



**Clark County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife  
Government Center  
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January 23, 2024 (5:30 PM)  
Meeting Minutes**

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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.

- Chair Paul Dixon introduced this topic.
- Secretary Darlene Kretunski did the role call: (All seven board members were present: Chair Paul Dixon, Vice Chair Jacob Thompson, board members Jacob Thompson, Brian Patterson, John Hiatt, Alexander Harper, Dave Talaga). A quorum was determined.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised that both board members Dave Talaga and Jacob Thompson were both reappointed and stated that he was again reappointed as Chair.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised at any time if any member of the board would like to advise motion to nominate to have another member of the board for position of the Chair they may do so during CCABMW Member Items/Announcements/Correspondence or state to have this nomination brought before the CAB and placed on the Agenda for the next meeting in order to re-evaluate Chair Paul Dixon's leadership and ask for another member to take over this role they may do so at any point and time of this meeting. He stated until this occurs, he will continue to act in his leadership role and keep everything moving and on task going forward.
- **A quorum was established.**

**II. Pledge of Allegiance**

- **Chair Paul Dixon asked board member Jacob Thompson to led in the Pledge.**

**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 October 31, 2023, CCABMW Meeting (*For possible action*).**

- Chair Paul Dixon introduced this topic.
- Public Comments: (None)
- Board member John Hiatt advised a motion to approve the meeting minutes for October 31, 2023, CCABMW meeting as presented.
- Board member Alexander Harper seconds the motion.
- **Motion passes 4-2. (Two CAB members were absent at the last meeting therefore they will abstain from voting; Vice Chair Dan Gilbert & Board Member Jacob Thompson).**

**V. Approval of the Agenda for January 23, 2024. Agenda items may be Held, Combined, or Deleted (*For possible action*).**

- Chair Paul Dixon introduced this topic.
- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert advised he is looking forward to the discussion on Action Item (e) Commission General Regulation 512, Fishing Regulations, he stated he has been following this closely since being initially established as a game species in the state of Nevada with funding from the heritage allocation with population survey data back as well and seeing it is potential action item is exciting. He stated to see the process unfold and the regimented and tactical steps taken to make this happen and put this Action Item up.
- Public Comments: (None)
- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert advised a motion to approve the Agenda for January 23, 2024, as presented.
- Board member Jacob Thompson seconds the motion.
- **Motion passes 7-0.**

**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 went around to each CAB member and asked if they had any items or correspondence or announcements that they would like to discuss at this time.
- Board member Alex Harper: **(No)**
- Board member John Hiatt: **(Yes)**: He advised that he like to state that at the next CCABMW board meeting that there would be an Action Item pertaining to Management of Free Roaming of Horses and Burros in the state of Nevada with a plan presented with resolution for discussion and a vote and thereafter present this to the other CABs in the other counties and to the Wildlife Commission for approval. He stated next to legislature for approval and forward onto the state's Congressional Representatives, hoping to obtain enough funds to go down to the appropriate numbers for horses and burros in an event to not destroy the range and other wildlife.
- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert stated here here.
- Chair Paul Dixon: **(Yes)**, he stated one of the things he wanted to discuss is he received a note from Commissioner Mike Reese tonight and he wanted to double check and ask (*Joe Bennett Jr., Supervisor NDOW, Southern Region*) about the Nevada's Sportsmen's Caucus Meet and Greet with the legislatures and NDOW Wetland Park on 1/23/24. He asked the question of a possibility to have a similar event with a caucus where people would have the opportunity to see the conditions of the horses and where they are exactly located in the southern region with NDOW and legislatures soon. He advised if we are going to have these discussions about wild horse management then we need to show the horses on the range and not in green fields and show horses that are fat and happy but show the reality of the bad conditions of the horses and burros here in the state of Nevada.
- Public Comments: (*Joe Bennett Jr., Supervisor NDOW, Southern Region*): He stated he is unaware of what the process would look like, and he stated that all NDOW's Directors offices are at this caucus, and he felt that NDOW would be amendable to but feels that this conversation needs to be done at the next commission meeting.
- Chair Paul Dixon stated to (*Joe Bennett Jr., Supervisor NDOW, Southern Region*) that he will speak to both Chairman Tommy Caviglia and with Director Alan Jenne as well.
- Public Comments: (*Joe Bennett Jr., Supervisor NDOW, Southern*

*Region*): He stated to Chair Paul Dixon that he felt that speaking to these two individuals would probably be more appropriate.

- Chair Paul Dixon stated to (Joe Bennett Jr., Supervisor NDOW, Southern Region) that there is realization that we are doing these things again and this has been done in years past, but if we are doing it now currently, maybe in two months we do the same thing but this time around we focus on the horses here and the environment of the horses and get the people educated to understand it is not only habitat but the conditions of the horses. He stated these conditions of these horses whether one is anti-hunter or pro-hunting, the conditions of the animals on the range should be a concern to either side.
- Chair Paul Dixon stated that he and Judy Karen in the north and she is working with Chairman Tommy Caviglia for the purpose of attempting to get Public Lands Committee established again with a focus on wild horses in the state of Nevada. He stated that the committee is active presently but if we get it running again, we can obtain assistance of both individuals in the north and south to become part of this committee. He advised that he joined the CCABMW fifteen years ago after he was out hunting and got to view the wild horses and the damage these animals were causing to Dolly Varden Mountains and the Spuce Mountains, and at that moment he felt that something should be done to become more pro-active with the wild horses. He advised with a series of economic and other events that has transpired and should not have been allotted in this state with the horse interest not being properly addressed from his viewpoint.
- Board member John Hiatt stated that Fish and Wildlife Services did a study of people watching wildlife advising that 96 million people in the United States in 2022 observed wildlife with many people watching birds, went to public parks and maintained planting in natural areas as well as their homes. He stated this is more than 35 percent of the nation's population ages 16 and over. He stated these percentage of people also spent \$24 billion on optical equipment and bird seeds and other misc items; therefore, he stated non-consumptive usage of wildlife is a major deal both economically and in terms of participation nationwide.
- Chair Paul Dixon stated to board member John Hiatt that in years past it was firearms and ammunition sales that was the basis of the driving force now this is another source that is basically federal match dollar coming in from non-comsuptive users. He stated he felt this was a good thing.
- Board member Dan Gilbert: **(No)**
- Board member Jacob Thompson: **(No)**
- Board member Brian Patterson: **(No)**
- Chair Paul Dixon: **(Yes)**: He stated he had a few things to discuss. He stated that Clark County Commissioner Justin Jones had previously put out a resolution to ban Coyote calling contests in the state of Nevada, and it went to the legislature in the past year.

