that sportsman are restricted and unfortunately advised to stay away but homeless have no consequences and Metro does nothing and the Game Wardens have been enforcing but he wants the community to come together to make a change. He recommended the need for more information on this and take care of the resources.
- Public Comments: (**Annoula Wylderich**) she advised that there are injuries and fatalities to bird migratory, people are fishing without license, and there needs to be signage put up and recycle containers that are brought in to help with the debris for two months. She stated there are a lot of consequences of fishing to other wildlife and she is against fishing. She brought in debris she found at this location (fishing line and trash that were left by fisherman).
- Public Comments: (**Jason Anchiowski**) he advised that both the Game Warden and NDOW need to enforce for cleanup.
- Public Comments: (**Ryan Werner**) he advised that the angler and sportsman are fishing at Sunset Park and he would not eat the fish because it has a flood channel, he stated that The Wetlands Park is unusable and that fires have damaged most of the wildlife, and county workers have been assaulted, he advised that Metro should go in and pick up debris, and there should signage stating catch and release of and once again reiterated that it is simply unusable.
- Public Comments: (**Mridula Saini**) advised that different people find enjoyment in different ways and she likes to walk and comparing trash to homeless is stating one wrong makes a right. She stated that the eco-system depends on the fish and she is against fishing.
- Public Comments: (**Wayne Bliss**) he advised that he supports comments previously made by Brian Patterson.
- Public Comments: (**Brian Patterson**) he advised that he is previous CAB board member he advised that fishing would be a great opportunity and is being underutilized and needs to be used for more fishers to utilize and the homes came during period when the park was under construction. He advised this would be great opportunity for special studies for fly catcher,

beavers, fishing is excluded. He stated that he blames this on politicians for not putting structure on this and allowing trash and unlimited growth and not doing anything about it.

- Public Comments: (*Neil Dille*) he advised that he agrees with Brian Patterson.
- Public Comments: (*John Hiatt*) he stated that waterfowl birds get tangled in fisherman's fishing line and debris and he doesn't agree that park staff cannot help in this issue.
- Public Comments: (*Kristen Rode*) she stated that she is opposed and that there are a lot of homeless and she sees illegal fishing and she is concerned for the wildlife such as fish, birds, beavers who live there. She stated that fish feel pain when hooks are placed into their face, and that debris and fishing line is dangerous to the wildlife and that if you can fish it is not a right.
- Public Comments: (*Tiffany Pathkiller*) she advised that she grew up in Arkansas and that she had good memories of fishing and hunting with her family. She advised that people cutting the fishing line is not abnormal but it has taken a few pelicans that got tangled in the lines mostly on the East coast and all animals cannot be released. She advised that she does not understand the issue that we can regulate catch and release why we can't regulate debris intake as well. She advised that she does not disagree with fishing in Sunset Park, Floyd Lamb Park. She advised that if we can't help the animals then she will not continue to go to these parks.
- Public Comments: (*Elad Varkan*) he advised that he loves the park and trees and he is not interested in sport of fishing but he understands the passion and he thinks that animals did nothing wrong.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised that he would like to thank the public for their input and for continuing to be respectful during public comments. He stated that there is no recommendation at this time and matter should be tabled. He advised that he feels the need to table this and investigate further in order to make recommendation. He advised that going forward he would like to continue to have both virtual and in person for those who cannot make it to the meeting or who don't feel comfortable yet coming to a public meeting because of COVID-19 and Delta Variant.
- Vice Chair John Michael Reese advised he is appalled of how much homeless have taken over the park.
- Public Comments: **Chris Walthers (Lt. Game Warden of the Southern Region)** he advised that he patrolled the Wetlands and most have no license, stolen vehicles, drugs, homeless, and stated that if you go off the path areas the homeless can be seen. He advised that CR-20-01 this regulation states that jurisdiction is Metro, and discharging firearms is a problem as well.
- Board member Therese Campbell asked the Chair Paul Dixon about how long will this be tabled.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised that this will be revisited on December 31, 2021 and the Committee will vote if the Committee decides to put this on the NBWC board. He advised that he would like to wait a year and minimize catch and release for the wildlife and take time to address the pros and cons and find out what areas are going to be compromised for fishing.
- Board member Therese Campbell agrees that the matter needs to be tabled.
- Board member Dan Gilbert asked Chair Paul Dixon if there were any biologist from NDOW over the wildlife in The Wetlands.
- Public Comments: **Joe Bennett Jr. (Supervisor, NDOW of the Southern Region)** he advised that he was unaware of any services that NDOW offers in The Wetlands and that **Brandon Senger (Supervisory Fisheries Biologist, NDOW)** is over this.
- Vice Chair John Michael Reese advised that most lands are multi-usage and the park is 2,900 acres. He advised that we need answers to why not fishing or why it is not allowable and we have no idea of the degree of homelessness and stated he would like to go to the park and take video. He advised that we should investigate in this area cannot hunt since the 70's and there is no logical answer of why the homeless has made this park a homeless camp.
- **Vice Chair John Michael Reese advised motion to table The Urban Fishing of Wetlands Park until further notice and that the CAB does further investigation with visit to Wetlands Park for recommendations.**
- **Board member Dan Gilbert seconds the motion.**
- **Motion passes 5-0.**

