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MAY 3, 2022 (5:30 PM)
Meeting Minutes

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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.

- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert called the meeting to order.
- Secretary Darlene Kretunski took the roll call, CAB members who were present: (Chair Paul Dixon, Vice Chair Dan Gilbert, Jacob Thompson, John Hiatt, Therese Campbell, Brian Patterson, Dave Talaga (late arrival).
- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert advised there is a quorum at this time.

II. Pledge of Allegiance-

- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert asked board member Brian Patterson to please lead in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Board member Brian Patterson led 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. Please clearly state your name, address and please spell your last name for the record. If any member of the CCABMW wishes to extend the length of the presentation, this will be done by the Chair or the CCABMW by majority vote.

- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert introduced this topic.
- Public Comment: (None)
- Board Comment: (None)
- **Vice Chair Dan Gilbert advised this item is hereby closed.**

IV. Approval of the Minutes for March 22, 2022. (For possible action)

- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert introduced this topic.
- Board member Brian Patterson advised in the meeting minutes in the action item (c) the word alfalfa was spelled incorrectly throughout this section and needs to be corrected.
- Board member Therese Campbell advised in action item (a), when discussing about bird migration, the word flyway is correct, Secretary Darlene Kretunski has it as flyaway, but the actual terminology is flyway.
- Board member Brian Patterson asked Chair Paul Dixon if he was able to contact anyone to find out about the \$1.00 convenience fee, he spoke about in the March 22, 2022 meeting (*Board member Brian Patterson advised about a \$1.00 convenience fee for every application that is filled out by NDOW. The DMV per the Nevada Supreme Court decision made May 13, 2021 rendering Senate Bill 542 unconstitutional, and made the DMV give refunds to all customers who the DMV collected a technology fee from the period of January 1, 2020 through August 31, 2021 plus interest*) but NDOW is exempt from giving back the \$1.00 convenience fee they made their customers pay.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised he was able to talk to Deputy Director Jack Robb and he was informed that the legislature gave NDOW an exemption for their convenience fee therefore NDOW is exempt and does not have to follow this regulation.
- Board member Brian Patterson stated it is a crock.
- Public Comments: (None)
- Board member John Hiatt advised a motion to approve the meeting minutes for March 22, 2022 with the stated corrections requested by board member Brian Patterson and Therese Campbell.
- Chair Paul Dixon seconds this motion.
- **Motion passes 6-0.**

V. Approval of the Agenda for May 3, 2022. Agenda items may be Held, Combined, or Deleted. (For possible action)

- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert introduced this topic.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised the goal of the CAB tonight is to get through up to at least action item (a through f) and these action items are important and the CAB needs to make comments on these action items, but we may not be able to address (g through r) which are all Commission Policies.
- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert advised he agrees with Chair Paul Dixon and stated he read action item (f), this action item is very mundane in nature.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised that if that is the case on action item (f), it will be easy to expedite discussion on that item.
- Public Comments: (None)
- Board member John Hiatt advised a motion to approve the agenda for May 3, 2022 as presented.
- Board member Brian Patterson seconds the motion.
- **Motion passes 6-0.**

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

- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert introduced this topic.
- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert advised that he is aware that board member John Hiatt has a presentation tonight in regards to feral horses and burros and asked if any other board members had any topics or correspondence for discussion.
- Board member Brian Patterson stated he would like to make two announcements at this time: 1) Las Vegas Woods and Waters had a banquet on Saturday April 30, 2022 at the Gold Coast Hotel and Casino. He stated it was successful in raising funds, but it was not quite the turnout that was expected but the event was good. He stated May 10, 2022 is deadline to turn in the Big Game Application (FYI- The application period is from March 21, 2022 to May 10, 2022). He advised for everyone who is going to apply to please go to NDOW website prior to applying to familiarize yourself with the site as it is difficult to maneuver through this site. He stated he applied in seven to eight areas here in the west, but stated Nevada has the newest cumbersome system which is difficult due to its difficultness of navigating through this new system. He stated any other state that he goes to, their website during draw/application season on numerous occasions the button to apply is highlighted. He stated that NDOW website states apply or buy and once the individual clicks on to this button, it sends the individual down a hole, and after clicking seven to eight times thereafter, if you are lucky you might locate the box on the entire site stating you can apply for a Big Game Tag and you can then apply, he stated it is getting to this location that is the problem. He reiterated that everyone needs to get onto NDOW's website beforehand and play around on the site to find the location that they need to apply.
- Chair Paul Dixon asked secretary Darlene Kretunski if the video feed was available to see the people who attended the meeting tonight and stated he was unable to see the people in the room at the meeting, secretary Darlene Kretunski advised unfortunately she will not be able to do that request, the video will only feature Chair Paul Dixon and board member Jacob Thompson but you can hear everything perfectly.
- Board member Jacob Thompson requested that going forward to have everyone identify themselves prior to speaking.
- Board member Therese Campbell: (None)
- Board member John Hiatt (Yes): He stated he would like to discuss wild horses and burros and that he had a graph as well. He stated his discussion will reflect the plot of big mass between wild horses versus other wild animals such as (antelope, deer, sheep, and elk). He stated the chart presented shows the graph, the vertical bar on the right is for each year and it identifies horses and burros and the bar on the left is combined bio mass of all the other wild animals (antelope, deer, sheep and elk). He stated the horizontal line in the middle which is the heavier line that this is an Appropriate Management Level for horses and burros which is set by the BLM (Bureau of Land Management). He stated in 2008 there was a bio-mass of (antelope, deer, sheep and elk) that were significantly greater than the wild horses and burros but the horses and burros were still above AML (Appropriate Management Level). He stated since this time period, the situation has deteriorate for (antelope, deer, sheep and elk), meanwhile the number of wild horses and

burros have sky rocketed. He stated those animals are eating daily and drinking water daily and hopes the resource limit stay in condition as the horses and burros are destroying the range. We will lose (antelope, sheep, deer, and elk) over time if this situation continues, he stated the good news is BLM wants to round up over 50,000 wild horses this year 2022 in Nevada. He stated he hopes BLM will have the finances to do so but regardless this still leaves it way over the AML. He advised this problem can be helped by Congress and proposals are out to spend money, round up the animals, placement of animals in long term placement in areas of lots of foliage to graze and live out the remainder of their lives. He stated euthanizing, slaughtering, are off limits, these options will never get past wild horse advocates. He stated prominent advocate groups such as ASPCA and the National Humane Society etc., are all in agreeance of this path to reduction of numbers down to AML and keep them there to have healthy horses. He stated if you look at most of the horses and burros then one would see that the condition of their body is bad and if one of us would have a domestic animal in this condition, we would be looking to be prosecuted for animal abuse and stated "it is just that bad." He stated most people in Congress do not have any wild horses in their districts, but do have wild horse advocates in these districts therefore they can vote yes to things that do nothing for the wild horses, due to having no repercussions for their votes. He stated meanwhile in Nevada we have more wild horses then any other state or country and they are suffering in terms of our wildlife if we do not control the wild horse situation, with a timeframe of within the next twelve to eighteen months. He stated we may have significant amount of horses that die off due to lack of water, foliage. He stated the hope to alleviate this by rounding up the wild horses and relocate them to areas where the condition is better. He stated to see bio mass comparison between wild horses and burros and (antelope, deer, sheep, elk) it is clearly distressing situation. He stated he just wanted to make everyone aware of the severity of this situation and stated the problem is actually worse, then what is seen and this only pertains to BLM land, not included was Forest Service land, Forestry Service land, private land, Tribal land.

- Board member John Hiatt stated the BLM land especially in the Ely District, they have a management plan in which they have listed zero of herd in these management areas, stating not enough foliage in these areas therefore we declare the appropriate AML here zero therefore they consider that these areas have no more wild horses and burros still reside there not as many but they are still there. He stated looking at the Meadow Valley Mountains according to BLM there are no wild horses and burros. He stated he was in this area between Crest and Meadow Valley Wash and there are indeed quite a bit wild horses and burros. There is evidence by seeing traps, stud piles, trails, he stated the area in which he was in the past twelve to eighteen months had zero foliage but the animals were there still. He advised it is bad therefore he wanted to spread awareness of this situation and advised if anyone has opportunity please talk to your Congress person in your district and let them know how important this issue is and resolution is needed as well as asking for them to work with the other members of Congress to help with this issue, by getting more funding to the BLM to help deal with this situation. He stated this should be handled in a more humane fashion. He reiterated that this entire situation is cruelty to animals, and if not resolved in the timeframe of the next twelve to eighteen months there will be thousands of animals left to starve and die and everything else will be in de Minimis numbers.
- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert asked board member John Hiatt the question that when he speaks of bio mass on the graph is this the actual weight of animals versus what they consume.

- Board member John Hiatt stated he is speaking about weight of the animals.
- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert asked board member John Hiatt if there is comparison in foliage requirements.
- Board member John Hiatt stated it is about the bio mass of animals therefore foliage requirements for a horse is twenty pounds of foliage daily and water usage is between 6 to 8 gallons of water a day.
- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert stated he has seen these animals feeding continually and he feels it seems like horses eat more than (antelope, deer, elk, and sheep).
- Board member John Hiatt advised the horses do eat more than those animals and the horses are also a lot bigger.
- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert stated he was talking about pound for pound.
- Board member John Hiatt advised that ungulates are more efficient than horses, they have more efficient digestive system therefore horses must eat more than an ungulate of the same weight.
- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert stated it could be more then what is showing more exacerbated on the chart on the impact of habitat.
- Board member Therese Campbell asked the question to board member John Hiatt or NDOW staff when reading Big Game quota, it discussed the Big Game animals that have been trapped, captured, and these animals are close to zero body fat, does this apply to all species of wild animals.
- Public Comments: (*Joe Bennett Jr., Supervisor, NDOW, Southern Region*): He stated he feels she is referring to capture in Washoe County, where the deer where captured and these deer their body condition was very poor due to many factors (drought conditions, captures, predators, wild horses).
- Board member Therese Campbell ask the question if there could be coalition between a deer in an area looking poorly and almost in starvation mode and the estimated numbers of feral horses and burros on the same portion of the range.
- Public Comments: (*Joe Bennett Jr., Supervisor, NDOW, Southern Region*): He stated that horses and water sources have effects, they can knock off smaller and large sources and eat less foliage and it can have an effect and it makes it hard to determine if its effects are related to feral horses or if it's a combination of drought and feral horses.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised when recent horse round ups were done in Southern Nevada conditions of the horses are bad as ungulates located on the same landscapes and when the horses were moved off spring mountains 95% -96% were euthanized for poor body weight and would not survive even in a kept environment, and stated when removal of a mount of 140 horses and 137 were euthanized due to body condition is a clear reflection that these horses are eating other ungulates out of food as well and in Southern Nevada as opposed to Northern Nevada where the conditions are much more dryer.
- Public Comments: (*Mike McBeth*): He stated he agrees with board member John Hiatt in what he has stated earlier and advised the only way that he feels this matter will be resolved is if the state of Nevada pursues a lawsuit against BLM enforcing BLM to remove these horses off the range. He stated the state of Wyoming did this action already, and that state doesn't have these issues. The state of Wyoming sued the federal government therefore we have a blue print of how this should be done, based upon state of Wyoming. He advised the state of Wyoming sued and received a court order for the BLM to comply with the terms of The Wild Horse and Burro Act and therefore it leaves the state of Wyoming to deal with the wild horses. He stated The Wild Horse and Burro Act

is clear in how to handle the wild horses. He stated it is the appropriation to Congress that is keeping these horses from being euthanized therefore the entire system is not working due to factors such as doing away with slaughter of the horses, this was an efficient way to get rid of these horses unfortunately it did not appease the animal advocates and Nevada Wildlife is bearing the majority of this.