He stated that he has learned with discussion with Commissioner Mike Reese is that seven of the rural counties has now submitted a resolution promoting coyote calling contests instead of objecting and sending it to the legislature. He stated he did not know this until the discussion with Commissioner Mike Reese and decided to give this piece of information to everyone therefore educating everyone as well. He asked (*Joe Bennett Jr., Supervisor NDOW Southern Region*) if he could take a moment and discuss about the Mule Deer Plan and he stated that Commissioner Mike Reese was pushing for micromanagement of the Mule Deer and that is now ready to become reality.

- Public Comments: (*Joe Bennett Jr., Supervisor, NDOW, Southern Region*): He stated that NDOW will conduct a collaring effort in Area 22 in February 2024 which is tentatively scheduled for February 20, 2024. He advised that this date is subject to change as the capturing group assigned gets rolling it may occur sooner or not due to weather delays. He advised if anyone is interested in volunteering to please contact NDOW (*Michelle Lopez, Volunteer Coordinator*) or you may contact him directly and he will get you in touch with (*Michelle Lopez, Volunteer Coordinator*). He stated the collaring a total of 45 animals which include 30 does fawns and 15 does. He advised the reasoning behind collaring fawns is receiving the same movement data because they are maternal groups like with the yearling, doe and fawn and a couple other generations therefore you will receive the same movement data as well as true recruitment data of the six-month-old fawns recruited after one year in the population. He stated he is certain that everyone is familiar with Area 22 and knows of the struggle with the population there. He stated that NDOW is going to see where the best places will be to implement habitat projects in this area therefore focusing on where the limiting factors are with summer versus winter range and some stopover sites and see if the water is there. He stated the possibilities of using this data obtained will be very precise and NDOW will keep the CCABMW, and the public posted on this project. He reiterated that if anyone would like to volunteer and get their hands on some deer to reach out to him.
- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert stated to (*Joe Bennett Jr., Supervisor, NDOW, Southern Region*) that this is the actual Area 22.
- Public Comments: (*Joe Bennett Jr., Supervisor, NDOW Southern Region*): He stated to Vice Chair Dan Gilbert that is correct. He stated that NDOW will also be doing collaring event in Area 16 as well for a second year, collaring 15 to 20 animals taking place after they are done with Area 22. He stated that a lot of projects are Mule Deer Enhancement Program Projects where there is struggle of the population in these areas. He advised that NDOW is simply attempting to collect more data in these areas to make better informed decisions for the wildlife.
- Board Brian Patterson asked two questions for (*Joe Bennett Jr., Supervisor, NDOW Southern Region*) 1) if for example there 30 fawns, and some mortality is NDOW going to pick up those collars from the morality and wait until they have replacements in

the same amount of those mortalities to collar.

- Public Comments: (Joe Bennett Jr., Supervisor, NDOW Southern Region): He stated to board member Brian Patterson that ideally what would be done is NDOW would maintain the same sample size in the following year therefore if there is indeed some mortality, then NDOW would redeploy the same number to maintain the same sample size. He advised that NDOW collared some fawns in the Area 16 last year and that there were some mortalities, in the amount of 6 or 7. He stated after that there were no mortalities, therefore NDOW will now redeploy and increase the sample size again to the number it was prior to the mortalities. He stated it depends on the project and stated that 45 deer is quite a few, NDOW is going to attempt to maintain this number of deer for a couple of years and advised he is uncertain if there would be a need to increase this amount of mule deer.
- Board member Brian Patterson asked the second question to (Joe Bennett Jr., Supervisor, NDOW Southern Region) 2) the reason for collaring in the month of February and asked if that time of the year is not stressful on the mule deer.
- Public Comments: (Joe Bennett Jr., Supervisor, NDOW Southern Region): He stated to board member Brian Patterson that yes that time of year was indeed stressful but stated it was surprising when NDOW collared both fawns and does in Area 16 last year and that everything was in good body condition including the moisture patterns this year were decent. He stated therefore NDOW thinks that the moisture condition will stay in pretty good condition, but the reasoning is deers are congregating on the winter range and advised that NDOW will have strict sideboards on stress and will go after after group one and there are lots of sideboards and if hot temperature wise then the NDOW capturing group will release at that moment therefore not adding additional stress. He stated that there is a lot of sideboards in place and the morality rates are very low. He stated with the myotherapy for stress.
- Board member Brian Patterson asked (Joe Bennett Jr., Supervisor, NDOW Southern Region) to repeat the dates for the collaring projects.
- Public Comments: (Joe Bennett Jr, Supervisor, NDOW, Southern Region): He reiterated that the dates tentatively are February 20, 2024, and February 21, 2024, for the 22 captures and February 22, 2024, is for the 16 captures. He advised if anyone is interested in volunteering to get in touch with him and he will get them in touch with (Michelle Lopez, Volunteer Coordinator). He advised that the CAB has had discussions on this for quite some time and that the population has taken a downward trend therefore NDOW needs some data to inform them of the areas that need improving.
- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert asked (Joe Bennett Jr., Supervisor,

*NDOW Southern Region*) if in Area 16 the mortalities due to predation.

