



**Clark County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife  
Government Center  
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October 31, 2023 (5:30 PM)  
AGENDA**

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Brian Patterson  
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Dave Talaga  
Alex Harper  
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**I. Call to Order-Roll call of Board Members determination of a quorum:**

If no quorum is present, meeting cannot begin and will be canceled.

- Present: (Chair Dixon, John Hiatt, Brian Patterson, Alexander Harper) (Absent: Vice Chair Dan Gilbert, Dave Talaga) and there is one vacancy for board member Jacob Thompson.
- **A quorum was established.**

**II. Pledge of Allegiance**

Chair Paul Dixon led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

- III. Public Comment-** This is a period devoted to comments by the 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 first and 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.

- Chair Paul Dixon introduced this topic.
- Public Comments: (None)
- **Chair Paul Dixon advised that this item is hereby closed.**

**IV. Approval of Minutes from September 19, 2023, CCABMW Meeting (*For possible action*).**

- Chair Paul Dixon introduced this topic.
- Board member John Hiatt referenced **Action Item (VII. Recap of the August 11, 2023 & August 12, 2023, Board of Wildlife Commissioners Meeting by CAB member Dave Talaga Informational (*For possible action*)** in this section board member Dave Talaga made a statement under this Action Item on the ninth bullet point, that should be corrected, the statement is as follows: Board member Dave Talaga stated to board member John Hiatt no not continuous all the way to Montana, the Winecup properties have properties through these states, around 3.2 billion acres. Board member John Hiatt advised that instead of stating that the Winecup properties are around 3.2 billion instead it is 3.2 million and asked that the record state his advisement with a correction being made.
- Secretary Darlene Kretunski asked board member John Hiatt if this was a statement that someone stated on this action item, if so, she was stating in the notes exactly what the individual had stated verbatim.
- Board member John Hiatt advised he did not recall and that it should be changed from 2 billion to 2 million.
- Secretary Darlene Kretunski stated to board member John Hiatt that she will make the proposed correction.
- Board member Brian Patterson stated that since he was absent on the date of this meeting and did not attend, he will not vote.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised for a board member to advise a motion for approval of the September 19, 2023, CCABMW Meeting and for the change to be made to reflect correction of 2 billion to 2 million.
- Board member John Hiatt advised a motion of approval of the September 19, 2023, meeting minutes as corrected.
- Board member Alexander Harper seconds the motion.
- Public Comments: (None)
- **Motion passes 3-0, with the vote of board member Brian Patterson sustaining due to his absence on that meeting date.**

**V. Approval of the Agenda for October 31, 2023. Agenda items may be Held, Combined, or Deleted. (*For possible action*).**

- Chair Paul Dixon introduced this topic.
- Board member John Hiatt advised a motion for approval of the Agenda for October 31, 2023, as presented.
- Board member Alexander Harper seconds the motion.
- **Motion passes 4-0.**

VI. **CCABMW Member Items/Announcements/Correspondence:**

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

- Chair Paul Dixon introduced this topic.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised he will go around to each board member and ask if they have any correspondence that they sent or have received or any matter they would like to discuss at this time.
- Board member John Hiatt (None)
- Board member Alexander Harper (None)
- Board member Brian Patterson (Yes) He stated that in the newspaper article (**Las Vegas Sun article: (Nevada ranchers sue over inaction on wild horse)** <https://lasvegassun.com/news/2023/oct/31/nevada-ranchers-sue-over-inaction-on-wild-horse-ov/> that few Nevada rancher's located east of Tonopah are suing BLM and the federal government for lack of care for the feral horses on the range. He advised it had been ten months therefore the lawsuit was filed.
- Board member Brian Patterson stated it is interesting that in instances where the range is overpopulated by 100% or 200% and earlier in the year, BLM stated that they would take care of these issues with the horses on these units, and nothing happened therefore a suit was filed.
- Chair Paul Dixon asked Secretary Darlene Kretunski if she would like a copy of this newspaper article that board member Brian Patterson was discussing.
- Secretary Darlene Kretunski advised she would indeed like a copy.
- Board member Brian Patterson stated to Chair Paul Dixon and Secretary Darlene Kretunski that he would get a copy of this article over to Secretary Darlene Kretunski.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised that he like to discuss two items; one is that NDOW is cuurrently seeking FY 2025 Wildlife Heritage Proposals and that these proposals will be accepted until **Friday, March 1, 2024**. He stated this basically means there are 4 plus months to prepare a Heritage Proposal and encouraged that if anyone public or board members have any ideas for where there is a need to prepare a Heritage Proposal then he stated the recommendation is to go to NDOW partners and have discussion on the proposal with NDOW. If after the discussion, there is general agreement has a consensus that the discussion is of a need to pursue basis, and there is a need for a proposal then all parties will work together on a proposal. He advised in his past experiences; he has seen that due to the rise in interest rates on Heritage funding that has for instance 7 to 8 million dollars available and with interest and revenue brought in from auctions of 1 million to 4.5 million dollars in these Heritage projects. He stated the funding for this will be available this year with sizable amount.
- Chair Paul Dixon reiterated that if members of the public or anyone has ideas or concepts of where Heritage funding should be spent advising this question to both members of the pubic and the board. He stated please put these ideas and thoughts together and the CAB and these individuals on where funds should be allocated and speak to NDOW (*Joe Bennet Jr, Supervisor NDOW, Southern Region*) and (*Erin Wood, Biologist NDOW, Southern Region*) and help CAB and organizations and members of the public to obtain the support that is needed from NDOW. He stated that NDOW likes to have support within to make sure that they oversee what is happening within their organization on these proposals to make sure

they have knowledge of what is occurring. NDOW doesn't like to support Heritage proposals that are not tied to a project of local or internal support within their organization.

- Chair Paul Dixon stated that the nice thing about Heritage funding is if the studies are non-lethal, there can be 4 to 1 match and NGO funds can be brought into this as well. He gave example of times when Heritage funding came into position when there was a need to do Tortoise project in town as well as get farming done in Overton this was accomplished with funding from the Heritage Project and with Duck Stamp funds to get the farmers funded and from appearances, he felt it seemed to be working just fine.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised for everyone to view this information on the NDOW website prior and reiterated that the timeframe is 5 months from now to submit any proposals. He stated he will give a friendly reminder every meeting prior to the deadline date on Friday, March 1, 2024.
- Board member Alexander Harper asked Chair Paul Dixon to repeat the deadline for submission of any Wildlife Heritage Proposals.
- Chair Paul Dixon stated to board member Alexander Harper the deadline will be on Friday, March 1, 2024, as well as handing him the paperwork from the website with all the details.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised that the **Tag Allocation And Application Hunt Committee Meeting Thursday, November 2, 2023 @ 5:00 PM at (NDOW; 69820 Sierra Center Parkway, Suite 120) Reno, NV 89511**. He advised that the discussion will be on Deferred Tags, Junior Tag Transfer, Limitation of Hunt Choices by Applicant, Discussion on Having separate Junior Class WebEx Class for different species that the Junior Class within the species. He gave examples of rather than just having Junior Hunt for Mule Deer that the hunt could be for the species within that classification therefore hunting antelope, elk, etc; therefore, he stated if the Junior decides to do a hunt within that class, then he felt it will affect the number of tags allocated for the adults but giving unlimited draw for Juniors.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised that this committee Chair is Tommy Caviglia who is doing things on this committee that have been brought up in the last ten years but unfortunately turned down by the former Chairs. He stated that Chair Tommy Caviglia is hitting into some of the more controversial issues. He reiterated that if the chance presents itself for anyone to join then please do so because it is sure to be very interesting.
- **Chair Paul Dixon advised that this item is hereby closed.**