- Public Comments: (*Mark Trasue, Sportsmen*): He stated that NDOW stated a lot of deer are in bad shape and wanted to know could it be because of water shortage.
- Public Comments: (*Joe Bennett Jr., Supervisor, NDOW, Southern Region*): He stated water is very limited in this region due to drought and NDOW is hauling large amounts to guzzlers in 2022 and he is seeing natural springs up, and he feels there are definite water limitations especially in some areas more than others.
- Public Comments: (*Mark Trasue*): He stated Nevada has a definite water problem and over developing and landscaping, and useless landscaping is creating the problem, he asked (*Joe Bennett Jr., Supervisor, NDOW, Southern Region*) if there is anything that can be done to help this situation.
- Public Comments: (*Joe Bennett Jr., Supervisor, NDOW, Southern Region*): He stated that low water levels and drought conditions definitely have an effect of having less water, and stated example: Lake Mead.
- Public Comments: (*Mark Trasue*): He stated on Far Hills from 215 to the end, he estimated there are about 10,000 plants on both sides of the road on a strip of mile and half and all of these plants need water daily and they are still putting out more plants in this area. He stated it simply is just a waste.
- Public Comments: (*Nick Gulli, Las Vegas Woods and Waters, Sportsmen*): He stated based on the water situation that (*Mark Trasue, Sportsmen*) has discussed, he feels that we continue to bring up Lake Mead, we have a northern Nevada water problem due to horses and ranchers and nobody would like to deal with the water shortage issue. He stated look at Spring Valley and stated this area is loaded with water and it is running down the desert and this water could be useful for the wild horses or ungulates. He stated there are ranchers and miners who have refused to release the water and they both are not playing well with others on this issue. He stated our current Governor will not do anything about this and wants to attack programs that would assist with the issue. He asked the question of why NDOW is not approaching the ranchers about this water and stated that Lake Mead is a federal installation and there is enough water stored in Arizona for 40 years and this is a separate issue from ungulate and wild horses, northern Nevada is hot bed for water and we need to work with them (ranchers, miners) to get water there and NDOW has to get involved as well.
- Public Comments: (*Joseph Terry*): He asked board member John Hiatt about the bar graph and wanted to know in regards to the increments how do the increments work and how many increments are being discussed.
- Board member John Hiatt advised the increments go by 10,000, 20,000, 30,000 etc.
- Public Comments: (*Ron Stoker, Sportsmen*): He stated it seems to be management issue and there will be discussion about advocating against that and the same thing will occur with predators if we don't manage them, whether it be bears, coyotes or anything else. He stated we say the same thing with the coyotes and predators and with the horses and we do not manage our wildlife.
- Public Comments: (*Fred Voltz*): He stated one thing we continue to ignore by Commission, State and Federal regulators, BLM, is the fact we have ten times the amount of cattle which graze on public land and paying very low fees for this but there is no

conversation about reduction in the amount of cattle to protect both the wild horses, and the ungulates and to share the landscape and also discuss what amount of water resources are to the north and south of this state. He stated ignoring this issue is doing a disservice to all citizens in Nevada, wildlife, and it needs to stop. He stated just like water rights and arguments about water and do not matter who has legal right to the water, there is no water. He advises that politicians cannot create water, therefore citizens of Nevada need to be better at being the stewards of the cattle population. He stated we need to stop water extracting, and growing Alfalfa to feed and deal with this situation. He stated this should be handled in a more humane fashion. He reiterated that this entire situation is cruelty to animals, and if not resolved in the timeframe of the next twelve to eighteen months there will be thousands of animals left to starve and die.

- Chair Paul Dixon stated that when he joined the board around the time of 2008 in which board member John Hiatt discussed, he advised he decided to join the CAB due to wild horses and burros issues and the population is four times what it was in previous years. He thanked board member John Hiatt for his graph and presentation in reference to the bio mass and he feels that people forgot how much antelope, deer, elk, sheep take up the bio mass. He gave an example: Quagga Mussels in Lake Mead account for a quarter of the bio mass of Lake Mead thus as they bloom, they remove quarter of the bio mass in Lake Mead hence wild horses and burros are doing the same. He stated this matter is real and as board member John Hiatt stated the timeframe would be twelve to eighteen months. The cattle need to stop forging, they are now on public lands, and payment to BLM (being a bargain basement price) for this privilege, he stated 80% of the land belongs to government and most of that is BLM.
- Chair Paul Dixon stated historically cattle and sheep grazing on the landscape, he pointed out that there is difference between what the sheep and the cattle graze on versus what wild horses and burros graze on everything. He stated cattle and sheep graze on grasses and do not eat the grass down to the root. He stated looking at cattle and sheep population referring to time when the deer population was at a higher number, we also had extremely high cattle and sheep population in the state. He stated since the drought and forging of the burros and horses in which they eat all on the landscape down to the point it does not regenerate thus leaving it barren, therefore he stated the comparison between horse to cattle, sheep and burrows is not a fair comparison. Elk could be in comparison with wild horses and cattle but Elk graze in much different environments and this is why in his opinion the Elk are still doing well.
- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert stated he agreed with Chair Paul Dixon and stated another thing that occurs is looking at livestock management, is pulling off animals at peak times to keep landscape undamaged and have the ability to still flourish in the best way possible. He stated no question that there are significant management practices employed that are not being applied in regards to the horses and burros.
- **Vice Chair Dan Gilbert this item is hereby closed.**
- **FYI: Chair Paul Dixon spoke on this subject matter, here is some informational material.** *Quagga Mussels (Dreissena Biogenesis) these mussels have spread to most parts of Lake Mead, causing concern for boaters and water based equipment such as water buoys, underwater archeological sites and structures. The dollar figure estimate for damage caused by quagga mussels has the potential to cost millions of dollars in repairs and reconstruction if not controlled. Shells of dead mussels are hazardous to people on beaches and larval mussels called (veligers) are drawn into boat engines and bilges where they grow into adults and clog recreational equipment. Mussels feed by*

continuously filtering water for plankton and the tremendous filtering capacity of large colonies of mussels can deprive other aquatic species of resources necessary for survival and also causes irreversible ecosystem changes and losses of both native species and sport fisheries. Quagga Mussels are primarily plankton feeders and have very few natural predators in North America, but it has been documented that several species of fish and diving ducks eat them in limited quantities. In all cases, predators of the mussels have either directly experienced or indirectly caused a negative outcomes by bringing these into the food chain. Lake Mead NRA developed an immediate and comprehensive response. The Nation Park Service is committed to preventing the spread, slowing the rate of infestation and determining treatment options to minimize the threat posed by this species to currently infested waters since quagga mussels have planktonic (free drifting) larvae, preventing spread to water bodies downstream from known infestations may not be possible. However, westward over land spread is assumed to be largely due to trailered boat traffic thus, farther westward spread of quagga mussels is highly preventable. The best prevention tool is the proper cleaning and drying of boats, trailers and equipment. Federal, state and private agencies are updating and coordinating public information and policies to develop the most effective prevention measures. These entities will continue meeting to develop management and information plans to help the boating public prevent infestation to other water bodies. Lake Mead NRA is doing the following type of Monitoring: 1) Age and Growth Analysis 2) Larval Monitoring 3) Presence/Absence on Artificial Substrates 4) Permanent Transects to examine colonization and density 3 5) Temperature Tolerance Tests 6) Studies on promising methods on eradication of mussels (still in the testing stage) 7) Toxic Concentration Level Analysis on Mussel Tissue. Depending on the substrate Quagga Mussels will attach at different rates. They are growing on a variety of substrates including duct tape, rope, aluminum, brass, steel, stainless steel, fiberglass, plastic, leather, old antifouling print, ABS plastic, PVC etc., thus far there is no color or substrate they will not attach to other than effective antifouling paint. We are currently developing recommendations and best management practices for watercraft users at Lake Mead NRA. Low density infestation areas in Lake Mead= 24,000 acres or 20% or high density infestation areas in Lake Mead = 66,000 acres or 56%.

- **FYI-Board member John Hiatt discussed this subject matter, here is some informational material. (Article by National Horse & Burro Rangeland Management Coalition) The Wild Free-Roaming Horses and Burros Act (WFRHBA) was established in 1971 to protect wild horses and burros on federal land placing the wild horses and burros under the jurisdiction of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and U.S. Forest Service (USFS). The act: 1) makes it a federal crime for anyone to harass or kill “wild” horses or burros on federal land. 2) Set the groundwork for further studies of the animal’s behavior and habitats. 3) Permitted that public land could be set aside for use as herd management areas. 4) Requires that herd management plans “maintain a thriving natural ecological balance among wild horse populations, wildlife, livestock and vegetation and to protect the range from the deterioration associated with overpopulation”. 5) Allows for public lands to be utilized for multiple purposes while improving the health and stability of “wild” horse and burro populations.**
- *(Sale of Excess Animals): In general, an excess animal or the remains of an excess animal shall be sold if the excess animal is more than 10 years old or the excess animal has been offered unsuccessfully for adoption at least three times. An excess animal that meets either of the criteria shall be made available for sale without limitation, including through*

auction to the highest bidder, at local sale yards or other convenient livestock selling facilities. Definitions: “wild free roaming horses and burros” means all unbranded and unclaimed horses and burros on public lands of the United States, “range” means the amount of land necessary to sustain an existing herd or herds of wild free-roaming horses and burros which does not exceed their known territorial limits and which is devoted principally but not necessarily exclusively to their welfare in keeping with the multiple use management concept for the public lands. “Herd” means one or more stallions and his mares. “Public lands” means any lands administered by the Secretary of the Interior (Deb Harland) through the BLM or by the Secretary of Agriculture (Tom Vilsack) through the Forest Service. “Excessive animals” means wild free-roaming horses or burros.

- *The Secretary of Interior shall order old, sick, or lame animals to be destroyed in the most humane manner possible, and shall cause such number of additional excess wild free-roaming horses and burros to be humanely captured and removed for private maintenance and care for which she determines an adoption demand exists by qualified individuals and for which she determines she can assure humane treatment and care (including proper transportation, feeding and handling): provided that no more than four animals may be adopted per year by any individual unless the Secretary determines in writing that such individual is capable of humanely caring for more than four animals including the transportation of such animals by the adopting party. The Secretary shall cause additional excess wild free-roaming horses and burros for which an adoption demand by qualified individuals does not exist to be destroyed in the most humane and cost efficient manner possible.*

VII. Recap of the March 25, 2022 Commission virtual meeting by Chairman Paul Dixon (Informational).

- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert introduced this topic.
- Chair Dixon advised he attended this in person meeting in Boulder City, Nevada.
- Chair Paul Dixon he stated a discussion on Commission Regulation 22-10, Migratory Game Bird Seasons, Bag Limits and Special Regulations for Waterfowl and Web less Migratory Game Birds, Public Hunting limited on Wildlife Management Areas and Designated State Lands-2022-2023 Season; he stated the Commission followed NDOW’s recommendations. He advised that the Commission also went with the CAB’s recommendation under the “Special Regulation” section for Snow and Ross Geese, that the dates need to be changed from 2022 to 2023, and the Commission thanked the CAB for this.
- Chair Paul Dixon stated for the year 2023 of the Fiscal Predation Management Plan, this item is back on the CAB’s agenda again it was in the CAB’s previous meeting on 1-25-2022 in which the CAB voted: 5-1 (*The dissenting opinion is the board member does not like lethal management of the mountain lion*). He stated the Commission had no comments on the last draft therefore it is coming back for adoption at this Commission meeting in Reno (May 6 & 7, 2022).
- Chair Paul Dixon advised that the Approval for Elk Damage Payment Exceeding \$10,000 that the CAB agreed to this and the Commission as well for the landowner based on amount of elk he had on his property for an extended amount of time eating and trampling down irrigated fields.
- Chair Paul Dixon stated Commission Policy Number 10 Wild Heritage Tags and Vendors, that the CAB agreed with this policy and the Commission accepted this policy as well.

- Chair Paul Dixon stated Commission Policy Number 31 Cutthroat Trout, he stated the CAB had no comments on this and the Commission accepted this policy with NDOW's changes.
- Chair Paul Dixon stated Commission Policy Number 33 Fisheries Management Program, he advised that the CAB had no changes nor did the Commission and the Commission accepted this policy.
- Chair Paul Dixon stated Commission Policy Number 40 Statewide Boating Safety, he stated the CAB had no comments and the Commission accepted this policy with no changes.
- Chair Paul Dixon stated Commission Policy Number 63 Protecting Wildlife from Toxic Ponds, he stated this policy is again back on the action items in tonight's meeting action item (r) and stated the CAB voted the following: in the first paragraph under background the very last sentence which reads: development and maintenance of ponds containing cyanide or other chemicals that are potentially lethal or harmful to wildlife, the following words should be added (compounds or elements and removing the word chemicals in the sentence) therefore the sentence should read development and maintenance of ponds containing cyanide or compounds or elements that are potentially lethal or harmful to wildlife. Next change recommended on the first page on the bottom, the last sentence and continuing to the second page, Page 2 on the top, the entire sentence (to include or pit lakes) so that the sentence should read; Since the development of the IAP Program, the Department has increased its understanding of how to apply both proactive and reactive measures to preclude wildlife from accessing potentially toxic pond or pit lakes and minimize wildlife mortality associated with those ponds or pit lakes. Additionally, the increased use of potentially toxic ponds or pit lakes in other industrial development projects has led to a modernized permitting program that also incorporates the energy (coal, natural gas, solar, and geothermal) and manufacturing industries where wildlife is at risk of contracting toxic solutions. He advised that there were some wording changes made.
- Chair Paul Dixon stated Commission Policy Number 64 Input on Land, Sales, Transfers, and Exchanges, he stated the CAB did not have any comments and the Commission accepted the changes, as presented by NDOW.
- Chair Paul Dixon stated Commission Policy Number 65 Designation of Wildlife Management Areas, the CAB had no changes and the Commission accepted the changes as presented by NDOW.
- Chair Paul Dixon stated Commission Policy Number 67 Feral Horses and Burros, he stated he appreciated board member John Hiatt's CAB member comments and Vice Chair Dan Gilbert in allowing public comment on this issue even though it was (informational only). He stated the public needs to be engaged on this topic and know how this matter is being dealt with the entire landscape. He stated NDOW is working with other organizations on this matter because they have willingness to come to the table to take off \$15,000 if there is funding. He stated the issue is 15,000 take us to 60,000 TO 45,000 in that bill over 25,000 TO 30,000 over 25,000 to 30,000 over AMU and it is a step down but we still have a lot of issues to retrain to continue coming down the ladder. He stated at the meeting there was also a large discussion on birth control of animals and he feels the big question that continues to come up is example: the herd is 1,000 horses and birth control is given to the mares for a timeframe of one year, how is it known which mares have received the birth control and which have not been given birth control. He stated this would require them to

have a tag and number them in the same manner that livestock has done to them, and people are against this. He stated it sounds like a good idea but unless you have livestock tagging and naming program, it is almost impossible to implement in the wild where there are herds of over couple hundred horses. He stated it is not physically possible to attempt to figure out which mares the birth control was given too on a month to month basis. He stated he is sure there will be even more discussion on this matter on the Commission level as the push to remove 15,000 wild horses off the landscape this year.