- Public Comments: (*Joe Bennett Jr., Supervisor, NDOW Southern Region*): He stated that there was initial lion predation on winter range and once off the range he stated he was curious because NDOW has not made it down to winter range this year, but if the same level of mortality is due to predation, then discussions will need to be had if this is the limiting factors. He stated if the mortality is happening for just a month with no continuation, then NDOW would have to see if that is an annual thing and then must make management decisions thereafter.
  - Chair Paul Dixon stated he wanted to remind everyone that the collaring projects are a Heritage Proposal. He stated that NDOW is seeking 2025 Heritage Proposals until March 1, 2024. He stated that if the CAB has ideas or if the CAB would like to get together with a sportsman's group or another advocate group and put together Heritage Proposal then he would highly recommend it. He stated the information can be located online as well as reaching out to (*Joe Bennett Jr., Supervisor, NDOW, Southern Region*) and (*Erin Woods, Biologist, NDOW Southern Region*), both are excellent resources to assist on this.
- Public Comments: (*Joe Bennett Jr., Supervisor, NDOW Southern Region*): He stated for Area 22 collaring project there were 5 NGO groups local and in Lincoln County contributed \$80,000 to the project and the Heritage was not used this time. He stated initially both NGO contributions along with the federal aid grant was used which gave NDOW the ability to proceed without Heritage Proposal money.
- Chair Paul Dixon stated he believed at the intial it was Wynn, Woods and Waters who were the NGOs at that time.
- Public Comments: (*Joe Bennett Jr., Supervisor, NDOW Southern Region*) stated there were NGOs contributions Club International, Meadow Valley, Nevada Bighorn were the remaining.
- Chair Paul Dixon stated to board member Jacob Thompson he was uncertain if the CAB was going to proceed with the blood tracking dog proposal anytime soon. He stated this was a question to board member Jacob Thompson if he wanted to continue this or look at putting in a petition and talking to NDOW to see if they would be interested in this petition.
- Board member Jacob Thompson advised he would still be interested in doing so.
- Chair Paul Dixon stated to (*Joe Bennett Jr., Supervisor, NDOW Southern Region*) he was not certain since it was not on the Agenda for the Commission Meeting and if there were any updates on the Winecup Gamble Land Transfers or did he hear anything new on this matter.
- Public Comments: (*Joe Bennett Jr., Supervisor, NDOW*



*Southern Region*): He stated to Chair Paul Dixon that he had not heard any updates on this matter but is certain that it is being discussed.

- Chair Paul Dixon advised to (*Joe Bennett Jr., Supervisor, NDOW Southern Region*) that he simply does not like when things get quiet on matters like this, and he gets worried.
- Public Comments: (*Joe Bennett Jr., Supervisor, NDOW Southern Region*): He stated to Chair Paul Dixon that he is not an expert on this matter, but he has not recently heard anything on this matter.
- Chair Paul Dixon stated that he would be attending the (*Tag Allocation and Application Hunt Committee Meeting on January 26, 2024/ January 27, 2024, at the Sparks Legislative Building, 745 Fourth Street, Sparks, NV 89436*). He advised that discussion will be on Deferred Tags and Junior Tag Transfer and if anyone had any questions or comments to please send to him via text or email and he will bring these concerns up during public input when the CAB is asked for their input on this discussion.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised lastly WHIN (*Wildlife & Habitat Improvement of Nevada*) is having their banquet on *March 9, 2024, at the Orleans Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas*. He stated it will be \$55.00 for children 12 years of age and under, \$105.00 for single adults, and for a corporate table consisting of 10 individuals it will be \$1,050.00.
- **Chair Paul Dixon advised that this matter is hereby closed.**

#### **VII. Recap of the November 3, 2023 & November 4, 2023, Board of Wildlife Commissioners Meeting by Chair Paul Dixon (Informational):**

- Chair Paul Dixon introduced this topic.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised that Commission Policy 23-Predation Management passed with the CAB having no CAB comments.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised that Commission Policy 24- Hunting Opportunities Among Various Weapons Classes and Hunter Groups, he stated we will be discussing in tonight's meeting.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised that Commission General Regulation 500, Subdivision Review Program, he stated it was discussed at the Commission level and he advised to board member Brian Patterson that his dissenting opinion was stated as well, (board member Brian Patterson dissenting view was that he felt it was unrealistic to the builder and to NDOW to think that they could take on this role in which they would have to create an entire new position solely for a person at NDOW to review subdivision maps as needed), he advised that regardless the Commission approved this.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised that Commission General Regulation 511 Wildlife Management Area, he advised that it included Pole Canyon and that the Commission did take the CABs recommendations into advisement and will be added, and the Commission stated that they would add those recommendations in, and it was approved. He stated that the Commission was very happy that the CABs due

diligent and were able catch these important recommendations that the Commission did not catch. *(The recommendations of the CAB were as follows: 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. Next board member Brian Patterson asking for more clarification for NAC 504.320 number 3 in reference on what animals are not restricted, needs list and is the restriction simply for horses and mules only. Next on NAC 504.320 number 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. Next on NAC 504.145 number 4, board member John Hiatt asked to replace to state "permanent non-NDOW erected dwelling or permanent dwelling therefore giving clarification).*

- Chair Paul Dixon advised that Commission General Regulation 509, License and Vessel Products Refunds, LCB File No. R037-23 passed and that the CAB did not have any recommendations on this.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised that Bighorn Sheep Ram Speciality Tag Regulation Review did pass as presented.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised that Commission General Regulation 513, Executive Order Regulation is back before the CAB again for discussion.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised that he attended the meeting via phone because he was unable to travel, and the meeting was short one and the only thing he missed was a field trip.
- **Chair Paul Dixon advised that this matter is hereby closed.**