**VII. Recap of the September 22, 2023 & September 23, 2023, Board of Wildlife Commissioners Meeting by Chair Paul Dixon: (Informational).**

- Chair Paul Dixon introduced this topic.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised that there was a discussion on **Fisheries Division Program Overview**, and he stated that he brought up that the fishing regulations should be remind anglers about transplanting is prohibited in places especially in areas such as Cummins Lake especially with the Pike where these anglers continue to do transplanting. He stated he felt that this issue should be more visible in the Fishing Guidebook then it appears now. He stated his concern on this was taken under advisement by (*Chris Crookshanks, Fisheries Division Administrator*) and he stated he felt that Chair Dixon's suggestion was a great idea, since there is an issue at this time. He stated that he was unsure if maybe his suggestion would be put into the Fishing GuideBook for this year or not, but he is hopeful.
- Chair Dixon advised that there was a discussion on the **Winecup Gamble Land Exchange** and stated that the CAB tonight would have a healthy discussion on this as it is on the

Agenda #9 Winecup Gamble Land Exchange Discussion. He stated at the Commission Meeting he gave testimony on this and explained that his experience with the United States Government and other parties with an interest attempting to make deals prior to the public having knowledge of it.

- Chair Paul Dixon advised that there was a discussion on **Commission Policy 23- Predation Management**, that this regulation will be discussed in tonight's meeting.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised that there was a discussion on **Commission Policy 65- Designation of Wildlife Management Areas**, he stated that this policy passed.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised that **Commission General Regulation 512, Fisheries**, that this regulation did pass and there was no comment.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised that **Commission General Regulation 504 Wildlife Management Area Regulations** passed.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised that **Commission General Regulation 509, License and Vessel Product Refunds**, he stated this is on tonight's agenda.
- Chair Paul Dixon stated **Commission General Regulation 510, (FCFS) First Come First Served Exchange to Obtain A Tag**, he advised that this is on the agenda for tonight's meeting. He stated that the CAB favored the vote with the following points: *(NAC 504.135 Restrictions on use of firearms and ammunition #4 reflecting that the toxic is lead and not just state toxic and NAC 504.320 (Pole Canyon Cooperative Wildlife Management Areas) for items #2 Motorized vehicles, electric or battery-assisted vehicles, or bicycles, #3 Animal assisted access, except for horses and mules that these provisions follow under ADA compliance)* and he discussed it and the Commission reflected that these were good points that they had not thought about and were valid. He stated that the newer younger staff at NDOW do not always think about issues that reflect the aging demographics and what they might be going through.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised that the CAB did not discuss the Red Claw Crayfish Petition regarding the Red Claw Crayfish located in the park.
- Board member John Hiatt stated to Chair Paul Dixon yes at Wetlands Park.
- Chair Paul Dixon stated yes and advised that these crayfish are enormous.
- Board member John Hiatt stated they get up to 18 inches in size.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised the crayfish are the size of a small lobster, like a pound and a half. He stated the petition was brought forth by citizen and stated that the crayfish were introduced to the waterway and have become invasive but unfortunately this petition was turned down by the Commission. He advised that the citizen who brought forth this petition was not happy about this and he stated that due to the abuse in the system by individuals already and with having a business in which thousands of crayfish are being raised for profit therefore the possibility of someone purchasing and deciding to take one and release it into the waterway happens because individuals like crayfish. He stated once in the waterway these crayfish become competitive and have a deadly effect to the waterway, fisheries and aquatic species in the area.
- **Chair Paul Dixon advised that this item is hereby closed.**

**VIII. Winecup Gamble Land Exchange Discussion (For possible action)**  
**The CCABMW Board will review, update, and approve a draft letter to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners, BLM and our State Congressional representatives expressing our opposition to the Winecup Gamble Land Exchange.**

- Chair Paul Dixon introduced this topic.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised that he was under the impression that Vice Chair Dan Gilbert would be bringing in a draft letter and he is uncertain what happen with this. He stated he is uncertain what happen to Vice Chair Dan Gilbert making it to tonight's meeting, he must have had a emergency in his life and he did not have the opportunity to get a hold of the Chair to let him know of his absence for tonight. He advised he is hopeful that the CAB can get a letter out after the CAB's next meeting on January 23, 2024. He stated that he felt to note the CAB's disapproval in the letter will have less impact and advised that at the Commission meeting once this action item was in discussion, he did advise that there is Commission Policy 64 Land, Sales, Transfers, and Exchanges, there are four different criterias that both the Commission and NDOW can respond on, and they both are putting things together for this. He stated that in 2022 The Western Land Group notified intent of this land exchange, therefore NDOW was given an intent a long time ago. He stated at that time he felt that NDOW did not take this intent seriously but with the large retirement of people at NDOW at the Reno location and with the hiring of new staff this intent of the Winecup Gambel Land Exchange did not receive the attention needed when NDOW had a much more stable mangement structure beforehand. he stated there were atleast a half dozen of staff at NDOW who retired. He advised he is not placing blame but reiterated that this matter did not receive the attention it required prior to the mass number of retiring staff. He stated it was not until March 2023 that there was a proposal given that was seen by the public and organizations and NDOW therefore in the summer of 2023 this would then stir up the interest of the Elko CAB and wrote a document with maps and in the Fallon Commission meeting there was a discussion as well.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised he was aware that Elko CAB had put together letter and he stated that Vice Chair Dan Gilbert wanted to take over and do writing for a letter as well on this and he was not certain of why but advised that he found out that Vice Chair Dan Gilbert just purchased a ranch in that area and now is a land owner therefore he has a interest in this situation and wanteds to make certain that ranching is appropriately represented.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised that Winecup Gamble Land Exchange has advised that they are revisiting the timeline to 2025 and NDOW is now learning that land access would be limited to the new land by Winecup Gamble Land Exchange and did not show in the plan any benefits to the wildlife in that area and are landlocking large areas of land by setting up this grid with expansion of 3 to 1 acreage therefore locking up double the amount of land that they are giving away and not giving up water mineral rights as well. He stated Winecup Gamble Lans Exchange has not dealt with any of the sensitive species in these parts of the land as of current.
- Chair Paul Dixon gave example of a time that lizards and tortoises were not considered in the process of building subdivisions or businesses with no regard to this sensitive wildlife and advised that there is no programs in Nevada for tortoises.
- Secretary Darlene Kretunski advised to Chair Paul Dixon that there are at this time programs for desert tortoises such as the following: (DES) Desert Conservation Program offers (PIE) Public Information, Education and Outreach and Mojave Max Program to help assist with prevention of death and preserving the tortoises.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised that this is a issue and that Winecup Gamble has applied for Energy Development on their existing land and granted permits to put wind and solar on these existing landscapes. He stated looking at the western part of the Winecup Gamble Land Exchange (3 to 1) Land Exchange it is transmission corridor the north/ south transmission corridor for electricity, and he advised that he thinks that this is a multi-million dollar invest for Winecup Gamble Land Exchange for their profit. He advised when having that amount of money giving donation to Senator would keep them in your favor therefore receiving something of this caliber worth billions there are a lot of favors involved.
- Board member John Hiatt asked Chair Paul Dixon if it is clear what the stance of the Nevada Congressional Delegation on this issue, did anyone ask this question.
- Chair Paul Dixon stated to board member John Hiatt that as of the Commission Meeting, he attended that there was no information on the Nevada Congressional Delegation on a federal level