- Board Comments (None)
- Public Comments: (None)
- **Vice Chair Dan Gilbert advised this item is hereby closed.**

VIII. Discussion NDOW's Restoration and Rehabilitation Program (*Informational*) The CCABMW will have a 15-20 minute discussion with NDOW about the wild fire restoration in Nevada.

- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert introduced this topic.
- Secretary Darlene Kretunski asked that this presentation be postponed due to technical issues.
- Public Comments: (*Joe Bennett Jr, Supervisor, NDOW, Southern Region*): He stated he would like to introduce (*Erin Wood, LV Game Biologist*) and would like her to take a moment and introduce herself to the room.
- Public Comments: (*Erin Wood, LV Game Biologist*): She stated she is from Massachusetts and made her way her to Las Vegas and she studied Big Horn Sheep in Nebraska, and she has worked for a few different state and federal agencies under wildlife projects and she is excited to start a new chapter in a new region and she is just getting her feet wet in Las Vegas.
- Public Comments: (*Joe Bennett Jr., Supervisor NDOW, Southern Region*) advised this is actually her second day on the job and advised that one of her first projects is to get the Mule Deer Enhancement Program going and he stated he will facilitate this as well. He stated basically it will be her show. He advised the program will be working in the near future, at this point he will have to make sure that all the team members involved on the committee are still interested.
- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert advised that he has not had any correspondence but he knows for sure that three individuals on the committee are still interested.
- (*Joe Bennett Jr., Supervisor NDOW, Southern Region*): He stated if individuals decide to participate on the committee still great but if not we will still move forward.
- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert stated if not we will find some other replacements, and stated he is sure that (*Mike McBeth, Sportsmen*) would be interested in being on the Mule Deer Enhancement Committee.
- Public Comments: (*Mike McBeth, Sportsmen*) advised he would like to have that discussion later.
- Public Comments: (*Joe Bennett Jr., Supervisor, NDOW, Southern Region*): He stated that NDOW will be on four different mountain ranges such as Bears, Muddies, and NDOW is attempting to be proactive instead of reactive at these locations. He stated this is a multiple project and we are attempting a summer

sheep capture at the end of June by helicopter in the Muddies, the sheep will be heading to Utah and it will be a total of 30 sheep.

- Board member Brian Patterson advised that in the past NDOW was giving away turkeys for trade.
- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert stated he was happy to have her onboard.
- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert asked (*Lt. Chris Walthers, Game Warden Southern Region*) what happen with the mountain lion that he had actually seen.
- Public Comments: (*Lt. Chris Walthers, Game Warden Southern Region*): He stated he received a call around 10:30 am from a homeowner advising that the cougar was located in their backyard. He stated normally the Game Warden who goes out would contact 911, Las Vegas Metro Police Department and they would come out and assist with blocking off the street while the Game Warden keeps their eyes on the cat with the goal of initially tranquilizing and relocation for the cougar, this would be the best scenario. He stated unfortunately there was a Mulberry cotton tree and with the amount of foliage the dart that the Game Warden would need to use could not go through the foliage to use the tranquilizer dart, he stated he went to the next option which was to go through the homeowners bedroom window because it gave the Game Warden clearance between 20-22 yards off. He stated he asked the homeowner for WD-40 Multi Use Lubricant to spray the bedroom window frame and he was almost about to slide the window open when the mountain lion looks up at the Game Warden and the cat and the game warden eyes met and the cat gets up and proceeds to jump the wall and leave. He stated the goal is at this point to get Metro's helicopter on this to track the moment of the cougar after the usage of the dart. He stated reports continued to come in stating mountain lions were seen by the Las Vegas Wash and the cougar continued to move south and the assistance of Metro, Clark County School Police helped in tracking as the mountain lion continued to head south and stated the final report he was dispatched was that the cougar had run through a school and he received a call from a teacher and he had CCSD school police go to the schools in the area as well as the parks and they did not receive any more additional reports.
- Public Comments: (Mark Trasue): He asked (*Lt. Chris Walthers, Game Warden Southern Region*) what part of town was the cougar on.
- Public Comments: (*Chris Walthers, Game Warden Southern Region*): He stated the area was Flamingo and Jones approximately seven miles from Foothills.
- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert stated that with cougar size typically these cats that are seen are immature and not this healthy.
- Public Comments: (*Chris Walthers, Game Warden Southern Region*): He stated that he believes that News 8 has all of the information on their website as well about this cougar sighting.
- Board member Therese Campbell asked (*Lt. Chris Walthers Game Warden Southern Region*) do you believe the cat was simply just looking for water.
- Public Comments:(*Lt. Chris Walthers, Game Warden, NDOW Southern Region*): He stated no and advised he is not a game biologist and that the cougar are territorial and the cat looked to be about 3 years old.
- Public Comments: (*Joe Bennett Jr., Supervisor NDOW, Southern Region*): He stated that it could be a combination of reasons of why the cougar was out that day

from drought conditions and the needed water, or just felt like walking.

- Public Comments: (*Lt. Chris Walthers, Game Warden, NDOW, Southern Region*): He stated there are more sightings of these cats due to technology such as outdoor cameras mounted on homes for security as well as the ring door bell. He stated again goal is successful tranquilizing tagging and relocation.
- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert asked the question if the cat since it was in such great shape simply be a pet of someone.
- Public Comments: (*Lt. Chris Walthers Game Warden, NDOW Southern Region*): He stated this is always a thought.
- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert advised that this presentation is postponed and can be rescheduled to another date and the CAB will make time in the next meeting for this presentation if requested.
- **Vice Chair Dan Gilbert advised this item is hereby closed.**

IX. General Business/Action Items: Discuss and make recommendations regarding the following Action Items from the Board of Wildlife Commissioners May 6th and 7th, 2022 meeting agenda, as well as additional items brought forth to the CCABMW from the public for discussion. CCABMW agenda and support materials are available upon request to Secretary: Darlene Kretunski (702) 455-1402 or email: Darlene.Kretunski@ClarkCountyNV.gov. The final Commission agenda and support at http://www.ndow.org/Public_Meetings/Commission/Agenda/.

a. Commission General Regulation 22-11, Big Game Quotas for the 2022-2023 (For possible action)

The CCABMW Board will review, discuss and make recommendations to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners about regulations for the numbers of tags to be issued for mule deer, pronghorn antelope, elk, bighorn sheep, and mountain goats for the 2022-2023 seasons.

- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert introduced this topic.
- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert advised that there has been a significant reduction especially in deer tags throughout the southern eastern, western portion of the state, Area 10 in particular, showing 200 permits in one area.
- Public Comments: (*Joe Bennett Jr., Supervisor NDOW Southern Region*): He stated that areas 10 and Area 6 see big increase due to buck ratios relative to NDOW objective success rates demand success metrics and decent recruitment in those populations, this is the reason for this trend, which he stated is the tale of two stories. He stated it is sort of north and south of Highway 50 and this is reflected in the quotas. He asked how the CAB would like to approach this action item asking would the CAB like to address each species and have discussion on them and give recommendations. He stated he was unsure of how of much information is needed on each but he stated he can give a general overview and he will answer any questions thereafter.
- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert stated that he feels this something that the modeling matrix and the flat race surveys are happening and in his opinion rather indirect to the population in reference to recruitment, and density, and buck to doe ratios especially in the southern portion of the state for a trending period and he states this is first time that NDOW has come back with an aggressive move to control some of

the hunting pressures and wanted to know your thoughts on what has occurred to seek the changes and it should not be completely driven by new data.

- Public Comments: (*Joe Bennett Jr., Supervisor NDOW, Southern Region*): He stated the data is better, and stated that in the Pine Valley area located in Utah on the other side of the border a lot of callers are deployed in reference to adult does, therefore the data this year was received from Utah and we received fifty callers and in the last two years the annual survival rate was 77% to 80%. He stated if the year was decent then the expectations of survival were about 85%, this is one factor that is the cause of population level decline and stated that anyone who spent time in Pine Valley Utah will not state that conditions there are better than here. He stated there is poor fawn recruitment and lower buck ratios, the alternative unit is 35 bucks to 100 does and the standard unit is 30 bucks per 100 deer therefore when there is a third buck ratio with ratio of 20 and 23, you will have some decent success rates but poor survival and there are lots of factors that influence this trend seen especially in mule deer. He stated in buck ratios of 23 you can see trend in areas such as Matthews Ranch in the last five years the trend that went to half then you have farm recruitment hence there are two surveys done on deer, one is done in the fall for the buck ratios and in March is getting ready for the winter mortality. He stated when there is recruitment levels at 19% to 21%, there is a need for total of up to 30% to maintain and this causes a decline trend as time goes by. He stated NDOW was utilizing all of this data reflecting the survival rates for the past few years on both does and bucks and NDOW had doe data feed and realized that bucks survival ratio is not going to be similar to the good years and the low ratio of the buck as well with the fawn recruitment puts together a story.
- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert asked (*Joe Bennett Jr., Supervisor NDOW Southern Region*) to speak about his statement of a flip in Areas such as 18 and 6 in which you have a higher buck acceleration.
- Public Comments: (*Joe Bennett Jr., Supervisor NDOW Southern Region*): He stated yes there was a turn around on seeing higher buck acceleration as high as 38, which is managing in the 30s which would put more on a tag increase and if you put this with some success rates, he stated NDOW ultimately care about through our modeling exercises and our demand success raise rates is the reporting era desire buck hill. He stated then the tags are disbursed to achieve buck hill with the different climate classes. He stated when there is a high ratio buck rate that is observed, with lower than three years success, it will be decent recruitment. He talked about in Area 6 about two years ago when there was a heavier winter that occurred, the area might have been muller down too far which this factors warranted this increase and there is similar situation in Area 10.
- Vice Dan Gilbert asked (*Joe Bennett Jr., Supervisor NDOW, Southern Region*): He stated going back to Area 10 and Area 6, which is occurring population growth or is it at a standstill.
- Public Comments: (*Joe Bennett Jr., Supervisor, NDOW Southern Region*): He stated he feels there was only modest growth but when there is higher buck ratio and a population of that size, Area 6 and Area 10 (these are two of the largest populations), it is going to have a lot more tags to be sent out then in an area which only produces only 50 to 100 and in other units where there is same increase.
- Board member Dave Talaga stated the percentage of tag being filtered to NDOW.
- Public Comments: (*Joe Bennett Jr, Supervisor NDOW, Southern Region*): He

advised that Nevada has one of the best rates of reporting of harvest rates of any other state, due to the fact that it is mandatory. He stated some of the reporting rates have been as high as 98%. He stated in the new First Come First Serve program, in the past up to 1,200 tags would not be reissued, now in the present all of these tags are being reissued, the true success rate, only changing by a percentage rate, no drastic change due to individuals not hunting and staying home. This makes it difficult to factor into the true success rate.

- Board member Dave Talaga asked the question of when NDOW factors the success rate into this model, you answered this already, but how much this changes the predicted population model versus measuring the exact population.
- Public Comments: (*Joe Bennett Jr, Supervisor NDOW, Southern Region*): He stated there is report in the model the amount of harvested animals this amount will have influence on the projection of what is going into the next year and stated the success rates are highly variable depending on the units therefore this is the reasoning of why NDOW uses three year average to stabilize and do better.
- Board member Brian Patterson stated that we can go species by species as done in previous years, from antelope to desert sheep, California bighorn sheep and continue down the line, he stated in the first few pages of this it is stating decline on the species: antelope decline for many years, desert bighorn decline for 13 consecutive years, California bighorn sheep decline from 2021, rocky sheep is the same, mountain goat is the only increase and elk has 16% increase, mule deer is 4% reduction, he stated across the board the wildlife species are in a downward reduction. He advised once the CAB has the opportunity to get into discussion about different species he will express his input on the subject matter in more detail.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised in past the CAB discusses each species then the discussion returns to the public for public comment thereafter it returns to the CAB for more discussion then recommendations and a vote.
- Public Comments: (*Mike McBeth*): He stated that he is very supportive of the reductions and stated it is three years too late, and stated tags at a rapid rate during drought conditions that have unseen before and that his family operates a ranch in Area 22 and they are on the ground 247/365 days a year. He stated his family has seen the impacts of the drought which caused his family to sell 75% of its cattle herd. He stated to the gentlemen who made comment on the phone about ranchers not selling cattle, he is stating that ranchers do sell cattle when there is no more feed for the cattle. He reiterated that his family has gone through this unseen before drought for three years now, yet he stated both NDOW and this Commission did not act and were not watching and they don't need to do counts, aerial surveys to realize what happens next when there is unseen before drought conditions and what this causes to animals and the animals reproductive rates. He stated there are predators sitting on water sources as well has an impact.
- Public Comments: (*Joe Bennett Jr., Supervisor, NDOW Southern Region*): He advised that he has knowledge of the northeastern portions and northwestern portions because he is over the southern region but there may be some questions due to this factor of location that he may not be able to answer. He stated everything for central in Lincoln County for pronghorn there will be reduction across the board and stated there was single digit team fawn recruitment coupled this with sample sizes that were little lower and some observed buck ratios that are little lower as well. He stated some of the higher quotas in previous years based off

of estimates thus showing a general decline in all the quotas.

- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert advised that he understands that the overall sense is that the habitats have affected the antelope as well in recruitment and population.
- Board member Brian Patterson advised the theme is reoccurring and makes no sense that with numerous species we state drought conditions, cut tags, and state the only way to increase the populations is to have more fawns, but in antelope the increase is in Horns Shorter than Ear tags. He stated it makes no sense the worries are about habitat and the numbers are declining and there is increase in one population the hardest of this one population that has the ability to increase the population. He stated without getting into specifics about each unit this is his overall census on this subject matter and he stated he will have this same feeling on number of these species being discussed.
- Public Comments: (*Joe Bennett Jr., Supervisor, NDOW, Southern Region*): He stated this is a tale of two stories as he mentioned previously, northeastern Nevada has done much better than some of the southern populations and central populations. He stated as a biologist it is difficult to articulate or convey degraded habitat conditions, poor recruitment and chance that we are reaching a population carrying capacity. He stated thought process is NDOW does not normally take care of this approach due to the borders being relatively conservative in most instance but it may not be bad thing to remove a few more animals from the landscape in some locations thus allowing the animals that are there especially in winter ranges are destroyed it may to remove few animals and let the ones that are staying to thrive. He reiterated it is tale of two stories from habitat conditions that are seen and in the northeastern portion is a completely different story.
- Board member Therese Campbell asked if bucks are being hunted or is it just doe pronghorn to be hunted.
- Public Comments: (*Joe Bennett Jr., Supervisor, NDOW, Southern Region*): He stated some units do have horns shorter than the ears in Area 13 some of Area 18 and also in Area 6 and Area 7.
- Board member Therese Campbell asked board member Brian Patterson was this what he was referring too.
- Board member Brian Patterson stated yes, horns shorter than ears normally is general a doe hunt.
- Board member Therese Campbell stated she wanted to make sure exactly what was being discussed but overall she agrees with board member Brian Patterson.
- Board member Brian Patterson stated the flip side of (*Joe Bennett Jr., Supervisor, NDOW, Southern Region*) comments about removal of species from the landscape because they are degrading it potentially, instead one could state let mother nature take its course and leave these animals in place and you might receive a recruitment of a good number to augment your population, and he stated the answer is never right or wrong and there is no black or white answer but lots of gray area.
- Public Comments: (*Joe Bennett Jr., Supervisor, NDOW, Southern Region*): He stated looking at this subject matter statewide as well, as we discuss some of the individual quotas that all the units are not created equal at this point. He stated you will see trends especially in the deer populations once you arrive at central and Lincoln County with 68% reductions and the factors as being what was discussed earlier. He stated in some units there will be 50% increases.
- Chair Dixon stated for Vice Chair Dan Gilbert to go through all the hunts for

antelope to see if there are any concerns with the recommended 2022 quotas and advised that the backup information that NDOW has recommended that they have this information in case there is question about specific on unit it can be retrieved from the NDOW backup information on that unit to obtain hunters success and fawn to doe and buck ratios. He advised if people are fine with the hunts then we move to the next and if they have any questions about these hunts these questions will be directed to our biologist from NDOW (*Joe Bennett Jr. Supervisor, NDOW Southern Region*).

- Board member Dave Talaga stated he viewed the quotas and wanted to know how one would argue if these quotas are good or bad at this point, he stated we must rely on NDOW and their science behind these quotas thus assuming that everyone who made these quotas are all scientists. He stated he found the rancher who spoke earlier about the comment, he would like to receive some verification from the rancher. He asked the following: 1) what are the main factors believed is influencing the decrease in population in Nevada as a whole. He advised we can all agree that the population across the state of Nevada is decreasing. 2) What can be controlled on the factors that are causing the decrease in population, he feels it is because of drought, recruitment, buck to doe ratio, predators, horses and burros. He asked NDOW biologist what did he think of the list and asked would they add anything different or take away anything on this list.
- Public Comments: (*Joe Bennett Jr., Supervisor, NDOW Southern Region*): He stated we are the driest state in the nation and NDOW hauls over 150,000 gallons of water for the last two years to our artificial water developments factored in with the overall foliage quality and fawning.
- Board member Dave Talaga advised that is a drought issue.
- He stated with just the quota reductions will not cause the population to increase and NDOW to attempting to manage the buck to doe ratio based off the data they have, they are trying spring restoration and removal but it is going to be rough until we receive moisture here in Nevada.
- Board member Dan Talaga stated to play devil's advocate here, if we stop hunting completely would this help.
- Public Comments: (*Joe Bennett Jr., Supervisor NDOW, Southern Region*): He stated biologically mule deer can reproduce 10 bucks for 100 does. When discussing a buck harvest and the survival rates of especially younger bucks and different aspects through time, population level probably not.
- Chair Paul Dixon stated that we could get away with 10 bucks to 100 does from there was an increase in doe harvest with horns shorter than ears which is most likely going to be a doe harvest for antelope in hunt 2181 over last year and all the other male hunts have been dropped. He asked (*Joe Bennett Jr., Supervisor, NDOW, Southern Region*), is this strictly for carrying capacity in landscape or is it another factor of reason why there is increase in removal of does then in years past.
- Public Comments: (*Joe Bennett Jr., Supervisor, NDOW, Southern Region*): He stated what is occurring in 3 units on these increases on horns shorter than ears harvest these populations Area 14, Area 15, Area 6 and when discussing better habitat conditions there is large agricultural reprieve especially Areas 14 and Areas 15 with quite a few more tags in these areas. There was a discussion in statewide meeting for pronghorn that Area 15 was looking good with sheer counts and recruitment a large amount of agricultural land in these areas.

- Board member Jacob Thompson asked if there was data on horns shorter than ears harvest about male versus female ratio.
- Public Comments: (*Joe Bennett Jr., Supervisor, NDOW, Southern Region*): He stated you are asking the number of yearly bucks versus the number of does being harvested. He stated he does not have that specific data available at this meeting and as mentioned before everyone must report and stated the vast number of those are does and reiterated he does not have this specific information at the present moment.
- Board member Jacob Thompson asked if it was a high percentage of does.
- Public Comments: (*Joe Bennett Jr., Supervisor, NDOW, Southern Region*): He stated he would state that is correct.
- Board member Brian Patterson advises a motion to approve Commission General Regulation 22-11, Big Game Quotas for the 2022-2023 seasons as presented for Resident Antelope horns longer than ears Hunt 2151, Non-Resident Antelope Horns Longer than Ears Hunt 2251, Resident Antelope Horns Longer than Ears Muzzleloader Hunt 2171, Non- Resident Antelope Horns Longer than Ears Muzzleloader Hunt 2271, Resident Antelope Horns Longer than Ears Archery Hunt 2161, Non Resident Antelope Horns Longer than Ears Archery Hunt 2261, Resident Horns Shorter than Ears Any Legal Weapon Hunt 2181 as presented.
- Board member Dave Talaga seconds the motion.
- **Motion passes 7-0.**
- Next (Elk Hunt)
- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert introduced this topic.
- Chair Paul Dixon asked (*Joe Bennett Jr., Supervisor, NDOW, Southern Region*): He asked the question in regards to the elk management plan are we still increasing with elk management numbers or are we trying to manage these numbers within our elk management numbers.
- Public Comments: (*Joe Bennett Jr., Supervisor, NDOW Southern Region*): He stated all of our populations are below level with aggressive harvest we had, you will see a large amount of reduction quotas especially Area 16 and Area 23 because NDOW is attempting to maintain below the objective around 100 to 200 animals based upon the area. He stated that NDOW has successfully met a large amount of those objectives.
- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert asked (*Joe Bennett Jr., Supervisor, NDOW, Southern Region*) the question if there was an issue of the bull and cow ratio being skewed or is it still going or is it in harmony now.
- Public Comments: (*Joe Bennett Jr, Supervisor NDOW Southern Region*): He stated NDOW is aggressive with antlerless harvest and it has artificially skewed the bull ratio, with the new ratios relatively tied in bull cow ratio and a large number of these units will take years to have balance again due to the aggressiveness of NDOW with their harvests.
- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert asked (*Joe Bennett Jr, Supervisor NDOW Southern Region*) what did he think at this time would be the ratio for bulls versus cows.
- Public Comments: (*Joe Bennett Jr., Supervisor NDOW Southern Region*): He stated the bull cow ratio was modeled from the era of both the sixties and seventies and that it depends on the unit grouping which is variable.
- Board member Brian Patterson stated he was stepping away from the biology

portion of this subject matter and would like to discuss the financial aspects pertaining to the tag amounts. He stated NDOW is collecting more money and there is a reduction in a lot of these species and this will have an impact to the financial bottom line and in regards to money coming in also will impact this May 10th cycle.

- Public Comments: (*Joe Bennett Jr., Supervisor NDOW Southern Region*): He stated whether it is 300 tags or 500 tags, from a financial standpoint, the money that is collected by NDOW doesn't even help to cover a new company vehicle for the department. He advised NDOW's financial source comes from the amount of applications, the number of license holders there are and how that relates to the Pittman Robinson revenue or federal funds. He stated the revenue that you are discussing is only a small portion that helps NDOW financially. He stated none of the quotas are driven by revenue.
- Board member Brian Patterson stated he agrees with some of what (*Joe Bennett Jr., Supervisor NDOW Southern Region*) but he stated a lot of my concerns that I am addressing are coming from the public who feel NDOW is simply attempting to do a money grab.
- Public Comments: (*Joe Bennett Jr., Supervisor NDOW Southern Region*): He stated that NDOW is held by Commission Policy 24, and 10% goes directly to the non-resident quota and that this is statewide. He advised that this is disproportionately in situations with permitted weapons that NDOW reduced in cases where there is 3 to 2 in species, example is the mule deer where there is a party application which is product due to having an off season year. He stated that since NDOW has the hunt and the hunt is a party hunt, this is the rationale for the two tags for the non-resident quota which reflects a perceived loss and he reiterated again that this is statewide.
- Public Comments: (*Mike McBeth*): He asked (*Joe Bennett Jr., Supervisor NDOW Southern Region*) the question about Hunts 221 and Hunts 223 (Late) and Antler Elk Hunt 4151, on why is there a rationale about the increase in the number of mature bulls and NDOW's thought process that it warranted an increase in the tags. He requested an explanation as well of why it goes from 60 to 80 (late) and 60 to 85 (early) and he stated he does not understand why the large increase for the late hunt as compared to the early hunt.
- Public Comments: (*Joe Bennett Jr., Supervisor NDOW Southern Region*): He stated that the quality metric is on the high end and it is 25 to 35 for most units and 35 to 45 for non-standard units and this year it is a standard unit and you will see in a large amount of these units there are more in the late hunt and normally the late hunts are more successful. He stated the portion is determined on the number of tags it takes to get to the number of elks getting around, which is what NDOW cares about in a portion of these tags, the desired number.
- Public Comments: (*Mike Macbeth*): He stated when going down every single group there is a reduction but there are some increases, and the late hunt 221 and 223 catches his attention because it is the only unit group that has such a large increase therefore, this makes no sense to him.
- Public Comments: (*Joe Bennett Jr., Supervisor NDOW Southern Region*): He reiterated again he will simply reference the harvest metrics again.
- Public Comments: (*Mike McBeth*): He stated to (*Joe Bennett Jr., Supervisor NDOW Southern Region*), that the harvest metrics apply to the early hunt as well.
- Public Comments: (*Joe Bennett Jr., Supervisor NDOW, Southern Region*): He

responded with a yes and stated that early hunts are usually more successful and this is due to weather and pressure and this is normally the reasoning of why there is a disproportion.