#### **VIII. General Business/Action Items:**

**Discuss & make recommendations regarding the following Action Items from the Board of Wildlife Commissioners January 26, 2024 & January 27, 2024, 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 24- Hunting Opportunities Among Various Weapon Classes and Hunter Groups (For possible action).** The CCABMW Board will review, discuss, and make recommendations to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners about the third reading of Commission Policy 24-Hunting Opportunities Among Various Weapon and Hunter Groups.
  - Chair Paul Dixon introduced this topic.
  - Chair Paul Dixon read the following: *(Description): Commission Policy 24 has been*

**updated following the TAAHC and Commission discussions. (Summary):** *The formatting of every policy will be updated as they are passed, so that it is consistent in each policy. Policy 24 was last reviewed at the November Commission Meeting. The policy has been updated to reflect changes regarding Fixed-Allocation formulas. The Department also broadened the junior language on page 7 to match NAC until a determination on NAC changes regarding Fixed- Allocation formulas.*

- Public Comments: *(Joe Bennett Jr., Supervisor, NDOW Southern Region)* gave a presentation on this action item to explain Fixed-Allocation formulas. He stated the following: He advised the change is the fixed allocation which is the demand formula, and the issue that individuals were having with the **demand formula is that it was the first-choice unsuccessful applicants combined with the successful applicants in both choices**. He stated that people like to hunt Any Legal Weapon and with the definition of this prior was the perceived problem was many unsuccessful applicants were hunting with primitive weapons therefore this formula was skewed therefore forcing a higher percentage at Any Legal Weapon opposed to the primitive weapons. He stated that there is limited wildlife resource and CABS such as White Pine and others were shifting tags from Any Legal Weapon for elk to the primitive weapons which normally have lower success rates therefore allowing an additional few more hunters to go into the field. He advised that if everyone would look at the excel spreadsheet, he has presented tonight they will view the prior demand success for each weapon group. He stated Commission Policy 24 will show how the tags will be issued among weapon groups. He gave an example of deer stating that right off the top 25 percent go to juniors and it is treated like a weapon class, next there is 75 percent for Any Legal Weapon Muzzleloader and Archery. He stated the previous numbers were based in 2023 was 63 percent illegal weapons and 9 percent archery and 6 percent muzzleloader. He stated this is seen amongst all the species and pronghorn. He stated using the hypothetical scenario it would be 57 percent illegal weapons and 10 percent archery and 8 percent muzzleloader which gives net statewide for Resident Any Illegal Weapons for example at 347 different and slower and Any Legal Weapon hunts statewide allows 346 more muzzleloader tags and 134 more archery tags or the net difference of about 130. He advised that the difference is not that high, but it does give allowance of a few more folks to get out into the field and it gives more respect to the choices of these individuals, and he stated that people are going to put the hardest rifle hunt first and then it will go down and next putting the archery hunt last. He stated this reflects more of these individuals making these choices due to the fact it is not just the unsuccessful applicants and the first-choice applicants.
- Chair Paul Dixon stated he wanted to ask if the success much lower with muzzleloaders than rifles. He stated with the new inline muzzleloaders he thought with at least in the 200-yard shot that it would have about the same success rate.
- Public Comments: *(Joe Bennett Jr., Supervisor, NDOW Southern Region)*: He stated he wanted to use the example of bulls since they are similar and that is rifle, however in deer it is significantly lower, and this is due largely to the time of year individuals are hunting deer. He advised in September the deer stripped their velvet and advised it is more difficult for a bull in October and it cools off more. He stated there is always going to be an anomaly unit where there are similarities.
- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert asked *(Joe Bennett Jr., Supervisor, NDOW, Southern Region)*: He advised this was fluid and inquired is it going to adjust year to year based on pick

and choose success rates.

- Public Comments: (*Joe Bennett Jr., Supervisor, NDOW Southern Region*): He stated to board member Jacob Thompson that the three-year average for success will adjust it but not with the fixed demand it will make things have more consistency.
- Public Comments: (*Joe Bennett Jr., Supervisor NDOW, Southern Region*): He stated that it is obvious that the success is going to change regardless of weather conditions. He stated there are many variables but with it being fixed it will fluctuate somewhat but advised that he stated he felt it will not differ much. He advised that suddenly 45 percent illegal weapon then transitioning to muzzleloader based off success rates.
- Board member John Hiatt asked (*Joe Bennett Jr., Supervisor, NDOW Southern Region*) if there was a 100 percent demand for archery and muzzleloader tags.
- Public Comments: (*Joe Bennett Jr., Supervisor, NDOW Southern Region*): He stated that some go to the second draw and will get sold eventually or get picked up with The First Come First Serve, it depends on the unit. He stated that a lot of units done by NDOW such as Area 10 or Area 17 or maybe Area 14, these units do go to second draw. He stated a lot of these units are skewing more muzzleloaders which will be 100 percent drawn out and it eliminates quota compared to archery and advised that he should not state that there is more demand due to there being a lot more archery tags due to the success rates being low. He advised the net increase of tags in its entirety using example of 1985 per resident archery would be 2,136 thus meaning maybe a couple 100 tags statewide. He stated some of this is happening through social process where every year they are moving the tags to muzzleloaders and not archery tags. He stated when looking at Commission Policy 24, there is a difference for each species. He stated that it has to do with the interest of what weapon classes people want to hunt and what species with and advised there is more interest in archery and muzzleloaders. He advised that people are willing to spend on this and not have it as a last choice.
- Board member John Hiatt stated to (*Joe Bennett Jr., Supervisor, NDOW Southern Region*): He felt it was great and exciting.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised Moose Hunt on Page 9, there will be no using to Fix Allocation Tags Success Formula to expand desired moose harvest at this time.
- Board member John Hiatt asked (*Joe Bennett Jr., Supervisor, NDOW Southern Region*) how many moose do we have in the state of Nevada.
- Public Comments: (*Joe Bennett Jr., Supervisor, NDOW Southern Region*): He stated it is based off collaring efforts contracted with Texas. He advised that NDOW contracted with Texas A&M University and NDOW did Habitat to ability model ones with a bunch of other modeling exercises but now our minimal count, which is based of collaring data and observation data, it is about 180. He advised there is low mortality in the calves and NDOW is monitoring throughout the year. He advised that there are grizzly bears out in this area as well but advised that everyone collared is staying in the state of Nevada. He stated the moose observations is great and that the helicopters have QR codes and NDOW has had a sheer number of moose observations that they have been getting has been nothing short of exciting.
- Board member John Hiatt asked (*Joe Bennett Jr., Supervisor, NDOW Southern Region*) what effect does climate change have on the moose population if any.
- Public Comments: (*Joe Bennett Jr., Supervisor, NDOW Southern Region*): He stated