but on a state level (*U.S. Congressman Mark Amodei, 2<sup>ND</sup> District of Nevada*) is in favor of the previous land transfer and reiterated that there is a large amount of money to be made on this.

- Board member John Hiatt stated that the Winecup Gamble and Kroenke Ranches giving explanation on why this would be beneficial to the people of the state of Nevada or the wildlife.
- Chair Paul Dixon stated to board member John Hiatt that what was stated was that they will have minimal impact on this items, but advised with restrictions on hunting access and no reports shown for sensitive species and he stated he feels that there was probably a (EIAR) Environmental Impact Assessment Report that was needed for this large evaluation and stated it is appearing that at this time it is showing no (EIAR) is even going to be required on the books which would therefore he feels means that there is something else going on behind the scene.
- Board member John Hiatt stated to Chair Paul Dixon that (NEPA) National Environment Policy Act is necessary for if this was done administratively but if done Congressionally it is (OSHA) Occupational Safety and Health Administration.
- Chair Paul Dixon stated his guesstimate is that Winecup Gamble Land Exchange will write this to Congress due to the large amount of money involved and not follow normal protocol and there is a Commission policy and NDOW Commission, but he is unaware if any of this is going to make a difference in this situation until there is a voice coming from the Nevada Congressional Delegation advising their stance on this matter. He gave an example that the full Federal Delegation can stand and say they do not want this but in previous example that same delegation took that stance on Yucca Mountain and when the side selection was done it was selected.
- Board member John Hiatt advised that with Yucca Mountain that was different and that other people in other states have nuclear waste in their state they want to get rid of and in other states this is not that obvious and, in this state, and in other states not as many ranches would have been deeply affected by Yucca Mountains.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised to board member John Hiatt that he was only stating that if there is a desire to push this through it will be pushed through regardless through a federal level if they go through the right committee and with the right people behind them. He stated he is uncertain if a congressional delegation could put a stop to this if they wanted too but advised in time, they will find out, but the bottom line is finding out the stance of the Nevada Congressional Delegation.
- Board member Brian Patterson stated he thought he had read that the current land exchange is 2.7 to 1.
- Chair Paul Dixon stated to board Brian Patterson yes to his question.
- Board member Brian Patterson stated that shortly after the postponement by Winecup Gamble that total was dropped to 2.5. He stated that Winecup Gamble already made a concession a little bit and he feels that this entire situation does not smell right to him.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised if it smells not right it is not right.
- Board member Brian Patterson stated to Chair Paul Dixon that previously you mentioned the need for sensitive species (tortoises and reptiles) surveys especially when doing solar in this area. He stated that it is blatant for the air and killing everything to put up these solar panels and advised that this has been done in the valley before.
- Chair Paul Dixon stated to board member Brian Patterson that the only place these solar panel fields have not happened is in Genesis, which is going toward Moapa, in attempt to put solar field at this location he stated at this time they have not shown this to be cost breaking or profitable in the system yet, although a lot of energy to state they are going to be doing this but every other field in this state with fields for these solar panels are just blatant.
- Board member Brian Patterson stated that to make sense to him there is currently a checkerboard system giving example that if the solar panels were 3,000 acre farm and there is 640 in one part and 640 in another using the checkerboard method this is not efficient regardless of having the transmission line that is running adjacent or through the property, he stated that is the only thing that makes sense and stated consolidation as much as possible.
- Chair Paul Dixon stated to board member Brian Patterson that there are many mules' deer



migration in that region therefore when there is any amount of wind or solar there will be disruption to the migration corridors and that is the largest deer herd located in that region. He stated these projects impacts already severely declined herd in that region.

- Chair Paul Dixon advised that this discussion is taking place today so that Vice Chair Dan Gilbert can use some of the talking points when he writes his letter.
- Board member John Hiatt stated that the (BLM) Bureau of Land Management auctioned off land in the Amargosa Valley Land Solar Energy designated leasing area recently dropping close to 100 million dollars therefore receiving attention of private landowners giving them ideas that if they grow alfalfa, I can do that, therefore giving potential to see changes in a lot of places that shows that money is available for leasing land for solar energy.
- Chair Paul Dixon stated to board member John Hiatt that there is a large push under this administration to for solar energy along with the state of California
- Board member John Hiatt stated to Chair Paul Dixon that he agrees that California is pushing for solar energy especially in the state of Nevada.
- Chair Paul Dixon stated to board member John Hiatt that of course the state of California is pushing for this considering Nevada has more 3.2 million people in our state as opposed to California having 45 million. He stated he wish there was a way besides speaking in public forum talking toward congressional staff or to find out how far this has gotten and stated there are many distractions in Congress and he asked the question of the name of the organization that funds a large portion of wildlife projects.
- Board member John Hiatt stated the name is (RAWA)The Recovering America's Wildlife Act.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised that these programs end up taking a long time because it has to go through proper channels spending five to six years in Congress receiving approval from the House then Senate but in the end, it never seems to pull together but the Land deals seem to pass with not that much effort.
- Public Comments: (*Annoula Wylderich, member of the public*): She advised that she did send out a alert to members of the general public and some of their advocates expressing their concerns to the Wildlife Commission about Winecup Gamble issue. She advised that she found out about yesterday that the White House will be dedicating 1.3 billion dollars in federal funds to create three massive electric transmission lines in the southwest in the areas of the border between Nevada and Utah with a proposal of 214-mile transmission line schedule to take place in 2025 earlier in the year. She stated that is interesting considering that the Winecup Gamble is close to the Nevada and Utah border, and she stated she is wondering if the two tie in together and if so then there will be need to give action alerts to their Congressional leaders about this. She advised that she has worked with Congresswoman Dina Titus, First Congressional District of Nevada, House of Representatives) in the past and advised she would give her a call this week to see what her stance is on this issue. She stated that she feels members of the public, CAB should as well share their concerns to the various public officials by email on this issue. She advised she is uncertain if the timeframe is over due to these matters normally done deals made behind closed doors prior to the announcement to the public. She advised that the concerns are being shared amongst everyone at this point on this position.
- Public Comments: (*Bob Bobbitt, member of the public*) : He stated that he feels personally from his reading on this issue that there is definitely a push for the solar projects by private industries and stated that in 2 to 3 years there will not be a need for solar due to overbuilding therefore there is a push to obtain the land now for wind and solar especially in the spring and fall. He stated there is plenty of energy producers but no demand.
- Public Comments: (*Mark Transue, member of the public*): He asked the question about Ruby Valley and if the Winecup Gamble is attempting to do the same thing there.
- Chair Paul Dixon stated that (*Mark Transue, member of the public*) had mentioned this to him but he has not heard anything about this location.
- Public Comments: (*Mark Transue, member of the public*), he asked (*Annoula Wylderich, member*