- Public Comments: (*Nick Gulli, Sportsmen*): He stated to (*Joe Bennett Jr., Supervisor NDOW, Southern Region*): He stated as a rancher was it not approved in the last meeting to give a rancher almost \$19,791 for a loss in the hunting area (Grand Peak) is that correct, is this the same area that you are speaking about (*Joe Bennett Jr., Supervisor NDOW Southern Region*) and (*Mike McBeth*) just now, he stated that the studies from NDOW show that a large number of elk in this area did not leave until December 26, 2021.
- Public Comments: a few members of the public pointed out that this is not the area it is actually Area 15 and Area 22.
- Chair Paul Dixon asked (*Joe Bennett Jr., Supervisor NDOW Southern Region*) too please advise what was Lincoln County CAB's recommendation on (LATE) Hunts 221 and Hunts 223 for Elk.
- Public Comments: (*Joe Bennett Jr., Supervisor NDOW Southern Region*): He stated he did attend the Lincoln County CAB meeting yesterday May 2, 2022 and advised that their recommendations were similar to the recommendations last year.
- Chair Paul Dixon asked (*Joe Bennett Jr., Supervisor, NDOW Southern Region*) if the Lincoln County CAB recommended leaving quotas at 60 not dropping them down to 65 and 80.
- Public Comments: (*Joe Bennett Jr., Supervisor NDOW Southern Region*): He reiterated what he stated previously that the Lincoln County CAB made recommendations the same as the previous year with no changes.
- Chair Paul Dixon stated to (*Joe Bennett Jr., Supervisor NDOW Southern Region*) that he appreciates that fact that Lincoln County CAB and NDOW moving their meeting dates so that it is not on the same night as the CCABMW meeting date. He advises that he realizes that the Lincoln County CAB breathes and lives the elk on a daily basis but the hunters hunt on weekly to bi-weekly basis every year and this is the only time they deal with elk therefore he would like to support Lincoln County CAB's recommendation 2151 (Antler Elk Hunt) for reduction in Hunt 221 and Hunt 223 (Late) harvest request to match that of the 2021 season. He asked (*Joe Bennett Jr., Supervisor NDOW Southern Region*) were there any other additional recommendations given by the Lincoln CAB as well.
- Public Comments: (*Joe Bennett Jr., Supervisor NDOW Southern Region*): He stated there was a re-appropriation of some of the tags but he cannot remember the exact numbers at this time for muzzleloaders, archery etc.
- Paul Dixon stated that he noticed that the archery this quota was up for resident, but in muzzleloader for the same units are down significantly and asked if this was a hunter's success thing.
- Public Comments: (*Joe Bennett Jr., Supervisor NDOW Southern Region*): He stated yes it is success driven.
- Chair Paul Dixon stated based on hunters success he would have an issue reallocating to a muzzleloader season for some of these tags due to the higher success ratio, if you are looking for opportunity and in Hunt 4151 (Any Legal Weapon) he stated he was looking at the muzzleloader this is putting you earlier in the season. He stated and before that it is October/November season post rut, there are nine fewer tags even though it has higher success rate.

- Board member Brian Patterson asked Chair Paul Dixon if he was stating Lincoln County recommended taking twenty additional tags from the rifle hunt and putting a few back to the muzzleloader hunt, but the muzzleloader hunt recommendation is going from fifteen to six tags.
- Chair Paul Dixon stated correct.
- Public Comments: (*Joe Bennett Jr., Supervisor NDOW Southern Region*): He asked to not be quoted on these exact amounts he did not recall these exact amount from Lincoln County CAB meeting yesterday on May 2, 2022.
- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert stated that archery tags are going to increase by five.
- Chair Paul Dixon stated archery for those have done archery is not that of muzzleloader or rifle.
- Board member Dave Malaga asked if the CAB tonight should make a recommendation of how many tags should be increased.
- Chair Paul Dixon he feels the CAB supports the decrease in Any Legal Weapon for resident and non-resident but asked does the CAB have any reason to reallocate any of these tags he feels without more knowledge and with having a higher hunt success with muzzleloaders and he does not want to reallocate where there is a decrease but he is open for discussion.
- Board member Brian Patterson stated he feels the CAB should follow the same recommendations as Lincoln County has in CAB meeting last on 5-2-2022. He advised if Lincoln County CAB stated reducing Any Legal Weapon amount from last year 2021 and do not worry about allocation of the tags and take tags from one hunt to be put into another and go with the previous year's recommendation he would like to leave as recommended.
- Board member Dave Talaga asked what was last year's recommendation.
- Board member Brian Patterson stated it was 60 tags last year and 80 is the recommendation for this year for the (late) Hunt 221-223.
- Chair Paul Dixon stated for clarification the only changes that were made was in Hunt 4151 not to exceed any limits established in the 2021 Big Game Season which effects Hunt 115 Late, and Hunts 221-223 Late.
- Board member Brian Patterson advised that there are two different hunts for 4181 and he feels the only difference is the word wilderness.
- Public Comments: (*Joe Bennett Jr., Supervisor NDOW Southern Region*): He stated that the only distinction is the word wilderness.
- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert advised a motion for approval of Commission General Regulation 22-11, Big Game Quotas for Hunts 4102-Resident Elk-Antlered Any Legal Weapon Depredation as presented, Hunt 2181 as presented, 4151 not to exceed any limits established in the 2021 Big Game Season, Hunt 4251 as submitted, Hunt 4156 as submitted, Hunt 4256 as submitted, Hunt 4161 as submitted, Hunt 4261 as submitted , Hunt 4651 as submitted, Hunt 4181 as submitted, Hunt 4181 Wilderness as submitted, Hunt 4281 as submitted, Hunt 4176 as submitted, Hunt 4276 as submitted, Hunt 4111, Hunt 4211 as submitted, Hunt 4107 as submitted, this includes the depredation hunts as well.
- Board member John Hiattt seconds the motion.
- **Motion passes 7-0.**
- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert introduced the next topic (Nelson Bighorn Sheep).
- Public Comments: (*Joe Bennett Jr., Supervisor, NDOW Southern Region*): He

stated that NDOW observed a large amount of their surveys is the sample sizes which was much lower than they had anticipated and it was very predictable. He stated sample sizes, NDOW went to Areas such as 282 & 286 and he felt he was not sure if there were enough rams to sustain the harvest this year.

- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert stated that Hunt 268 went from 37 to 33 in the harvest quota and in previous years it went up as NDOW was proactive in keeping the carrying capacity in line but as a responsible measure and me being a conservationist is there a need to be able to harvest more.
- Public Comments: (*Joe Bennett Jr., Supervisor NDOW Southern Region*): He stated at the moment there are Unit 268 Muddy Mountain NDOW hauls the most water to this area, and has established hand line water development to where it is tied in directly to the Valley of Fire State Park water source and by doing so, this should help alleviate some of the pressures therefore the overall quote if you include the non-resident is 38 rams and stated that last year NDOW was aggressive with the ewe harvest, and it was over 80 which resulted to 62% success. This year the ewe objective is about 220 and NDOW is approaching that objective therefore NDOW's recommendations for the quota is about 40 ewe tags but also at the end of June 2022 NDOW will give 30 sheep to Utah as well. He stated NDOW tend to increase liability on the water source in Unit 268 and are approaching and the population is large enough that it would take disease to impact to a larger level of where it would not rebound. He stated NDOW is still taking aggressive measures when factoring in the capture of some of the ewe and ram harvests. He stated last year the ram harvest went up to ten tags so we are still on the higher end.
- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert stated that carrying capacity it is important especially near the McCulloughs which it is very hot out and ugly out there.
- Public Comments: (*Joe Bennett Jr., Supervisor NDOW Southern Region*): He stated NDOW actually seen the press plan recruitment and stated McCulloughs and Muddies and NDOW sees no evidence of disease and it is surely a product of the conditions in this location and this is one of the factors that is limiting that population and maybe NDOW does not have to be as aggressive. He stated the McCulloughs were very predictable and NDOW would run into sheep and they did not survey a single sheep on the eastside. He stated the sheep were located all on the northwest side.
- Board member Brian Patterson stated he agreed with (*Joe Bennett Jr., Supervisor NDOW Southern Region*) that the sheep did take a hit on the eastside and he realizes this because he use to spend a lot of time in this area and he could tell the difference.
- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert advised that the fact that there is necessity to haul large amounts of water into this areas is directly proportional to the quality of the habitat NDOW needs to look at carrying capacity in a new model which it will be tied to water and when the necessity for water is going to make the animals have to venture out to seek water then it will increase the calorie intake due to reduce forage and places more stress on the animals and stated one of the areas that have been so heavily impacted is big sheep habitats of Nevada and he just wants to make sure that NDOW is doing the right things for them.

- Public Comments: (*Joe Bennett Jr., Supervisor NDOW Southern Region*): He stated that all of the models show contractions which are based off sample sizes and they have modeled the survival rate down and expects to be less stress on the water sources because there was some level of contractions. He stated there is some uncertainty in some units due to the low level of sampling sizes and this is reflected but the quotas are considered to be conservative in a few of these units because they are doing grand quota and there were contractions.
- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert asked (*Joe Bennett Jr., Supervisor NDOW Southern Region*) he advised that there have in past been pneumonia running through our sheep and goat herds and the management tool that was used was to thin out some of the population in areas to prevent the communicable aspect of transmitting the disease from animal to animal. He asked the question if there is regression in the population if there is reduction in pneumonia in the sheep herds.
- Public Comments: (*Joe Bennett Jr., Supervisor NDOW Southern Region*): He stated he did not know based off land recruitment due to attempting to tease off bacterial pneumonia versus the drought conditions. He stated he cannot say for certain but can state that NDOW is doing implementation in some of the populations in central Nevada and working down to the south and beyond and are doing a test and removal. He stated with sampling methods with bacteria pneumonia is there will be 5% to 10% who are spreading the infection and a ton that are exposed and brushed off. He stated then that 5% to 10% that are actively shedding the infection and you will have a large amount of animals that are exposed continue re-infecting therefore NDOW is using a management strategy attempting to remove the sheep that are actively shedding and the ones who are actively infected.
- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert asked (*Joe Bennett Jr., Supervisor NDOW Southern Region*) was NDOW targeting the general population in order to remove those who are infected.
- Public Comments: (*Joe Bennett Jr., Supervisor NDOW Southern Region*): He stated NDOW is sampling some subsections yearly and NDOW is not able to use this everywhere due to both the cost and the effort and time needed. He stated to think that this management strategy could be used everywhere is not logical due to the fact it is cost prohibited. He advised there are some other different managements that NDOW will be using as well.
- Board member Therese Campbell advised that the forage in some of these locations is very core already due to not having the spring and winter rains and you stated water needs to be hauled this is helpful and if there is nothing to eat then the animals will have reduction in the population. She asked if we have another hot summer and there are fires and no rain in some locations that are dire, she asked if NDOW or Wildlife County Commission have they ever stated no hunting on certain areas due to the dire conditions or do they just allow it because the animals would die of starvation anyway from no

forage then it may be more humane to shoot some of the animals.

- Public Comments: (*Joe Bennett Jr., Supervisor NDOW Southern Region*): He stated that the Commission has approved an emergency hunt structure for bighorn sheep, which is the same that was similar for deer and antelope in areas such as Area 6, he stated it is indeed more humane to harvest some of the animals then to let these animals die of starvation or lack of water availability. NDOW tries to keep all tools for management tools in their tool box and do not feel that NDOW has exhausted all their tools yet, and when NDOW did guzzler maintenance, it is better than it has been in previous years and only a couple of the mountain ranges are poorer than expected. He stated he feels they are better not great but definitely better.
- Public Comments: (*Joseph Terry*): He asked (*Joe Bennett Jr., Supervisor NDOW Southern Region*): He asked when stating about sample and capturing of different herds, if some test positive and it is seen they are shedding and these animals are removed, is this legal to do so.
- Public Comments: (*Joe Bennett Jr., Supervisor NDOW Southern Region*): He stated in a couple of instances where the test and deploy strategy was used it is legal.
- Public Comments: (*Joseph Terry*): He asked (*Joe Bennett Jr., Supervisor NDOW Southern Region*) what conditions does it have to be a certain level that NDOW uses for judgment for this process.
- Public Comments: (*Joe Bennett Jr., Supervisor NDOW Southern Region*): He stated it is through PCR testing in which blood samples are taken and sent to Washington to see if they show active information then NDOW knows factually these species are shedding.
- Public Comments: (*Joseph Terry*): He had question on Hunt 3171, he wanted to know why the quota was set at this number was it 10% of the sheep NDOW has seen how is it judged by NDOW.
- Public Comments: (*Joe Bennett Jr., Supervisor NDOW Southern Region*): He stated he has conducted a large number of surveys last year with the biologist and had discussion with the biologist and staff specialist and try to judge on the basis of the proportional of bighorn rams and surveys. He advised with the sheer density of the animals in the Muddies and the amount of longhorn rams NDOW receives reporting on regular season Any Legal Weapon hunters, this is the rationale of why it is higher and the same as the McCulloughs. He stated that NDOW will be doing better job of capturing these exact numbers of longhorn rams which are mature rams and the breakoff of the bony cord about quarter of the way through due to active infection, it is very obvious on the rams in the break which is about six to eight inches on that cord or if hunter shoots a ram and its burned six to eight inches back these rams still have to be checked in and this is when he has a discussion with the Game Warden.
- Board member Dave Talaga advised motion under Commission General Regulation 22-11, Big Game Quotas for the 2022-2023 bighorn sheep to

accept the following hunts as presented: Hunt 3151 Resident Nelson (Desert) Bighorn Sheep Any Ram-Any Legal Weapon Hunt as submitted, Hunt 3251- Nonresident Nelson (Desert) Bighorn Sheep Any Ram-Any Legal Weapon as submitted; Hunt 3161 Resident Nelson (Desert) Bighorn Sheep Any Ram- Archery Hunt as submitted; Hunt 3171 Resident Nelson (Desert) Bighorn Sheep Management Ram-One Horn- Any Legal Weapon as submitted; Hunt 3181 Resident Nelson (Desert) Bighorn Sheep Any Ewe-Any Legal Weapon; Hunt 3281 Nonresident Nelson (Desert) Bighorn Sheep Any Ewe-Any Legal Weapon Hunt as submitted;

- Board member Brian Patterson seconds the motion.
- **Motion passes 7-0.**
- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert introduced this topic (*California Bighorn Sheep*).
- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert advised that it has maintain the same to the quota in 2021 and 2022 for nonresident and reduced by 4 for the resident quota with none showing an increase.
- Board Comments: (None)
- Public Comments: (None)
- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert advised that the quota is at or below the previous year and the habitat is not being heavily impacted with drought conditions and with bonus day he feels this is responsible.
- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert advises motion to approve Resident California Bighorn Sheep Any Ram- Any Legal Weapon Hunt 8151 as submitted and Nonresident California Bighorn Sheep Any-Ram-Any Legal Weapon Hunt 8251 as submitted.
- Board member Brian Patterson seconds the motion.
- **Motion passes 7-0.**
- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert introduced this topic (*Rocky Mountain Bighorn Sheep*)
- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert advised that this area has been added back as an area to hunt again, there is now a stable population in this area.
- Public Comments: (*Joe Bennett Jr., Supervisor NDOW Southern Region*): He stated this first year, this hunt goes to individual who was on deployment and it is too the point where there are enough mature rams in this location to sustain secure harvests.
- Board member Brian Patterson asked (*Joe Bennett Jr., Supervisor NDOW Southern Region*) that this individual has waited since 2009.
- Public Comments: (*Joe Bennett Jr., Supervisor, NDOW Southern Region*): He stated yes,
- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert advised that the department went out to this location and removed all the sheep that came from east Humboldt range and a large portion as well from the main body of the Ruby Valley due to primarily pneumonia concerns and there was high mortality rate. He asked for an update on where this situation stood at this time, is this population reliant to pneumonia is it communicable.