to board member John Hiatt that Nevada's moose habitat is not great in comparison to other Western states, and the modeling exercises shown were for areas that are weathering and are away from Pinion Juniper and basic things intuitively and the signs are in a positive direction for the moose population as opposed to what has been seen by NDOW and by other states. He advised that the individual who conducted the modeling editors and another individual from Washington State will be presenting this Friday to give comparison of how the moose populations in their locations have done yearly. He advised this phenomenon regarding when moose repatriated an area it makes them get stronger but will eventually reach threshold next crashing to their manageable levels, but signs reflect there is still an increasing trend which will have an effect at some of the barcode locations, but things are still looking well.

- Public Comments: (*Mark Transue, member of the public*): He stated to (*Joe Bennett Jr., Supervisor, NDOW Southern Region*) that on the handout he passed out it reflects on the top Muzzleloader at 455 thus showing an increase of only 2 percent. He advised that the Fixed Demand is 871 and it is totaling 400.
- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert advised to (*Mark Transue, member of the public*) that at this time he is simply stating his comment and any questions will be addressed later for discussion.
- Board member Jacob Thompson stated to (*Mark Transue, member of the public*) that he sees that it shows that 8 percent of the total demand for all tags instead of a 2 percent increase in muzzleloaders. He asked if that was enough clarification. He reiterated that it is a 2 percent increase in total demand. He gave an example if it were 1,000 then the total demand would be 200 more.
- Public Comments: (*Mark Transue, member of the public*): He stated to board member Jacob Thompson that it shows on this document that it is up 2 percent for the fixed demand, but it still went up in total over 400 against the tag and stated he could not see the map.
- Board member John Hiatt stated to (*Mark Transue, member of the public*) that it is 2 percent of 7,700 and advised this is an incorrect translation.
- Public Comments: (*Mark Transue, member of the public*): He still is not understanding it.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised to (*Mark Transue, member of the public*) that he will talk with him afterwards to give him clarity on this.
- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert advised a motion to approve Commission Policy 24-Hunting Opportunities Among Various Weapon Classes and Hunter Groups as presented.
- Board member John Hiatt seconds the motion.
- **Motion passes 7-0.**

**b. Draft Fiscal Year 2025 Predation Management Plan (*For possible action*)** The CCABMW Board will review, discuss, and make recommendations to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners about the Draft Fiscal Year 2025 Predation Management Plan.

- Chair Paul Dixon introduced this topic.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised that this is a draft of the plan, and the CAB will see this again on their agenda for one more time before due to the changes that will be done by the Commission prior to finalizing it.

- Chair Paul Dixon read the following: (*Brief Explanation of Changes to FY 2025 Annual Predation Management Plan*) states due to limited success, the Department recommends ending Project 22-01 and combining with Project 37. The Department recommends ending Project 42 due to completion. Important note, because a turkey or big game application season has not passed, this Predation Management Plan does not reflect applicant direction. He stated there is a plan and a report and he advised if the CAB would like they can have discussion about the previous report and the success and any other thing they would like to discuss on it. He stated that the FY 2025 Predation Management Plan is based on the 2023 report and is the question of what direction this plan needs to go to in 2025.
- Board member John Hiatt advised he feels that the plan needs to have better rationale for some of the actions that are in this plan. He gave an example of Raven removal against Sage-grouse populations. He read the following Page 7 (**Habitat Conditions**): *Areas of common raven removal will be within or in close proximity to Greater Sage-grouse leks, nesting habitat, and brood-rearing habitat.* He stated that is fine, but this doesn't discuss facts that Ravens fly, and the juvenile Ravens which make up a significant portion of the population are not territorial therefore they will move throughout wide ranges of areas for years. He stated therefore this proves no evidence that removal of Ravens within a couple of miles will solve this issue instead of just taking more Ravens from the surrounding areas instead. He advised that there is a need to have better explanation scientifically of this occurrence. He advised in the section with Bighorn Sheep it is stating that the Bighorn Sheep have issues besides Predation it is habitat as well. He stated he felt that this does not show any evidence to present how they factored in evidence to show relative importance of habitat issues versus Predation. He stated therefore if this is a scientific explanation of what is occurring then this information should be reflected in this material.
- Public Comment: (*Erin Wood, Biologist, NDOW Southern Region*): She stated regarding the Bighorn Sheep and advised that Predation is not the leading factor in the Bighorn Sheep populations normally but when there is small isolated populations such as cow herds and Bighorn Sheep populations in which NDOW is putting effort arguing and you have lion population in that area this is considered to be specialized as opposed to using Mule Deer as the primary source of food. She advised it is not a predator free area but simply reduction of the predation risk for augmented populations. She stated by not putting naïve animals into situations in which they are not coming out with the best outcome but also removing animals that have an outsized impact on the population there and have a dramatic effect on the predation. She stated it is a bit more proactive and less reactive therefore you will notice these issues.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised at this point he knows that we have limited number of eggs and he advised that he has read that when Ravens put out their eggs that they are killed in an area that lack Raven eggs where there is a large amount of predation, and losing the adults in that area or juveniles and reduction of their numbers to the repopulate to those who repatriated that area is enough time to prepare the chicks to the point of sustainability to the environment. He stated even though the numbers are more or the same, this places the chicks into a different life stage to survive. He advised this was his understanding from his reading.
- Public Comments: (*Joe Bennett Jr., Supervisor, NDOW Southern Region*): He stated to Chair Paul Dixon that the goal is to ultimately get the chicks to become old enough for dispersement further away for higher chance to survive. He advised that Chair Paul