of the public) if she had heard anything about the Winecup Gamble attempting to do the same thing in Ruby Valley.

- (Public Comments: *(Annoula Wylderich, member of the public)*) advised no to *(Mark Transue, member of the public)*.
- Chair Paul Dixon stated to *(Mark Transue, member of the public)* that he feels that the CAB can send a letter to their Congressional leaders on behalf of the public on this and reiterated that members of the public need to as well send to their individual connections of Congressional leaders as well on top of the CAB sending out the letter, and stated he is aware that Brian Burris has connections.
- Chair Paul Dixon stated to everyone that the CAB should attempt to get educated to where this is leading therefore when the distractions in Congress stop then at that time more will be done on these issues and stated his biggest concern is this sitting at end of a bill and the vote will be done and it was not read prior to voting because this issue was at the very end of the bill and they did not read the bill in its entirety. He stated it would not pass on its own on a bill it will only pass if it is tied to massive amounts of public visibilities and it is on the end and leaders do not read it in its entirety, that is the only way. He stated this is how these matters happen.
- Public Comments: *(Stephanie Myers, member of the public)*: She asked the question does anyone know why the secrecy.
- Chair Paul Dixon stated that if there is a great amount of transparency of what was being planned then this would place a monkey wrench in the system for the Winecup Gamble plan.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised to *(Stephanie Myers, member of the public)* that he is being very genuine on his comments on this jokingly if she cannot tell.
- Public Comments: *(Stephanie Myers, member of the public)*: She stated yes very cynical.
- Chair Paul Dixon stated to *(Stephanie Myers, member of the public)* that the Winecup Gamble would like to give minimal amount of information as possible to members of the public to protect their interest in order to cognify the public to receive their demands from this.
- Public Comments: *(Stephanie Myers, member of the public)*: She stated to Chair Paul Dixon zig and zag.
- Public Comments: *(Stephanie Myers, member of the public)*: She asked Chair Paul Dixon how the public would get involved.
- Chair Paul Dixon stated that local news is a good way but outside of the media people are not going to hear about this and when having no background on this issue they would be happy to say yest thinking that it would probably assist in having more electricity for their electric vehicle and having more charging stations not seeing impact. He stated that Nevada is small in population as opposed to other states and having more rural areas outside of Clark County and states he feels that this situation takes advantage and the fact that there is lots of money involved with this.
- Board member John Hiatt stated to *(Stephanie Myers, member of the public)* that if there could be article in the Las Vegas Journal notifying readers that this is being slipped into a bill this would have an affect. He gave example of this method used when BLM tried to slip something through until nonprofit organizations advised the Fishing and Wildlife Services of the issue which they were not privy to beforehand it was found out and there were repercussions that followed requesting a review and a (EIS) Economic Impact Statement on the matter. He reiterated that matters appearing on the front page are newsworthy and will receive attention that is needed.
- Chair Paul Dixon stated to board member John Hiatt that it is getting people to read the front-page news articles.
- Board member John Hiatt reiterated that knowing reporters and these reporters realizing that you are creditable source of information will make a big difference.
- Public Comments: *(Annoula Wylderich, member of the public)*: She stated to board member John Hiatt that she knows some reporters at the Las Vegas Review Journal that in past she has done some stories with, especially one reporter in particular named Brent Clarkston. She advised he may have an interest in this and if he is interested she asked to reference him to Chair or another board

member to give additional input on this topic and advised that she would reach out to this reporter this week.

- Board member John Hiatt stated that he would be happy to speak to this reporter.
- Public Comments: (*Bob Bobbitt, member of the public*): He stated it would be nice to get a reporter to one of the CAB's meetings, which would be a double edge sword here.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised that his action report recently has changed asking the number of attendees and if any NDOW attendee is present just additional information now requested. He stated this will show that there are in some counties only a handful of people that attend these meetings. He gave example of Lincoln County having CAB meeting and only six people attend with the county having population of 14, 000 people.
- Board member John Hiatt stated to Chair Paul Dixon that when is there 14,000 people who live in Lincoln County recently.
- Chair Paul Dixon asked board member John Hiatt how many people live in Lincoln County then.
- Public Comments: (*David Hawkins, member of the public*): He stated about 5,000. He stated he is aware that the Winecup Gamble Land Exchange is 2 ½ to one and asked how many acres is going to be acquired through this transfer exactly. He asked if the CAB is aware of this exact number, is is multi-millions.
- Board member John Hiatt stated hundreds of thousands.
- Public Comments: (*David Hawkins, member of the public*): He stated are they using the checkerboard approach currently but asked are they combining checkerboards.
- Chair Paul Dixon stated to (*David Hawkins, member of the public*) that there is combination of checkerboard and expanding.
- Chair Paul Dixon stated that due to landlocking large amounts of areas and they do not have an access plan therefore it may be more leaning toward a total of 3 to 1 land transfer instead of 2 ½., deeded acres.
- Board member John Hiatt advised by correctly drawing boundaries access can be cut off significantly to public land giving only the owner of the private land having access to it.
- Chair Paul Dixon stated that this was done by PX Ranch after fighting NDOW for 4 years do to the fact, they were giving off incentive tags when they were supposed to give access and landlocked 100 thousand acres, using as a private hunting reserve. He stated he fought this battle with the late Chair Ken Wellington of Elko who passed away a few years ago.
- Public Comments: (*David Hawkins, member of the public*): He stated he knows there is land between Nevada and Utah and Montana and asked if any other states were in the Land Exchange by Winecup Gamble or is it simply Nevada.
- Chair Paul Dixon stated to (*David Hawkins, member of the public*) that it is just Nevada at this time, but he feels if successful in this they will not just stop at Nevada. He stated it really depends on if the areas that are by the new transmission lines discussed by (*Annoula Wylderich, member of the public*) previously. He stated it sounds like it is not just being proposed instead it sounds like it is going to be funded, giving them limited timeline to get ahead of the transmission lines. He stated that once the transmission lines are in place and identified people will know what they are doing giving transparency to members of the public who will be able to put the number amount together thereafter. The transmisisions he advised will be running through areas with sagegrouse and winter mule deer habitat and corridors. He asked (*Erin Woods, Biologist NDOW, Southern Region*) if he was missing any species.
- Public Comments: (*Erin Woods, Biologist NDOW, Southern Region*): She advised that it affects sagegrouse and mule deer migration.
- Public Comments: (*Therese Campbell, member of the pubic*): She stated that if the CCABMW subnits the letter stating their opposition to the Land Exchange and asked what are the main two issues that the CAB has. She asked is it the stripping of wildlife corridors and blocking public
- Chair Paul Dixon stated he would like to pass around the letter that the Commisison put together to share some of the points and stated that the CAB would simply it not being too long and outline the