- d. **Commission Regulation 20-12, Amendment #2, 2021-2022 Upland Game and Furbearer Season and Bag Limits (*For Possible Action*)** The CCABMW Board will review, discuss and make recommendations to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners to modify Commission Regulation 20-12 for Upland Game Seasons and Bag Limits for certain Upland Game Species.
- Chair Paul Dixon introduced this topic.
 - **Board member Dan Gilbert advised a motion to accept Commission Regulation 20-12, Amendment #2, 2021-2022 Upland Game and Furbearer Season and Bag Limits as presented.**
 - **Vice Chair John Michael Reese seconds the motion.**
 - **Motion Passes 5-0**
- e. **Wildlife Contests (*For Possible Action*)** The CCABMW Board will review, discuss and make recommendations to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners about wildlife contests.
- Chair Paul Dixon introduced this topic.
 - Public Comments: (**Mark Trausue**) he asked if this was about coyote calling contest.
 - Public Comments: (**Steve Peirce**) he advised that contest creates new legal issues.
 - Public Comments: (**Brian Patterson**) he advised that there are 10 to 12 states that this contest is held annually and discussion makes it any calling contest which will affect all contests.
 - Public Comments: (**Wayne Bliss**) he stated that he agrees with Brian Patterson, considering where this law is going having huge fundraisers and industries behind it will affect this.
 - Public Comments: (**Robert Bobbett**) he advised that people will always be competitive and will always compete and how these things are contests and if we take away Wildlife Contest we will take away any contest such as competing in football and soccer contests, these will be thrown out as well.
 - Public Comments: (**John Hiatt**) he advised that 50 years ago most people did not feel it was ethical to kill animals' therefore killing leads people down this path.
 - Public Comments: (**Tiffany Pathkiller**) she advised that she has lived in all areas and with things like Wasting Disease she can see the benefit in these wildlife contests.
 - Chair Paul Dixon advised that coyotes and jack rabbits are part of this wildlife contests since they stop using poison removal of 20,000 but the contests with the contest 15-30 animals are killed, it is not in mass numbers so it is not affecting their population. He advised that with Pittman Robertson funding unsuccessful including legislation are we benefiting to have these contests for the greater good for all. He stated if no contests then what would replace the contests must weigh the pros and cons to maintain wildlife.
 - Vice Chair John Michael Reese advised that the CAB board members have voted to spend hundreds of thousands of dollars for coyote removal and NDOW employees are not paying, the hunters are paying by buying the license, therefore how can NDOW turn and state hunters can't help in the coyote removal.
 - Board member Therese Campbell advised that there is recent study headed by Deech stating there are 85 % non-lethal practices, eight states outlaw killing contests, there is

law passed in Arizona to stop contests, Nevada as well. She advised that legislation needs to be taken up on this and would like this matter to be brought back to our Agenda in the near future.

- Board member Dave Talaga asked the question of where are this issue.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised that **David McNinch (Wildlife Commissioner, NDOW)** gave briefing of why he stopped calling it a killing contests and is now calling it a wildlife contest, and states like Utah put bounty on this issue.
- Board member Dave Talaga asked when is the vote to be taken.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised that **David McNinch (Wildlife Commissioner, NDOW)** needs to come back to ask the Committee to make a vote on this.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised that animals and humans are a lot alike 85 % of public are opposed to killing coyotes, 3,300 people applied for bear tag, he feels it is unresolvable due to the switching of mutualist to traditionalist. He stated that he doesn't know any hunters who cannot say that they "kill animals". He stated he would like the CAB to move forward and in regards to **David McNinch (Wildlife Commissioner, NDOW)** until he speaks to the Committee on this matter then the discussion will continue.
- Board member Dave Talaga advised that the CAB needs to make recommendations not based on assumption.
- **Board member Dan Gilbert advised motion to table this matter until the Commission comes back with new recommendation and the CAB previous recommendation about ending and having regulations on Wildlife Contests remains.**
- **Vice Chair John Michael Reese seconds the motion.**
- **Motion passes 5-0.**

XII. Authorize the Vice-Chairman to prepare and submit any recommendations from today's meeting to the Wildlife Commission for its consideration at its August 6/7 2021, meeting in Tonopah, NV. (For Possible Action)

- Chair Paul Dixon introduced this topic.
- **Chair Paul Dixon advised motion that he will submit the recommendations from tonight's meeting and submit for The Wildlife Commission meeting on August 6/7.**
- **Vice Chair John Michael Reese seconds the motion.**
- **Motion passes 5-0.**

XIII. The next CCABMW board meeting is scheduled for September 21, 2021 at the Clark County Government Center Pueblo Room, 500 S. Grand Central Parkway, Las Vegas. This meeting will be in support of the September 24/25, 2021 Commission meeting scheduled to be in Las Vegas, Nevada.

- **Chair Paul Dixon introduced this topic.**
- **Chair Paul Dixon advised that the next meeting is on September 21, 2021 and that it will be held at the Government Center (Pueblo Room) and there will also be held by teleconference.**

XIV. Adjournment.

This meeting has been properly noticed and posted online at Clark County NV
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Nevada Public Notice Website at <https://notice.nv.gov>