Dixon was correct. He stated that NDOW is doing a deep analysis of being done on this to coincide with the increased driven population therefore using tacticalness when attempting to deploy those eggs to try to get the eggs past the initial predation stages for hatching into a few class sizes. He advised unfortunately everything likes to eat the small birds.

- Chair Paul Dixon stated that (*Joe Bennett Jr., Supervisor, NDOW Southern Region*) was correct. He stated that the Raven studies regarding Raven populations have taken place since he started on the Advisory Board and stated that the population has doubled therefore the question is if there is a push to state that there is a resident population rather than a migratory population therefore taking Ravens of the Migratory Bird Act making it more of a local management issue instead.
- Board member John Hiatt advised to Chair Paul Dixon that the Ravens will not be taken off the Migratory Bird Act because it does not depend on if the birds migrate. He advised that all birds are essentially covered by this regulation and stated almost all birds.
- Chair Paul Dixon stated to board member John Hiatt that we need to get permission to increase harvests from other countries that are part of this pact. He advised this was his point and stated that Mexico has a say of how much lethal control we have as a country.
- Board member John Hiatt advised to Chair Paul Dixon that he is not aware that Mexico does have any control on this.
- Board member Brian Patterson asked Chair Dixon if the quota of 2,500 was met.
- Chair Paul Dixon stated if we place 25,000 eggs does this guarantee 2,500 dead birds.
- Board member John Hiatt stated it is determined on how many birds are killed not the number of eggs put out.
- Public Comments: (*Joe Bennett Jr., Supervisor, NDOW Southern Region*): He advised he did not know off the top of his head the number ratio for the eggs to the dead birds.
- Board member Brian Patterson stated he believed that ratio was 6 to 8.
- Public Comments: (*Joe Bennett Jr., Supervisor, NDOW Southern Region*): He stated he felt it was close with that assessment of the ratio and stated that cap has been achieved in recent years. He stated it was based upon the trend in the population giving clarity of the reasoning that NDOW is going through this process in a attempt to increase.
- Chair Paul Dixon asked (*Joe Bennett Jr., Supervisor, NDOW Southern Region*) if Ravens are smart as we have come to know, do we start to get version to the Ravens wanting to consume the eggs due because we know that if they consume the egg then something bad will happen to them or has this leap of knowledge not yet related to the Ravens.
- Board member John Hiatt advised that the Raven population have probably already made this estimate due to other studies that show Ravens have incredible memories and have had only one exposure to the bad news and the Raven will remember this incident for years to come.
- Board member Brian Patterson stated to board member John Hiatt that if the Ravens are the birds that eat the eggs and do not die.
- Board member John Hiatt stated to Board member Brian Patterson that the Ravens tend to be in groups and when they see the one that died from eating the eggs
- Board member Jacob Thompson asked board member John Hiatt does this mean that

Raven removal is a deterrent to Raven predation.

- Chair Paul Dixon advised that the eggs used are white colored not the same color of the Sage-grouse eggs. He stated he wonders if they did paint these eggs to look like the same color of the Sage-grouse would this simply become a diversion.
- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert advised motion to approve Draft Fiscal Year 2025 Predation Management Plan as presented. Therefore, proceeding a large amount of lion predation events in a smaller population
- Board member Jacob Thompson stated that there is a article in Human-Wildlife Interactions (Volume 15, Issue 3; *Winter of 2021; Inter-and Intra-annual Effects of Lethal Removal on Common Raven Abundance in Nevada and California, USA*) He read the following from the (Abstract): **At treatment sites, expected densities of ravens varied but were reduced by 43percent (95% CRI: 33-49%) and 54% (95% CRI: 24-71%) according to intra- and inter-annual analyses, respectively, whereas densisties increased by 42% (95% CRI: 27-60%) and 15% (95% CRI-17 to 58%) at control sites. Although population densisties were reduced with treatments, trends indicated that sustained effort would likely be needed to maintain densities at acceptable levels within regions of interest.** He stated that therefore it seems to influence Raven through scientific evidence indicated that shows the impact on real densities hence better procedurals necessary and it is probably the case that it happens.
- Public Comments: (*Joe Bennett Jr., Supervisor, NDOW Southern Region*): He stated there has been quite a few products in the scientific literature from this specifically NDOW working with USGS (*U.S. Geological Survey*). He stated that this is a reminder that he needs to become more familiar with Raven management. He stated to board member Jacob Thompson that as he previously mentioned that there is a site-specific density effect and there will be an obviou spillover. He stated that in no way is he an expert on this subject matter and he as well reads the publications when these articles come out and he feels that he will need to do more research than address this with the CAB thereafter. He advised that the evidence seems to be strong evidence with the source cited.
- Board member Alexander Harper advised that desert tortoise biologists are trying to come up with many ways to deter Ravens from finding their young for predation. He stated they have even gone as far as 3D printing small tortoises that dispense great aroma and it is powerful, but he stated these birds will figure it out. He stated it will be a constent going back and forth of us trying to trick the Ravens and adjusting to learn new methods to come up with to again trick the Ravens. He advised the Ravens must eat and we can only trick the Ravens for so long because they are smart.
- Public Comments: (*Joe Bennett Jr., Supervisor, NDOW Southern Region*): He stated that when the eggs are placed, most of the council will ask the question of how many dead Ravens have been seen along the roadway.
- Board member John Hiatt advised that you don't see that many Ravens along the roadway since they rarely are hit by cars.
- Board member Alexander Harper advised that he has done work with biologist in areas like the Mojave and Great Basin and he stated the Ravens will be around first thing in the morning time flying around roads and highways just crusing. He advised they are looking for dead animals that were killed the previous night as well as cottontail and Jack rabbits and next they go to other sites where the Ravens are