same points that the Commission is addressing. The CAB would address the effects to the wildlife and not being for the interest of the public.

- Public Comments: (*Therese Campbell, member of the public*): She asked the Chair if the Wildlife Commission has already come out in opposition to this.
- Chair Paul Dixon stated to (*Therese Campbell, member of the public*) that the Commission has already opposed this and will come out with this letter, and he is unsure if it is sent already and advised that Chair Tommy Caviglia with NDOW put this letter together. He reiterated members of the public and CAB to use their contacts with their elected officials to find their stance on this issue.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised a motion to defer on Winecup Gamble Land Exchange Discussion at this time until a letter is drafted by Vice Chair Dan Gilbert for the CCABMW.
- Board member John Hiatt seconds the motion.
- **Motion passes 4-0.**

**IX. Status and continued discussion of petition development on the use of Blood Tracking Dogs in Nevada. (*For possible action*).**

- Chair Paul Dixon introduced this topic.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised at this time since this was handed to board member Jacob Thompson to put together a presentation on this matter for the CAB and at this time he is reapplying for reappointment of the board, he advised he has no new material for discussion.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised a motion to defer status and continued discussion of petition development on the use of Blood Tracking Dogs in Nevada until such time that Jacob Thompson is reappointed and brings forth a petition.
- Board member Alex Harper seconds the motion.
- **Motion passes 4-0.**

**X. General Business/Action Items:**

**Discuss & make recommendations regarding the following Action Items from the Board of Wildlife Commissioners September 22, 2023 & September 23, 2023, meeting agenda, as well as additional items brought forth to the CCABMW from the public for discussion.** CCABMW agenda & support materials are available upon request to Darlene Kretunski at (702) 455-1402 or you may email Darlene Kretunski [darlene.kretunski@clarkcountynv.gov](mailto:darlene.kretunski@clarkcountynv.gov). The final commission agenda & support at:

[http://www.ndow.org/Public\\_Meeting/Commission/Agenda/](http://www.ndow.org/Public_Meeting/Commission/Agenda/)

**a. Commission Policy 23- Predation Management, Fourth Reading (*For***

***possible action*)**. The CCABMW Board will review, discuss, and make recommendations to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners about Commission Policy 23-Predation Management.

- Chair Paul Dixon introduced this topic.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised that changes are substantial from 2016 version accommodating wording from junior language on Pg 7 to match NAC until determination on NAC changes are made from Assembly Bill 70 from the 2023 Legislative Session.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised title to change from Predation Management to Management of Predatory Wildlife. The purpose statement has been updated to reflect of change from Assembly Bill 70 in the 2023 Legislative Session and removal of repetitive language with

removal to any educational activities conducted using the theme or terms to reference presentation of Management of Predatory Wildlife. He stated changes are noted in September 2023 Commission Meeting with approval of all and or non-lethal terms to reference only lethal removal in this policy. He stated removal of the term predatory term research on Page 3 and removal of the term research project on Page 3 replacing with “must include”, removal of the term Pittman Robertson funding on Page 3 and leaving out: additional of cost expenditures and how many years that this is ongoing, and status of project and life pan and letter Q on the petition management plan. He stated that this is adding cost accounting on this. He stated removal of the term habitat work conducted applicable on Page 3. He stated any changes since September 2023 are marked.

- Public Comments: (None)
- Board member John Hiatt advising motion to approve Commission Policy 23-Predation Management as revised.
- Board member Brian Patterson seconds the motion.
- **Motion passes 4-0.**

**b. Commission Policy 24-Hunting Opportunities Among Various Weapons Classes and Hunter Groups-Second Reading (*For possible action*)** The CCABMW Board will review, discuss, and make recommendations to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners about the Commission Policy 24 on Hunting Opportunities Among Various WeaponsClasses and Hunter Group.

- Chair Paul Dixon introduced this topic.
- Chair Paul Dixon read the following from the Summary: Policy 24 was last reviewed in September TAAHC meeting, and the policy has been updated to reflect changes regarding Demand Success formulas. The Department also broadened the junior language on Page 7 to match NAC until a determination on NAC changes is made.
- Chair Paul Dixon read from the Policy: It is the policy of the Board of Wildlife Commissioners to approve harvest levels for big game species based on a fixed allocation for the various weapon and hunter groups for hunting opportunity and incorporating hunter success rates for those weapon groups.
- Chair Paul Dixon read from Fixed Allocation-Tag Success- A Fixed Allocation Tag Success formula will be used to generate tag quotas for various weapon groups for deer, elk, and antelope. Fixed Allocation is defined as a fixed percentage of projected harvest to be allocated to each big game species and weapon group.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised Fixed Allocation was done for each species: Mule Deer: 57 percent Archery: 10 percent, Muzzleloader: 8 percent; Elk: Any Legal Weapon: 75 percent, Archery: 15 percent, Muzzleloader: 10 percent; Antelope: Any Legal Weapon: 85 percent, Archery: 10 percent, Muzzleloader: 5 percent; Bighorn Sheep: Bighorn ram and ewe hunting opportunities will involve any legal weapon and archery weapon groups. Management ram hunts may be implemented in unit groups where broken-horned rams may exist, where reduced ram densities are desired, and where consistently low ram tag success occurs. Mountain Goat- Mountain goat hunting opportunities may consist of any mountain goat (male or female) or billy only. Hunts are any legal weapon only. Moose-Hunting opportunities for moose may consist of any moose (male or female), antlered-only, or antlerless-only. Initial hunt will only be offered for antleted moose. The designated group will initially be any legal weapon only but can be subjected to other

weapon groups if thre population increases sufficiently.