- Public Comments: (*Joe Bennett Jr., Supervisor NDOW Southern Region*): He stated that in a lot of desert bighorn sheep you will see depressed recruitment over the years are either the active shedders are removed or they die off not reliant and no longer influence that land production. He stated the population is still struggling and a group of ram cohorts and it is to the point some of the rams have matured and there are plenty to sustain some level of harvest.
- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert asked if he knew what the exact number of the population is at this moment.
- Public Comments: (*Joe Bennett Jr., Supervisor NDOW, Southern Region*) He stated he is not sure at this moment off the top of his head.
- Board member Brian Patterson asked that we have not augmented that yet and stated that the pneumonia came from the Canadian strand.
- Public Comments: (*Joe Bennett Jr., Supervisor, NDOW Southern Region*): He stated yes it did at one time come from Canada it is a product from the disease.
- Board member Brian Patterson asked was it stated so this is the reason of why we are having cognitive and it is conflict with domestic.
- Public Comments: (*Joe Bennett Jr., Supervisor NDOW Southern Region*): He advised that it is even more convoluted when you talk about these populations with the mountain goats with everything else and stated it is a tough situation to manage for sure.
- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert stated that he had some friends who were in this area and they were overall impressed by the population of the mature rams and asked why is the quota being dropped from 1 to 2
- Public Comments: (*Joe Bennett Jr., Supervisor NDOW Southern Region*): He stated yes it's a product of the harvest, and the number of mature rams that were observed on survey. He stated NDOW is aware that there are mature rams in this population and individuals are not going twenty to thirty days without harvesting these rams. He reiterated that NDOW is not seeing them on survey and biologically the younger age rams can reproduce so from the overall population health it is not a big deal and stated and the community has to have people to harvest the mature rams based on NDOW's metrics.
- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert advises motion to approve Commission Regulation 22-11, Big Game Quotas for the 2022-2023 Season Resident Rocky Mountain Bighorn Sheep Any Ram-Any Legal Weapon Hunt 9151 as presented.
- Board member Brian Patterson seconds the motion.
- **Motion passes 7-0.**
- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert introduced this topic (*Rocky Mountain goat*).
- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert advised the quota has increased by five tags from the previous years there was a low harvest in 2021 due to weather concerns and stated that there were four that were harvested now we are going up by five tags .
- Public Comments: (*Joe Bennett Jr., Supervisor NDOW Southern Region*): He

stated that the survey conditions were ideal for this year, record survey, decent recruitment and plenty of mature animals reserved well while on survey. He gave example of gentlemen who NDOW could not even convince to hunt and did not turn in his tag, even locating his residence for the gentlemen to take the class and receive his tag. He stated there were three mountain goats that were not harvested last year. He stated factoring in there was no harvest last year and record survey number of mature animals from last year, this is what is warranting this increase.

- Board member Brian Patterson advised that he had some elk hunter friends and they saw goats in 121, he advised he cannot state that these friends saw a large amount of mountain goats but he noticed that this area is added back 121 to the unit again.
- Public Comments: (*Joe Bennett Jr., Supervisor NDOW Southern Region*): He stated that there is a mature Billie in that area and NDOW is going to give someone the opportunity to harvest the Billie and if people know that there is a goat over in that area and would like to go hunting then go hunting and they need to know it is not canned hunt. He stated this is reasoning behind adding 121 back into the unit again, he advised there are some disease concerns with this Billie therefore there is attempt to handle this issue through harvesting.
- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert asked (*Joe Bennett Jr., Supervisor NDOW Southern Region*) that he was worried about the disease this is rationale of the hunt for the Billie to help not have him go back and forth and have the disease to become communicable. He stated that previously there were some Billie goats that did not go back and forth and were content with staying in one location and not traveling.
- Public Comments: (*Joe Bennett Jr., Supervisor NDOW Southern Region*): He stated he feels this Billie does not have any intention on wanting to go back and forth.
- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert advised a motion to approve Commission Regulation 22-11, Big Game Quotas for the 2022-2023 Resident Mountain Goat Any Goat-Any Legal Weapon Hunt 7151 as presented.
- Board member Brian Patterson seconds the motion.
- **Motion passes 7-0.**
- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert introduced this topic (*Mule Deer*)
- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert advised there was significant movement to reduction quota in the southern units and has some additions as well. He stated there are buck to doe ratios that are driving increase in Units 10 and Unit 6. and the remaining units and southern units are having a quota reduction due to habitat concerns.
- Public Comments: (*Joe Bennett Jr., Supervisor NDOW, Southern Region*): He stated about Areas 10 and 6, and also population trends that are being viewed are some recruitments and success rates. He stated when factoring in all of these aspects and include the buck ratio.
- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert asked the question to (*Joe Bennett Jr., Supervisor*

NDOW Southern Region) if it were possibility that some of the herds are actually migrating north instead of doing their normal going south from Hamilton's to the Rubies.

- Public Comments: (*Joe Bennett Jr., Supervisor NDOW Southern Region*): He stated that deer have hindsight fidelity in their migration and there are Pitman studies that reflect this therefore he does not believe this to be true, he feels that they are struggling once you go south of Highway 50.
- Public Comments: (*Mike McBeth*): He stated to supports everything that NDOW recommends in regards to units in the central and eastern portion of Nevada and stated he does not understand what is the purpose of the Youth Hunt, and when looking at Hunt 221 and Hunt 223, there is reduced tags from 170 to 60 but stated when looking at the remaining units located adjacent to 22 and when you view 30 and 13, there was a reduction from 170 to 20 and 23 there was a reduction from 70 to 20, and 24 there was a reduction from 75 to 20; his question is why was 22 does not have reduction as well.
- Public Comments: (*Joe Bennett Jr., Supervisor NDOW Southern Region*): He stated if you view the proportional reduction with Any Legal Weapon Hunt versus Junior Hunt, this is the rational of why it is not as drastic. He stated that the Junior Tag Hunt has 25% taken off right at the top and it is proportional based off the Any Legal Weapon Hunts that in 022 went from reduction of 220 to 90 and 130 to 55 and 20 to 7, for the three seasons and in 023 it went from 40 to 45 therefore he feels that he doesn't believe that a further reduction is warranted.
- Public Comments: (*Make Trasue, Sportsmen*): He asked the question to (*Joe Bennett Jr., Supervisor, NDOW Southern Region*) if Area 10 is most of the land private.
- Public Comments: (*Joe Bennett Jr., Supervisor, NDOW Southern Region*): He stated there are a large amount of areas in Area 10 that are private.
- Public Comments: (*Mark Trasue*): He asked the question of why were the tags not reduced in the (*early*) and (*mid*) hunts by 200. He stated 1,050 tags on one hunt then the Youth Hunt has a total of 810 tags and he wanted to know again why no reduction in the tags. He stated he has been up to the area and did not see that many deer, he stated he seen a lot more elk then deer.
- Public Comments: (*Joe Bennett Jr., Supervisor, NDOW Southern Region*): He advised that the conversation was going outside of his scope of experiences but based off discussion that was part of the statewide meeting he stated that high buck ratios were observed and the success rates and Area 10 is one of the largest population in the state of Nevada. He understands that the amounts may seem like a large increase but it is driven by those metrics.
- Public Comments: (*Ross Silva, Sportsmen*): He asked the question is there any reason why there cannot be an increase in muzzleloaders in these areas

and realizes that it is based on the metrics he speaks of but asked is it based off success rate.

- Public Comments: (*Joe Bennett Jr., Supervisor NDOW Southern*): He stated that it is demand, a demand of success and some of the muzzleloaders do not have a large amount of people applying for them and The Any Legal Weapon has the highest demand for tags and NDOW does when speaking on Archery example (Area 17 has a 8% success rate and have a reporting of the desired buck harvest of a certain number of if you make 20 to 30 more additional tags to get more individuals out to hunt then you will probably will use this opportunity to hunt and it will not be harmful to any of the population but with muzzleloaders you are dealing with a much higher success rate and there is not a much of a desired success rate for muzzleloader, and in some of the units there is not a great demand for muzzleloaders all of this is factored in to the reallocation of tags among the weapon classes.
- Public Comments: (*Ross Silva, Sportsmen*): He stated he was just wondering when going out into the wildlife and there are a large amount of tags given out in that area if muzzleloaders have the same success rate as rifles and has the same impact on the herds. He stated he wondered if it could be spread out the hunters out by making muzzleloader season larger so it is not like a parade every day when trying to hunt.
- Public Comments: (*Joe Bennett Jr., Supervisor NDOW Southern Region*): He stated but NDOW wants that desired buck kill and as long as it is achieved, this is a social process, then NDOW does not care on how it had to get there on most instances.
- Public Comments: (*Ross Silva, Sportsmen*): He indicated he was trying to make sure that this is an enjoyable experience for the hunters by spreading out the hunts to a little different season's maybe make this recommendation in the future.
- Chair Paul Dixon stated a question to (*Joe Bennett Jr., Supervisor, NDOW Southern Region*) that if view look at Area 10 (early) and (mid0 then view the Junior Hunt, this is placing a large amount of hunters in the field and going back in previous years Area 10 has limited public access to the mountains. He stated there are a lot of private land that ties into the community therefore if you would like access then you must pay. He asked if NDOW will have the harvest numbers with the limited public access into the Rubies.
- Public Comments: (*Joe Bennett Jr., Supervisor, NDOW Southern Region*): He stated we have this discussion every year about Area 10 specifically. He stated NDOW uses the metric from three years of success, demands success of the buck ratio and stated there is chance this information will not be received and if not received then the buck ratio will continue to increase and get out of balance. He stated it is attempt to find the appropriate tag allocation, he is unable to answer this question.
- Chair Paul Dixon has hunted in the north end of Spring Creek area where they had the doe hunt and he advised if you did not have access places where

the public could access and along with the amount of hunters that will be placed then the deer will simply just move away into the private land. He asked if NDOW is working with the private owners to obtain access and receive straws back into those ranges and stated about 20% of the mountain ranges that are accessible publicly and 80% is private land that you might have to cross. He stated he does not see how NDOW is getting the objective numbers in the report, when he viewed the report for Area 10, we have an estimated amount of 13,700 and with the harvest results it reflected: Archery success rate (early) less than 15% and (late) between range 21-25% success rate, Any Legal Weapon: the highest given was 60% success rate. He stated with those numbers and the amount of people he doesn't see how there is an opportunity to reach any of the objectives.

- Dan Gilbert stated this comment to (*Joe Bennett Jr. Supervisor, NDOW Southern Region and the new employee Erin Wood, LV Game Biologist/Lead on Mule Deer Enhancement Committee*) he stated in the harvest in the Area of 022 for the antlerless harvest are is being driven by Junior Hunt 100%.
- Public Comments: (*Joe Bennett Jr., Supervisor, NDOW Southern Region*): He stated there is no antlerless hunt He stated there is no Antlerless harvest and the junior tag is statutory CUP (conditional use permit).
- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert stated he feels that in situations where the next of the herd being does and attempting to help the habitat for reproduction, a large amount of does are taken out of the equation, he asked if this is something that NDOW is looking into strongly later next year to manage properly or the amount of Junior tags and does based upon the number of does that are harvested. He stated they have not gotten the ability to get to a buck only hunt which is why he calls this a goal, unless there is an open antlerless hunt in this unit he does not feel there should be any does harvested in a Junior Hunt. He asked if NDOW is understanding all of this and taking into consideration this with the population metrics for the juniors.
- Public Comments: (*Joe Bennett Jr., Supervisor, NDOW Southern Region*): He stated with the population metric, even though there was a decline with the metric from 4,000 to 3,000 and last year and the year prior, there was a total of 12 does harvested in Area 22. He stated in Area 22 and in Area 34 with survival rates and mortality and what NDOW deemed these numbers are not having population level effect.
- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert stated he would agree with (*Joe Bennett Jr., Supervisor, NDOW Southern Region*) but since 2018-2020, he would have agreed during this time but stated there is starting to see massive populations and it now needs more focus and stated the only management tools we have right now is to manage the number of Juniors based upon the harvest they are giving to the doe population in some of these areas where they are being heavily impacted, the southern regions.
- Public Comments: (*Joe Bennett Jr., Supervisor NDOW Southern Region*): He stated he would say is with the reductions of quotas among all classes and

juniors will be seen as the numbers decrease.