familiar and have knowledge that there is less to pick from to eat slim pickings and easy prey. He advised that the Ravens are adjusting with us, and we are creating perfect conditions for the Ravens.

- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert asked the question to *(Erin Wood, Biologist, NDOW Southern Region)* that in Project 22 and Project 37, it seems to reflect to stop worrying about Area 011 and 013 because it is not enough. He stated that they are going into Area 37 and if there is an area that they can control better and there is no lion predation are they doing that, is this the understanding on this.
- Public Comments: *(Erin Woods, Biologist, NDOW Southern Region)*: She stated there was a proactive removal of the mountain lions until the populations can establish and once the level has been determined then they go into Project 37. She reiterated that it is to be allocated where necessary.
- Public Comments: *(Joe Bennett Jr., Supervisor, NDOW, Southern Region)*: He stated it is being enveloped in our statewide Project 37. He advised that NDOW will be responding especially to collared species where mortalities occurring literally, and it is just being combined.
- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert stated to *(Joe Bennett Jr., Supervisor, NDOW Southern Region)*: what about Area 241 is it still separate.
- Public Comments *(Joe Bennett Jr., Supervisor, NDOW Southern Region)*: He stated to Vice Chair Dan Gilbert that Area 241 is separate and this area is where NDOW is collaring mountain lions and doing removal based off site-specific skill locations and Bighorn Sheep.
- Board member Alexander Harper asked the question to NDOW staff *(Joe Bennett Jr., Supervisor, NDOW Southern Region & Erin Wood, Biologist, NDOW Southern Region)*: that when they are managing Mountain Lion populations for allowance of sheep or Mule Deer herd for their population to rebound to sustain themselves and NDOW will go lightly on the mountain lion management, is there success in doing so or is it to be seen that this is gradual movement with other factors affecting the mule deer population. He stated his question is how realistic this type of strategy is since we have many examples of it.
- Public Comments: *(Joe Bennett Jr., Supervisor, NDOW Southern Region)*: He stated to board member Alexander Harper that in your statement of having many examples of translocated populations and we can release 30, 40, 50 and once they get to a threshold and are able to sustain themselves just fine and even increase, and we see this with our Bighorn populations because they might not be reaching the threshold with the habitat and the carrying capacity they may need. He stated he had many populations where some of these management efforts were taken, and it got up to 350 to 400 and unfortunately disease started and there are other confounding factors. He stated that there are few instances throughout the Western states showing Bighorn Sheep starting off with low population numbers and how they can persist through time with a little bit of assistance and by means of perpetuity some of the Bighorn Sheep had other factors and that is validation and advised that he is not naïve to this and stated it is a case-by-case basis.
- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert advised a motion for the Fiscal Year 2025 Predation Management Plan to be accepted as presented.
- Board member John Hiatt seconds the motion.
- **Motion passes 7-0.**

c. **Biennial Big Game Release Plan for Fiscal Years 2024 and 2025**

**[March 2024- June 2025] (For possible Action)** The CCABMW Board will review, discuss, and make recommendations to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners about the Biennial Big Game Release Plan for Fiscal Years FY 2024 and FY 2025.

- Chair Paul Dixon introduced this topic.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised that this is pertaining to Big Game only.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised the following: **Desert Bighorn Sheep** (Reintroduction) in the Cortez Mountains, in the county of Eureka, Unit 141 & Unit 144.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised the following: **California Bighorn Sheep** (Augmentation) in Montana Mountains, in the county of Humboldt, Unit 031.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised the following: **Mountain Goat** (Augmentation) in East Humboldt Range, in the county of Elko, Unit 101
- Chair Paul Dixon advised the following: **Desert Bighorn Sheep** (Augmentation) in Stillwater Range, county of Churchill, Unit 182.
- Chair Paul Dixon asked the question to (*Joe Bennett Jr., Supervisor, NDOW Southern Region*) if NDOW had any plans to capture and transport sheep this year to Utah or any other states.
- Public Comments: (*Joe Bennett Jr., Supervisor, NDOW Southern Region*): He stated to Chair Paul Dixon that NDOW has nothing on its docket at this time for this, he advised that the coordinator for Utah did approach individuals at the male sheep show last week advising that they may make this request to the Commission. He advised it was stated as well that they have found a new location for the sheep to transport too. He stated this area is adjacent and is more sheep habitat then the original nursery concept. He stated that in previous the moratlity events were high but recently there have not been any mortalities. He stated the sheep have been moved to this new location and the sheep look like the Rocky Mountain Sheep due to the higher elevation and latitudes. He stated as of current there is nothing on the docket, but he is surprised if it is on the docket coming up.
- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert asked (*Joe Bennett Jr., Supervisor, NDOW Southern Region*) to confirm that a few years ago Utah was given by NDOW a total of 34 sheep.
- Public Comments: (*Joe Bennett Jr., Supervisor, NDOW, Southern Region*): that total was 31.
- Public Comments: (*Erin Woods, Biologist, NDOW Southern Region*): She stated that there were issues with predation within the fenced area where these sheeps were early on and there was a snowy winter and not having access to the vegetation therefore the sheep were taken during the summertime, and they were able to grow super quick. She stated it was growing pains on this process for NDOW and the sheep but NDOW has decided to not continue with this area but there is a commentary point where there is a nursery instead.
- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert stated is the plant to have nursery in place to control predation until they transport the sheep out of state.
- Public Comments: (*Erin Woods, Biologist, NDOW, Southern Region*): She stated to Vice Chair Dan Gilbert ideally, it would be a much more hands off approach. She advised that the new location is about 10,000 acres with a more desert habitat for the sheep not a ranch like previous. She stated knowing the previous location, NDOW now

has issues worked out for prevention and it would not be a habituated population, NDOW still wants wild animals to augment the old area.