- Public Comments: (None)
- Board member John Hiatt advised a motion to approve Commission Policy 24-Hunting Opportunities Among Various Weapons Classes and Hunter Groups as presented.
- Board member Alex Harper second the motion.
- **Motion passes 4-0.**

c. **Commission General Regulation 500, Subdivision Review Program**(*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 278) to provide for the Department review of tentative subdivision map(s) and inclusion of recommendations for methods to avoid or minimize impacts to wildlife, mitigation measures, best management practices or required design features, and provide for collection of associated fees to the Department for carrying out such reviews.

- Chair Paul Dixon introduced this topic.
- Chair Paul Dixon read the Summary: This is draft language for a new regulation to be added to Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) Chapter 278. New draft language includes definitions for “Infill development”, “Substantially vacant”, and “Vacant” relative to subdivision development. Draft language also includes direction for the collection of fees for conducting review of tentative subdivision maps relative to wildlife and/or habitat resources with potential to be impacted, pursuant to Nevada Revised Statutes 278.337. Current draft was developed in coordination with LCB.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised starting on Page 2 this is criteria that NDOW is using to evulate subdivision and impacts on the wildlife with changes to the NAC and Assembly Bill 211 is in the back of the packet.
- Board member Brian Patterson asked Chair Paul Dixon is there a discussion with the Planning Commisision on this considering that these provisions are is in place.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised that this bill is simply mirror of Assembly Bill language.
- Board member Brian Patterson asked was it on any subdivision over 40 acres only according to Page 3. He advised about Page 3 (f) A description of the sub-division by 40-acre legal subdivisions within a designated section, township and range or any other legal description which provides a positive identification of the location of the subdivision.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised to board member Brian Patterson that he is correct. He read within a designated section, township, and range.
- Board member John Hiatt stated to Chair Paul Dixon that this section is not stating that it states Pg 3 #2: That review form must include a description of the subdivision by 40-acre legal subdivision within a designated section, township and he advised that it does not state you have to do this.
- Board member John Hiatt asked (*Erin Woods, Biologist, NDOW, Southern Region*) if there is a designated person who is responsible for viewing all the subdivision maps.
- Public Comments: (*Erin Woods, Biologist, NDOW, Southern Region*): She advised that the person is Brad, but she is not certain.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised this language is mirrored and put in place by the Assembly.
- Board John Hiatt advised that he has never seen at County Commission Planning

Meeting seen a staff member from NDOW give comment on any Subdivision issues, most agencies are not heard unless it is lawsuit issue and they are being sued these matters are not talked about just passed on at these meetings and the outcome is what they want.

- Board member Brian Patterson advised that NDOW would have to create an entire new position solely for a person to review these subdivision maps and only with a charge of 250 dollars per map, plus 5.00 per acre.
- Chair Paul Dixon stated to (*Erin Woods, Biologist NDOW, Southern Region*) that NDOW is adding a job responsibility with minimal and gave example of employee make 50.00 hour and they must spend at least half a day reviewing one map, and he advised back to comment by board member John Hiatt previously that NDOW needs to be present at the Commission Planning Meeting if they have reviewed these maps.
- Board member John Hiatt stated that if NDOW does not want to be at the meeting, then why are these maps of any importance.
- Board member John Hiatt stated it is important to know when has NDOW's comments on the subdivision maps made any difference in any subdivision approvals.
- Board member John Hiatt asked (*Erin Woods, Biologist NDOW, Southern Region*) has that ever happen where NDOW's comments made a difference.
- Public Comments: (*Erin Woods, Biologist NDOW, Southern Region*) shook her head to state she was unsure.
- Chair Paul Dixon asked Secretary Darlene Kretunski how many attendees were logged into tonight's meeting. He advised when he does public comment, he does not want to leave anyone out who is logged in.
- Secretary Darlene Kretunski advised that there is one person logged into the meeting and that individual did not put their name in when logging.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised a motion to approve Commission General Regulation 500, Subdivision Review Program as presented with two questions by board member John Hiatt to be included in the motion: 1) When has NDOW's comments made for subdivision maps made a difference in the subdivision approval. 2) If NDOW is going to be in opposition of the subdivision, then they must attend the Clark County Commission Planning Meeting.
- Board member Alex Harper seconds the motion.
- **Motion passes 3 to 1 with opposition with a dissenting view by board member Brian Patterson. (*Board member Brian Patterson stated that it is unrealistic to builder and to think that NDOW to take on this new role*)**

d. **Commission General Regulation 509, License and Vessel Products Refunds, LCB File No. R037-23 (*For possible action*)** The CCABMW Board will review, discuss, and make recommendations to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners to amend Nevada Administrative Code (NAC 502 and NAC 488) to allow the Department authority to provide refunds on licenses and vessel products.

- Chair Paul Dixon introduced this topic.
- Public Comments: (*Stephanie Myers, member of the public*): She asked Chair Paul Dixon how he has a quorum with just four board members.
- Chair Paul Dixon stated that he has a seven-member board, and he only needs four board members to have a quorum.

- Chair Paul Dixon read the following: **Section 1. Chapter 488 of NAC is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:** *1. The Department may return all or a portion of any fee, other than a nonrefundable fee, collected in error pursuant to the provisions of this chapter or chapter 488 of NRS. 2. Refunds made pursuant to the provisions of this section may only be made for errors such as mistakes in purchasing or computation, double payments and similar clerical or ministerial errors.*
- Chair Paul Dixon read the following: Section 2. Chapter 502 of NAC is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows: *1. The Department may return all or a portion of any fee, other than a nonrefundable fee, collected in error pursuant to the provisions of this chapter or chapter 502 of NRS. 2. Refunds made pursuant to the provisions of this section may only be made for errors such as mistakes in purchasing or computation, double payments and similar clerical or ministerial errors.*
- Chair Paul Dixon stated giving NDOW the ability to refund mistakes.
- Board member John Hiatt advised a motion for approval of Commission General Regulation 509, License and Vessel Products Refunds, LCB File No. R037-23 as presented.
- Board member Alex Harper seconds the motion.
- **Motion passes 4-0.**

e. **Commission General Regulation 511 Wildlife Management Area Regulations NAC 504 (For possible action)** The CCABMW Board will review, discuss, and make recommendations to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners about amending Chapter 504 of the Nevada Administrative Code (NAC). This regulation would update Wildlife Management Area (WMA) designations and restrictions.