- Board member Brian Patterson he stated he read that all species have a decline but it applies especially to our deer herd. He stated he has been resident in Nevada for 35 years and since he has been here, not one time has there been an increase in deer population yearly. He stated he feels there needs to be a drastic measure referring back to board member Dave Talaga comment about not hunting at all for a certain time span) and he feels drastic as to have one year no hunting the deer herds. He stated he wanted to say tonight to the public and the CAB to just make cuts of everything by 10%, 15%, or 20% and see if this is helpful and stated he feels efforts made for the last 35 years has not met anything or seemed to help. He stated he has feelings of frustration because it seems that all the other population of species have in the last 35 years in same way increased except unfortunately our deer herds were only decreasing. He stated with drought worsening and water and habitat is an issue.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised to board member Brian Patterson that the previous Chair for the CAB (*Jerry Lynn*) during that time one year they did 25% reduction in all harvest limits for deer. He stated when the previous CAB Chair left the Commission ended up doing a reverse of their previous decision and increasing the number of harvests and stated he did not think it had any desired impact of helping the herd increase.
- Public Comments: (*Joe Bennett Jr., Supervisor NDOW Southern Region*): He stated especially when discussing buck only harvests and quota numbers thus this will probably not have the outcome that was wished upon. He stated some reductions 60% or 70% will not help have an increase in deer population next year, even with the quota requests we are discussing now.
- Public Comments: (*Mike McBeth*): He stated he remembered it having any impact, and he remembered while being on the Committee of the deer population being around 400,000, and 105,000 to 110,000 in the early 2000, and he stated it has continued to decline and stated we are not like Utah or Colorado, Wyoming which have a large amount of mule deer. He stated if we are going to maintain a quality for our mule deer, then we must stop issuing tags. He stated he agreed with Joe Bennett in stating that drought conditions have definitely impacted the herd, he stated we need rain.
- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert stated lots of it for sure.
- Public Comments: (*Nick Gulli, Sportsmen*): He stated to (*Joe Bennett Jr., Supervisor NDOW Southern Region*) and stated we have looked at the impact of giving tags to landowners, unlike the state of Utah if a rancher sells the tag then the individual has to come on the ranchers property, in the state of Nevada he advised it is different these deer tags do not go monthly across the metric system in place, and in Area 131: (25) Archery tags need to be allocated, (15) Landowner tags not to discuss what they are being sold for, and they are not included in the metric system, now the amount went from 25 tags to 35 tags, therefore the hunter can hunt all throughout the unit with a

specific weapon. He stated next there are ranchers who are selling Elk tags for \$20,000, these same ranchers are then coming to the Commission and need money for compensation of damages from wildlife (Landowner Compensation Tag Program), and they have chosen a business in Nevada that has a large amount of wildlife in it. He asked the question of why we aren't doing reduction in landowner tags and stop them from making this money and put them back in the system so everyone can use because it is public land for everyone to utilize.

- Public Comments: (*Joe Bennett Jr., Supervisor NDOW, Southern Region*): He stated that (*Nick Gulli*) brought up the Landowner Compensation Tag Program and NDOW was approaching a 1.5% cap on all Pronghorn and Deer tags in the State of Nevada, the outcome of that was to move 2.5% cap which is a statutory regulation change. This started the process and some changes were made, but it does depend. He stated that the Landowner tags it is taken right off the top, you will see 42 landowner tags and 45 Any Legal Weapon tags especially this year, and these are taken right off the top. He stated the same was done with (25) Pronghorn due to it being a much more desired hunt and there are a fair amount of landowner tags as well. He stated there are ways to take off the top on these knowing they have previous success rates.
- Public Comments: (*Nick Gulli*): He stated his question is for law enforcement (*Game Warden, Lt. Chris Walthers NDOW Southern Region*) and asked if there a Nevada Commission Regulation that is in place, if the state of Nevada issues a landowner a tag, that landowner is obligated to let the general public hunt on his land near his ranch but not have public access to this landowners land and asked if this is the case.
- Public Comments: (*Lt. Chris Walthers, NDOW Southern Region*): He stated the landowner does not have to allow the hunter(s) on their property.
- Public Comments: (*Nick Gulli*): He stated he will look it up.
- Public Comments: (*Lt. Chris Walthers, NDOW Southern Region*), he stated that (*Nick Gulli*) should feel free to research and look it up.
- Public Comments: (*Nick Gulli*): He stated he wanted to clarify that he was referring to Elk tags for hunting on private land.
- Public Comments: (*Joe Bennett Jr., Supervisor, NDOW Southern Region*): He advised that he was discussing two separate programs.
- Public Comments: (*Ron Stoker*): He asked the question if it was a thought to have the Youth Hunt have different categories attempting to keep their interest but let them focus the hunt on different species due to the decline of this species, therefore pulling pressure off the herd. He stated in reference of counting deer in the field to issue land tag allocations, he would like if it could be done differently, if different deer continue to jump the fence and we continue to keep allocating the tags and he wishes we could keep a better record on these tags.
- Public Comments: (*Scott Peterson, Sportsmen*): He stated if you have a goal to decrease the buck ratio, then he advised he has hunted these areas for

many years and advised he has had success rate every year, he suggested taking some of the numbers from the (early) hunt and placing them into the (late) hunt in order to achieve success rate. He advises that it is a more productive timeframe and lots more movement. He stated the mule deer began to migrate from the Rubies to the lower region.

- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert advised a motion to approve Commission Regulations 22-11, Big Game Quotas for the 2022-2023 Season for 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 Mule Deer-Antlered Any Legal Weapon Hunt 1331; Nonresident Mule Deer-Antlered Any Legal Weapon Hunt 1332; Resident Mule Deer-Antlered Muzzleloader Hunt Resident 1371; Nonresident Mule Deer-Antlered Muzzleloader Hunt 1372; Resident Mule Deer-Antlered Archery Hunt 1341; Nonresident Mule Deer-Antlered Archery Hunt 1342; as submitted.
- Chair Paul Dixon seconds the motion.
- **Motion passes 7-0.**

b. Final Fiscal Year 2023 Predation Management Plan (*For possible action*)

The CCABMW Board will review, discuss and make recommendations to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners about the Final Fiscal Year 2023 Predation Management Plan.

- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert introduced this topic.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised that this will be the third time the CAB has viewed this, and in the last CAB meeting 3/22/2022, the CAB had voted in to accept as presented with a (motion 5-1 with the dissenting opinion of the board member is that they did not like lethal management of the mountain lions). He suggested to do the same again, since there were not any new changes.
- Public Comment: (None)
- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert advised a motion to approve Final Fiscal Year 2023 Predation Management Plan as accepted.
- Board member Dave Talaga seconds the motion.
- **Motion passes 6-1 (The dissenting opinion of the board member is the same as the previous in our last meeting on March 22, 2022 in that the board member does not like lethal management of the mountain lions.**

- c. **Commission Regulation 22-09, Amendment #1, 2022 Black Bear Quotas 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 2022 hunting season dates, open management units, hunting hours, quotas, harvest limits, special regulations, animal sex, legal requirements, hunt boundary restrictions, and dates and times for indoctrination courses for black bear.
- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert introduced this topic.
 - Vice Chair Dan Gilbert stated that he would like to accept as presented, and he did not see any reason to make any changes when we are still not meeting harvests and quotas right now, he stated in 2021 there was total of 14 bears that were harvested, 13 male and 1 female.
 - Board member Therese Campbell advised that in the past CAB members have stated that Nevada bear hunt helps with predator control, but in the Predator Management Plan, NDOW gives only recommendation of monitoring black bear only and not applying any lethal management. She stated at this time NDOW does not believe black bears to be a threat to any game species population. She stated another problem she would have is that female bears typically bred every other year therefore killing a mature female bear will most likely result in the death of several other bears (unborn cubs, nursing cubs, and or yearling cubs). All of these cubs are still depend on the mother bear for food and protection. She stated some wildlife biologist have theory that orphan bears are more likely to become “problem bears” unable to effective assist on wild prey therefore seeking easier food sources within human settlements.
 - Board member John Hiatt advised we are discussing about bear management but there are large amount of bears that are killed by cars per year, and the main problem is people management not bear management and it is people not protecting their trash from bear predation and we need to make sure the people living in bear habitat are doing their part and not creating nuisance bears.
 - Public Comments: (*Joe Bennett Jr, Supervisor NDOW Southern Region*): He stated he will touch on the educational side and stated asked (*Lt. Chris Walthers NDOW Southern Region*) if he had any information to add to this.
 - Public Comments: (*Lt. Chris Walthers, Game Warden, NDOW Southern Region*): He stated there must be education and to convey and discuss that their actions will cause death eventually to the bear. He stated if they are not willing to listen and understand management of the species then this will be an issue.
 - Board member John Hiatt advised that some communities have requirement for bear proof trash containers and other communities have not bothered to do so, he asked what the position of the state of Nevada is on the communities that have chosen not too.
 - Chair Paul Dixon advised to board member John Hiatt that this is not a NDOW issue in past the Wildlife Commission attempted to work with Waste Management to attempt to push them to put in bear proof trash containers but the only thing NDOW did was put on educate programs and brochures, but the bottom line is Waste Management does not require bear proof garbage cans. The issue is people

feeding the bears with the misconception that they are fun and loveable. He stated there are no municipal laws to enforce the usage of bear proof garbage cans and all NDOW can do is educate at this point.

- Board member Jacob Thompson asked what is the average annual bear removal rate in the state of Nevada.
- Public Comments: (*Lt. Chris Walthers, Game Warden, NDOW Southern Region*): He stated that there is bear management plan for removal in the western region, he stated he is not sure of the numbers but on any day he advised that there are usually 3 to 4 pending bear calls in the Tahoe Basin area, that fall under the Nevada jurisdiction. He stated he does not have flat numbers for traps put out or removal, he does not have that number but he stated this is a larger issue than most think.
- Board member Jacob Thompson asked the question for breakdown of lethal versus non-lethal for the bears.
- Public Comments: (*Lt. Chris Walthers, Game Warden NDOW Southern Region*): He stated he does not have any information on that and asked for input from (*Joe Bennett Jr., Supervisor NDOW Southern Region*).
- Public Comments: (*Joe Bennett Jr., Supervisor NDOW Southern Region*): He stated this has become more rigorous internally meaning the bear must be very egregious before NDOW chooses to do lethal.
- Public Comments: (*Stephanie Myers*): She asked the question of what the management objective is of the hunt, she then read the following: Other than hunter opportunity, convenience and success which go for all of the hunts, what is the management for this particular hunt, the wildfires have already put huge pressures on the bears, female bears are allowed to be hunted, how will their cubs survive if the mom is killed. She read the use of hounds is just plain harassment, she asked for a limit to one male bear or for the hunt to be cancelled all together, it is time for this black bear hunt to be ending.
- Public Comments: (*Fred Voltz*): He stated that there are many aspects that are being touched upon and are wrong and indicate a lack of leadership by NDOW and advised that education is not going to solve this issue. He stated NDOW along with their counterpart in California needs to do is to go to Tahoe Region Planning Authority and require not giving an option that mandatory trash containers throughout the Tahoe Basin and additional NDOW needs to go to the state legislature and in areas where bears are present requirements of the same need to be in place. He stated individuals cannot be handling their trash in a non-responsible manner. He gave examples of Yosemite and Mammoth Lake who have been successful in this approach. He stated the bear hunt has no management plan and NDOW cannot even give a guess estimate on total amount of bears in the state of Nevada. He stated we allow hunt to kill twenty bears and then 20 are killed by cars and another twenty due to violation of three strike law which he states is criminal law for humans not animals. He stated we do not really know if we are losing bears or not due to not having information on the correct amount of bears based on typical sampling that is done for all species. He requested NDOW step up and stop thinking that education will led to different outcome on this matter. He stated there is no justification for this bear hunt and never has been one. He agrees with Stephanie Myers that it continues for hunter convenience, opportunity and success and just as bad as the wildlife killing contests.