- Chair Paul Dixon introduced this topic,
- Chair Paul Dixon read the following: *(Summary): The Commission recently designated the Argenta Wildlife Management Area (WMA) and Pole Canyon Cooperative WMA. Additionally, the Department will be incorporating the Blue Diamond properties into the Steptoe WMA. Restrictions on the use of firearms and ammunition, campfires, camping, blinds, trapping, access, guiding, and predator hunting are recommended by the Department with some items stipulated as part of the Pole Canyon access easement. In order to regulate and enforce access easement stipulations and Department recommendations the Commission must modify and update WMA Regulations NAC 504.*
- Chair Paul Dixon read the following: **(Brief Explanation of Proposed Guidance)** *Restrictions on the use of firearms and ammunition, campfires, camping, blinds, trapping, access, guiding, and predator hunting are proposed to protect wildlife resources, ensure WMAs are safe for the public to recreate, and comply with stipulations as part of the Pole Canyon access easement.*
- Chair Paul Dixon read the following: **NAC 504.135 Restrictions on use of firearms and ammunition (NRS 501.105, 501.181, 503.150, 504.140, 504.143)** *1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 6, the discharging of a rifle or pistol is prohibited on the following wildlife management areas: (a) Overton in Clark County (b) Key Pittman in Lincoln County (c) Wayne E.*



*Krisch in Nye County (d) Scripps in Washoe County (e) Mason Valley in Lyon County (f) Argenta In Lander County*

- Chair Paul Dixon stated to board member John Hiatt that his previous concern about shotgun shells being toxic is addressed. He read the following changes: **NAC 504.135 4. *The use or possession of shells for a shotgun containing shot that is toxic (all shot shall be deemed toxic unless it has been approved as nontoxic by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service pursuant to 50 C.F.R. & 20.134) and included to additional areas that this applies to: (k)Carson Lake in Churchill County & (l) Argenta in Lander County.***
- Chair Paul Dixon read the following changes: **NAC 504.140 Campfires and bonfires prohibited; exceptions. (NRS 501.105, 501.181, 504.140, 504.143) 2. *Campfires are permitted in the following management areas in accordance with federal and state fire restrictions: adding new area (g) Steptoe Valley Wildlife Management Area within the Mountain Unit.***
- Chair Paul Dixon read the following changes: **NAC 504.145 Restrictions on camping, building prohibited; restrictions on operation of certain devices (NRS 501.105, 501.181, 504.140, 504.143) 2. *Camping is permitted in the: adding in two new areas (g) Steptoe Valley Wildlife Management Area Mountain greater than 0.5 miles from the Success Summit Road (h) Steptoe Valley Wildlife Management Area Mountain Unit within 0.5 miles of the Success Summit Road only in those sites designated for camping.***
- Chair Paul Dixon read the following changes: **NAC 504.160 Construction and use of hunting blinds; use of decoys (NRS 501.105, 501.181, 504.140, 504.143) 1. *Except as otherwise provided in subsection 7, a person may construct a hunting blind on any wildlife management area if the Department has no obligation to protect a privately constructed blind or to arbitrate the use or priority of use of such a blind. A blind must be (a) portable; or (b) temporary and made of native material. 2. For the purposes of turkey hunting, hunters will be limited to the use of one portable blind on the Argenta WMA. 7. All portable blinds must be removed daily.***
- Chair Paul Dixon read the following changes: **NAC 504.170 Trapping, Restrictions; permits (NRS 501.105, 501.181, 501.140, 504.143) 2. *Persons having permits to do so may trap on adding two new places: Bruneau River, Carson Lake 4. Trapping is prohibited within 0.5 mile in those sites designated for camping.***
- Chair Paul Dixon read the following changes: **NAC 504.320 Pole Canyon Cooperative Wildlife Management Area (NRS 501.105, 501.181): Pole Canyon is a Wildlife Management Area established in cooperation with private landowner. The following activities are prohibited on this area: 1) Overnight camping including the parked area; 2) Motorized vehicles, electric or battery-assisted vehicles, or bicycles, and bicycles, except in the Franklin River Access parking area and only on the 1,340 feet of existing 2-track dirt road in the Horse Canyon (Horse Creek) Public Right of Way. 3) Animal assisted access, except for horses and mules. 4) Commercial guiding 5) Predator Hunting.**

6)Trapping. 7)Building or having campfires.

- Board John Hiatt advised that the description for motorized vehicles has lots of items in this category, but it should state mechanized, and this will cover all transport. He advised once items are listed then it leaves the door open to the statement that certain items were not on this list therefore, he reiterated that the term “mechanized” will cover everything. He stated to add with allowances to ADA compliance.
- Board member Brian Patterson advised that in **NAC 504.320 #3 Animal assisted access, except for horses and mules**’ clarity by making statement more general in the sense of advising what is allowed and not giving vague description of two species that are not allowed, needs clarification list for what species are allowed as well.
- Board John Hiatt **NAC 504.145 Restrictions on camping, building prohibited; restrictions on operation of certain devices #4 The erection, fabrication or maintenance of a permanent dwelling or building in a wildlife management area is prohibited.** He stated there are plenty of buildings in Overton and other areas as well and is asking who is this applicable to stating a private individual cannot come and put in a building, but you have managers living in buildings, there is shop buildings therefore either this is incorrect language, or the language requires explanation of its meaning.
- Board member John Hiatt stated is the term WMA an agreement in perpetuity or is it a limited time agreement or expire with the sale of the land.
- Public Comments: (*Bob Bobbitt, member of the public*): He asked if this was private landowner what is it involved in this law.
- Board member John Hiatt stated it is cooperating agreement with the state to provide public access to this land directly.
- Public Comments: (*Bob Bobbitt, member of the public*): He stated it is giving right of way to have access to public land.
- Chair Paul Dixon stated that the landowner has advised that individuals can come to his private land and have access, but certain restrictions apply.
- Board member John Hiatt reiterated that it is providing restricted public access to private land.
- Public Comments: (*Bob Bobbitt, member of the public*): He asked questions of how one would get to the public land if there were restrictions.
- Board John Hiatt stated the usage of the map. He stated that an individual can go to the public land first and enter anywhere they want then to go too the road to private land must go certain way due to it being restricted in the areas of it one can go.
- Board member Alex Harper advised a motion to accept Commission General Regulation 511 Wildlife Management Area Regulation NAC 504 as presented to include the following: NAC 504.320 Pole Canyon Cooperative Wildlife Management, board member John Hiatt asked the question if the term WMA an agreement in perpetuity or is it limited time agreement or expire with the sale of the land. 2) NAC 504.320 #3: Board member Brian Patterson asking

for more clarification on what animals are not restricted needs list and is the restriction simply for horses and mules only. 3) NAC 504.320 #2, board member John Hiatt stated that in place of simply stating motorized vehicles it should state mechanized instead to cover all items listed and any other items that will be brought up in the future that fall into this category for clarification and asked for addition of ADA rules to be listed as well. 4) NAC 504.145 #4, board member John Hiatt asked to replace to state “permanent non-NDOW erected dwelling or permanent dwelling therefore giving clarification.

- Board member Brian Patterson seconds the motion.
- **Motion passes 4-0.**

**f. Commission General Regulation 513, Executive Order Regulations**

*(For possible action)* The CCABMW Board will review, discuss, and make recommendations to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners about amending Chapters 488, 501, 502, 503 and 504 of the Nevada Administrative Code pursuant to Executive Order 2023-003.

- Chair Paul Dixon introduced this topic.
- Chair Paul Dixon read the following: (Brief Explanation of the Proposed Regulation): The Regulation Simplification Committee met three times to discuss proposed regulations for removal or clarification. The proposed regulation changes are the final product of the Committees work. The completed report that was provided to the Commission in their May 2023 meeting was also provided to the Governor’s Office for review as mandated by Executive Order 003. Since that time, the Governor has lifted the ban on newly proposed regulation changes allowing the Commission process to begin to complete the NAC changes requested in CGR 513.
- Board member John Hiatt advised changes are minor most deletion of language, few additions and wording and actions items were held but now can be approved. He stated Section 11. NAC 503.110 is hereby amended to read as follows: 1. Except as otherwise provided in this section, the importation, transportation or possession of the following species of live wildlife or hybrids thereof, including viable embryos or gametes, is prohibited. He advised a threat to wildlife is introduction to basic species.
- Chair Paul Dixon stated to board member John Hiatt that he was referring to invasive red craw crayfish issue in Wetlands Park previously discussed.
- Board member John Hiatt stated yes.
- Public Comments: (None)
- Chair Paul Dixon advised a motion to accept Commission General Regulation 513, Executive Order Regulation as presented.
- Board member John Hiatt seconds the motion.
- **Motion passes 4-0.**

**g. Bighorn Sheep Ram Specialty Tag Regulation Review (For possible**

*action)* The CCABMW Board will review, discuss, and make recommendations to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners about the bighorn ram specialty tag seasons and unit closures and may decide to make

changes to the method used to limit the maximum number of specialty tags for every unit group that has an open season. The Commission Regulations presented at the January 2023 Commission Meeting have not provided the expected results and the Department is seeking an improved method for limiting the number of rams that can be harvested from bighorn ram hunt units or unit groups by speciality tag holders.

- Chair Paul Dixon introduced this topic.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised that no additional backup supporting material was provided for this action item. He asked (Erin Woods, Biologist NDOW, Southern Region) if she had any knowledge of what is occurring on this action item.
- Public Comments: (*Erin Woods, Biologist NDOW, Southern Region*): She stated NDOW is attempting to find a way to best convey to tagholders units are closed. She stated at this time NDOW is thinking of using the same procedure that is used with the Bear tags in which a call must be made to know if a unit is open, but this applies to speciality tag holders only. She states that NDOW is attempting to find the best method to avoid having additional work put on its staff in having to contact or convey directly daily.
- Chair Paul Dixon stated with the new system it electronically flags on the map to show unit is closed.
- Board member Brian Patterson asks (*Erin Woods, Biologist NDOW, Southern Region*) if what she said only applies to Silver State, PIW, Heritage Tag etc.
- Public Comments: (*Erin Woods, Biologist NDOW, Southern Region*) she stated this applies to certain small group as board member Brian Patterson just named.
- Chair Paul Dixon stated how hard can it be to send tag holders out information that these areas are closed.
- Public Comments: (*Erin Woods, Biologist NDOW, Southern Region*): She stated these areas would be closed after the tagholder received their tags. She advised that this is the issue at hand.
- Board member Brian Patterson stated to (*Erin Woods, Biologist NDOW, Southern Region*): He states he does not follow since it is only five to six tags that this applies too and needs clarification.
- Public Comments: (*Erin Woods, Biologist NDOW, Southern Region*): She stated it is the closing of any additional harvest with a speciality tag any unit and ones with speciality tags that are built into that unit. She stated that NDOW must announce to speciality tagholders that these units are closed. She stated the issue is how does NDOW make sure that the tagholder knows that these units are closed and is the burden placed on the tagholder instead of NDOW with methods in receiving this information if the unit is open. She advised it is the sharing of information between NDOW and tagholder so that once the first

harvest of an animal then the responsibility of notifying that unit is closed.

- Board member John Hiatt stated that contact to tagholder needs to be made.
- Chair Paul Dixon asked (*Erin Woods, Biologist NDOW, Southern Region*) with the Bear hunt as soon as a female is harvested, or harvest check has been reached how do tagholders know the unit has been closed.
- Public Comments: (*Erin Woods, Biologist NDOW, Southern Region*): She stated they must call in to receive this information.
- Chair Paul Dixon stated then why is it not the same for speciality tagholders.
- Public Comments: (*Erin Woods, Biologist NDOW, Southern Region*): She stated that is the objective to use the same method used for the Bear Hunt process.
- Public Comments: (*Bob Bobbitt, member of the public*): He stated tagholders call and ask if the area they are going to is closed or call in and let NDOW know where they are and they can contact them if the area closes.
- Chair Paul Dixon stated it is just a discussion until we have more information available on this.
- Board member Brian Patterson advises a motion to approve the Bighorn Sheep Ram Speciality Tag Regulation Review with the usage of the same procedure used in the Bear Hunt for speciality tagholders to call to see if the unit is closed.
- Chair Paul Dixon seconds the motion.
- **Motion passes 4-0.**

**XI. Comments by the general public- A period devoted to comments by the members of the public about matter relevant to the CCABMW's jurisdiction will be held. No vote may be taken on this 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 the presentation, this will be done by the Chair or the CCABMW by majority vote.**

- **Chair Paul Dixon introduced this topic.**
- **Public Comments: (None)**
- **Chair Paul Dixon advised that this item is hereby closed.**

**XII. Authorize Chair Paul Dixon to prepare and submit any recommendations from today's meeting to the Wildlife Commission for its consideration at its November 3, 2023 & November 4, 2023, meeting in Reno, Nevada (*For possible action*).**

- Chair Paul Dixon introduced this topic.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised a motion for the CAB to authorize him to prepare and submit any recommendations from tonight's meeting to the Wildlife Commission for its consideration at its November 3, 2023 & November 4, 2023, meeting which he will be doing so via phone on both dates.
- Board member John Hiatt seconds the motion.

- Motion passes 4-0.

**XIII. The next CCABMW board meeting will be scheduled for January 23, 2024, in the Clark County Government Center (*Pueblo Room*) Address: 500 S. Grand Central Parkway, Las Vegas, NV 89155. This meeting will be in support of the January 26, 2024 & January 27, 2024, Commission meeting in Reno, Nevada.**

**XIV. Adjournment.**

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

- Nevada Department of Wildlife: 3373 Pepper Lane, Las Vegas, NV, 89120
- ClarkCounty Government Center: 500 Grand Central Parkway, Las Vegas, NV, 89108
- City of Henderson: Henderson City Clerk: 240 S. Water Street, Henderson, NV, 8901
- 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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