- Public Comments: (Ron Stoker): He advises that the bear hunt is necessary and that hunters do a great job in helping with the numbers. He asked (Joe Bennett Jr., Supervisor NDOW Southern Region) how many biologist work for NDOW.
- Public Comments: (Joe Bennett Jr., Supervisor NDOW Southern Region): He stated that there are 264 biologist that work for NDOW.
- Public Comment: (Ron Stoker): He stated so that many biologist do not know the correct number of bears we have in this state. He stated this seems ridiculous to him. He stated we should not ever get rid of the bear hunt it is necessary.
- Public Comments: (Nick Gulli, Sportsmen): He stated just because a person does not approve or appreciate the hunt for whatever reasoning is not a reason to force this upon NDOW. He asked for the public to come up with their own plan and submit to NDOW and he is certain that NDOW will listen, instead of coming to the meeting and attacking. He stated he appreciates people's passion and we are all here to protect animals futures and not just because we like to kill these animals.
- Board member Dave Talaga stated he wanted to make a distinction between hunting and wilderness and bears in an urban or slightly rural areas, he stated we do not hunt in housing complex, so the idea of comparing the management of bears around houses and hunting bears in the wilderness is something we need to stop comparing.
- Board member Brian Patterson stated that he feels that NDOW does have management plan and the state of Nevada has a large overpopulation of bears and if removal is fourteen or twenty through harvest or by getting hit by vehicle and nuisance bears the solution is bear proof trash cans. He stated the sooner these are obtained the bear issue will be solved. He stated the metric has stayed the same for the last eight years and it is used on all species this metric. He advised to either trap and relocate or euthanize if the bears are interacting with the public in an unsafe manner. He stated the bears should be educated through repetitive behavior with humans. He stated this is what the harvest objective is put in place for. He stated the fact that it is being stated that there is no management plan to him is ridiculous. He stated the department is doing a great job with the bear hunt since it started ten years ago with the quotas and harvests remaining the same and as the saying goes "if it's not broke then don't fix it".
- Board member Brian Patterson advised a motion to approve Commission Regulation 22-09, Amendment #1, 2022 Black Bear Quotas and Harvest Limits Resident and Nonresident Black Bear-Either Sex Any Legal Weapon Hunt 6151 and 6251 as presented.
- Board member John Hiatt seconds the motion.
- **Motion passes 6-1 (The dissenting opinion was opposed to the black bear hunt as they felt it was a trophy hunt and it allowed the use of dogs for chasing the bears).**

- d. **Commission General Regulation 501, NAC 502.385, Tag Transfer (*For possible action*)** The CCABMW Board will review, discuss and make recommendations to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners about amending Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) 502.385, that would allow the transfer of a game tag to a non-profit organization and determine the status of the tag if the Department is notified of the tag holder's death. This regulation was created after the passage of Assembly Bill 89 of the 81st Legislative Session.
- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert introduced this topic.
 - Vice Chair stated this is discussing who the tag is designated to and allows tags to be issued to qualifying organizations and NGO's and clarifying names, dates etc.
 - Board Comments: (None)
 - Public Comments: (None)
 - Board member Dave Talaga advises motion to approve Commission General Regulation 501, NAC 502.385, Tag Transfer as presented.
 - Vice Chair Dan Gilbert seconds the motion.
 - **Motion passes 7-0.**
- e. **Commission General Regulation 505, NAC 502.4215, First Come First Served Prevention of Unfair Advantages (*For possible action*)** The CCABMW Board will review, discuss and make recommendations to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners about amending NAC 502.4215 that would allow for the suspension of a person from the First Come First Served program for attempting to create an unfair advantage to obtain a big game tag.
- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert introduced this topic,
 - Vice Chair Dan Gilbert advised that he feels there will be no doubt that this is used to stop individuals from electronic gaming the system, this is the first move to control this by outlaw any technology to camp on the tags that are available when presented and to stop the capitalization on this.
 - Chair Paul Dixon advised the only changes were going from in the language to may suspend the license to shall. He stated it also stated if caught in this behavior, you will not be able to apply for tags for the remainder of the amicable season and can if caught using technology to game system creating an unfair advantage then you shall be suspended from the First Come First Served process indefinitely. He stated he liked the "shall" in the language.
 - Board member Dave Talaga asked the question how NDOW will enforce this.
 - Public Comments: (*Joe Bennett Jr., Supervisor NDOW Southern Region*): He stated one can only have one browser and log in open at a time, he stated there will be more structure in the manner of following individuals in this. He stated triggers that reflect multiple logins or making one have to refresh more often the page. He stated checks and balances and more language then what is being discussed.
 - Public Comments: (None)
 - Chair Paul Dixon advised a motion to approve Commission General Regulation 505, NAC 502.4215, First Come First Served Prevention of Unfair Advantages as presented.
 - Board member Dave Talaga seconds the motion.
 - **Motion passes 7-0**

- f. **Commission General Regulation 507, LCB File No. R045-22- Petition Process** (*For possible action*) The CCABMW Board will review, discuss and make recommendations to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners about adopting changes to NAC 501.195 recommended by the Administrative Procedures, Regulations and Policy Committee. The regulation was approved by the Committee at their March meeting and will be considered by the Commission for the first workshop.
- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert introduced this topic
 - Board Comments: (None)
 - Public Comments: (None)
 - Vice Chair Dan Gilbert advised a motion to approve Commission General Regulation 507, LCB File No. R045-22-Petition Process as presented.
 - Board member John Hiatt seconds the motion.
 - **Motion passes 7-0.**
- g. **Commission Policy 3- Appeals** (*For possible action*) The CCABMW Board will review, discuss and make recommendations to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners about Policy 3, Appeals.
- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert introduced this topic.
 - Board Comments: (None)
 - Public Comments: (None)
 - Vice Chair Dan Gilbert advised a motion to approve Commission Policy 3- Appeals as presented.
 - Board member John Hiatt seconds the motion.
 - **Motion passes 7-0.**
- h. **Commission Policy 4- Petition Process and Adoption of Regulations** (*For possible action*) The CCABMW Board will review, discuss and make recommendations to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners about Commission Policy 4- Petition Process and Adoption of Regulations.
- Vice Chair introduced this topic.
 - Board Comments: (None)
 - Public Comments: (None)
 - Vice Chair Dan Gilbert advised a motion to approve Commission Policy 4- Petition Process and Adoption of Regulations as presented.
 - Board member John Hiatt seconds the motion.
 - **Motion passes 7-0.**

i. **Commission Policy Number 21- Game and Furbearer Management Plans** (*For possible action*) The CCABMW Board will review, discuss and make recommendations to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners about Commission Policy 21- Game and Furbearer Management Plans.

- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert introduced this topic.
- Board Comments: (None)
- Public Comments: (None)
- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert advised a motion to approve Commission Policy Number 21-Game and Furbearer Management Plans as presented.
- Board member John Hiatt seconds the motion.
- **Motion passes 7-0.**

j. **Commission Policy 22 - Introduction, Transplanting, and Exportation of Wildlife** (*For possible action*) The CCABMW Board will review, discuss and make recommendations to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners about Commission Policy 22- Introduction, Transplanting, and Exportation of Wildlife.

- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert introduced this topic.
- Board Comments: (None)
- Public Comments: (None)
- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert advised a motion to approve Commission Policy 22- Introduction, Transplanting, and Exportation of Wildlife as presented.
- Board member John Hiatt seconds the motion.
- **Motion passes 7-0.**

k. **Commission Policy 25 – Wildlife Damage Management** (*For possible action*) The CCABMW Board will review, discuss and make recommendations to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners about Commission Policy 25- Wildlife Damage Management.

- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert introduced this topic.
- Board Comments: (None)
- Public Comments: (None)
- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert advised a motion to approve Commission Policy Wildlife Damage Management as presented.
- Board member John Hiatt seconds the motion.
- **Motion passes 7-0.**

- l. Commission Policy 26- Managing Rocky Mountain Elk Population***(For possible action)* The CCABMW Board will review, discuss and make recommendations to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners about Commission Policy 26 – Managing Rocky Mountain Elk Population.
- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert introduced this topic.
 - Board Comments: (None)
 - Public Comments: (None)
 - Vice Chair Dan Gilbert advised a motion to approve Commission Policy 26- Managing Rocky Mountain Elk Population as presented.
 - Board member John Hiatt seconds the motion.
 - **Motion passes 7-0.**
- m. Commission Policy 27 – Protection of Wildlife** *(For possible action)* The CCABMW Board will review, discuss and make recommendations to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners about Commission Policy 27 – Protection of Wildlife.
- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert introduced this topic.
 - Board Comments: (None)
 - Public Comments: (None)
 - Vice Chair Dan Gilbert advised a motion to approve Commission Policy 27- Protection of Wildlife as presented.
 - Board member John Hiatt seconds the motion.
 - **Motion passes 7-0.**
- n. Commission Policy 28 – Transparency on Quota Setting** *(For possible action)* The CCABMW Board will review, discuss and make recommendations to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners about Commission Policy 28- Transparency on Quota Setting.
- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert introduced this topic.
 - Board Comments: (None)
 - Public Comments: (None)
 - Vice Chair Dan Gilbert advised a motion to approve Commission Policy 28- Transparency on Quota Setting as presented.
 - Board member John Hiatt seconds the motion.
 - **Motion passes 7-0**

- o. **Commission Policy 29 – Elk Arbitration (*For possible action*)** The CCABMW Board will review, discuss and make recommendations to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners about Commission Policy 29 – Elk Arbitration.
- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert introduced this topic.
 - Board Comments: (None)
 - Public Comments: (None)
 - Vice Chair Dan Gilbert advised a motion to approve Commission Policy 29-Elk Arbitration as presented.
 - Board member John Hiatt seconds the motion.
 - **Motion passes 7-0.**
- p. **Commission Policy 40 – Statewide Boating Safety (*For possible action*)** The CCABMW Board will review, discuss and make recommendations to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners about Commission Policy 40 – Statewide Boating Safety.
- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert introduced this topic.
 - Board Comments: (None)
 - Public Comments: (None)
 - Vice Chair Dan Gilbert advised a motion to approve Commission Policy 40-Statewide Boating Safety as presented.
 - Board member John Hiatt seconds the motion.
 - **Motion passes 7-0.**
- q. **Commission Policy 51 – Wayne E. Kirch Conservation Award (*For possible action*)** The CCABMW Board will review, discuss and make recommendations to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners about Commission Policy 51 – Wayne E. Kirch Conservation Award.
- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert introduced this topic.
 - Vice Chair Dan Gilbert advised a motion to approve Commission Policy 51-Wayne E. Kirch Conservation Award as presented.
 - Board Comments: (None)
 - Public Comments: (None)
 - Board member John Hiatt seconds the motion.
 - **Motion passes 7-0.**

r. **Commission Policy 63 – Protecting Wildlife from Toxic Ponds (*For possible action*)** The CCABMW Board will review, discuss and make recommendations to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners about Commission Policy 63 – Protecting Wildlife from Toxic Ponds.

- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert introduced this topic.
- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert advised a motion to approve Commission Policy 63- Protecting Wildlife from Toxic Ponds as approved.
- Board Comments: (None)
- Public Comments: (None)
- Board member John Hiatt seconds the motion.
- **Motion passes 7-0.**

X. **Comments by the General Public-** A period devoted to comments by the general public about matter relevant to the 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.

- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert introduced this topic.
- Public Comments: (*Lt. Chris Walthers, Game Warden NDOW, Southern Region*): He stated he wanted to address board member Dave Talaga on wildlife management and stated that technology is effectively managing this and he feels the dynamic of the job for the game warden has changed due to this, and wildlife crimes have increased. He stated with this technology they are able to obtain individuals faster. He advised to (*Nick Gulli*) on the previous conversation that regulations state that a private landowner has to give permission even if the individuals only access is through public land they still need permission.
- Public Comments: (*Nick Gulli*): He reiterated if he could go onto public land he spoke about within two miles of Baker Ranch that he could go onto the ranch.
- Public Comments: (*Lt. Chris Walthers, Game Warden NDOW Southern Region*): He stated the owner must delineate permission.
- Public Comments: (*Nick Gulli*): He stated it says it is delineated in the proclamation and states within two miles of the ranch directly then this means one can enter onto the ranch.
- *Public Comments: (Lt. Chris Walthers, Game Warden advised if the owner gives their consent to enter the property (private). He stated delineate entrance.*
- **Vice Chair Dan Gilbert advises this item is hereby closed.**

XI. Authorize the Vice Chairman Dan Gilbert to prepare and submit any recommendations from today's meeting to the Wildlife Commission for its consideration at its May 6th and 7TH, 2022 virtual meeting in Reno, Nevada (*For possible action*).

- Board member John Hiatt advises a motion for Chair Paul Dixon to prepare and submit the recommendations from the meeting tonight.
- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert seconds the motion.
- Motion passes 7-0.

XII. The next CCABMW Board meeting is scheduled for June 21, 2022 in the Clark County Government Center (Pueblo Room) 500 S. Grand Central Parkway, Las Vegas, NV 89155. This meeting will be in support of the June 24th and 25th, 2022 Commission meeting in Elko, Nevada.

XIII. Adjournment.

POSTING: The agenda for this meeting was legally noticed and posted at the following locations:

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- Clark County Government Center: 500 Grand Central Parkway, Las Vegas, NV 89108
- City of Henderson: Henderson City Clerk: 240 S. Water Street, Henderson, NV 89015
- Laughlin Regional Government Center: 101 Civic Way, Laughlin, NV 89028
- Moapa Valley Community Center: 320 North Moapa Valley Road, Overton, NV 89040
- Mesquite City Hall: 10 East Mesquite Boulevard, Mesquite, NV 89027
- Boulder City: Boulder City Hall, 401 California Avenue, Boulder City, NV 89005

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