- Board member Brian Patterson stated this is a Utah discussion and not a problem right now.
- Board member Jacob Thompson asked (*Erin Woods, Biologist, NDOW Southern Region*) the question is the Bighorn Sheep transported to Utah are they fund to match sheep.
- Public Comments: (*Erin Woods, Biologist, NDOW, Southern Region*): She stated yes to board member Jacob Thompson question.
- Board member Brian Patterson stated where are three locations, he stated there are 40 to 50 Desert Bighorn sheep in California, Utah, California, and they got some Mountain goats as well.
- Public Comments: (*Joe Bennett Jr., Supervisor, NDOW Southern Region*): He stated he wanted to offer clarity on this, he advised that each location has its issues, there will be timing resourcing the Mountain Goats are actually proposed to come from Beaver Utah, and NDOW is already working on this and we are to receive Mountain Goats and advised there might be a private option with Pole Canyon adjacent to the new easement and if that works then it would be done with Forest Services for the process of reintroduction. He stated that he could see it working out quickly along with the reintroduction in the Montana Mountains. He stated that Sheep Creeks is one of the more productive populations with the California Bighorn and it has been used recently as well. He stated that NDOW has been working with landowners on this and know it is reasonable for the reintroduction of the population.
- Board member John Hiatt advised that the issue of mortality of the sheep was due to plasma mycoplasma pneumonia infection acquired by the domestic sheep and in this plan, it states that domestic sheep will still be in this area grazing there. He stated it says lambs which are not domestic sheep, but the lambs still are infected with mycoplasma pneumonia infection. He stated it says in the plan that the volunteers will work diligently to maintain separation of the two. He advised that it only takes is one episode and you have disease which is lethal, and he asked the question of why we assume that there will be a different result this time then previous.
- Public Comments: (*Joe Bennett Jr., Supervisor, NDOW Southern Region*): He stated to board member John Hiatt that he hopes that the venting process will assist with this.
- Chair Paul Dixon asked if the push for reintroduction is being requested by one of the NGOs (Non-Governmental Organization) through the department to get sheep back in this area or is this simply part of the NDOWs departmental overall grand plan.
- Public Comments: (*Joe Bennett Jr., Supervisor, NDOW Southern Region*): He advised that he believes it is a departmental policy for the Northern Regions. He stated he is unsure if after multiple conversations with this landowner that NDOW seems not to be more confident. He advised to board member John Hiatt that he is not in disagreement of his comments made but he feels that due diligence is the cost for the reintroduction.
- Board member John Hiatt advised that NDOW could pay for the private owner for his grazing operation to be moved somewhere else.
- Public Comments: (*Joe Bennett Jr., Supervisor, NDOW Southern Region*): He stated

that this subject has been broached.

- Board member John Hiatt stated to (*Joe Bennett Jr., Supervisor, NDOW Southern Region*) he stated he wanted to know about the Mountain Goats in East Humboldt Range, has real surveys been done to make sure that the daily plants that are there are not going to be put certain rare plants at risk of extinction or eradication in that range. He advised that from other places such as the Olympic Mountains the introduction was successful but had a harmful unexpected on the native plant's species there.
- Board member Jacob Thompson advised that the herd had to be collared to solve this problem.
- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert advised that there is good data on East Humboldt because it has a large Mule deer population until a dozen years ago.
- Board member John Hiatt stated that knowledge about the Mountain Goats or plant populations still needs survey expert bontanist on unusual plants.
- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert reiterated that there will be good data in East Humboldt due to it having a large population of Mule Deer.
- Board member John Hiatt advised that NDOW does not hire a lot of bontanist.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised that NDOW does not have a lot of experts on plants and only a few bontanist.
- Board member Jacob Thompson advised motion to approve Biennial Big Game Release Plan for FY 2024 and FY 2025 as presented with request for different approaches to be given for sheep management with documentation of provisions to show protection of Bighorn populations from domestic sheep and the Bighorn sheep in the Montana Mountains.
- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert seconds the motion.
- **Motion passes 7-0.**

d. **Commission General Regulation 514 (LCB File No. R122-23) (*For possible action*)** The CCABMW Board will review, discuss, and make recommendations to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners about Commission General Regulation 514 for establishing a moose hunt for the 2024 season in Nevada.

- Chair Paul Dixon introduced this topic.
- Chair Paul Dixon stated this is about changes to establish moose hunt for the 2024 season. He advised the language is the same for the moose hunt and moose seasons and advised if there were differences, he would have had them as separate action items for discussion.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised that in Chapter 502 of NAC Sec. 2- "Antlered moose" means any moose having at least one antler that is visible above the hairline of the skull of the moose.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised that in Chapter 502 of NAC Sec. 3 "Antlerless moose" means any moose without antlers.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised that in Chapter 502 of NAC Sec. 4. 1. Except as otherwise

provided in this subsection, unless his or her privilege is limited or revoked pursuant to law, any resident or nonresident of this State is eligible to apply in any year for an antlered moose tag. A person who obtains an antlered moose tag or a replacement tag for an antlered moose is not eligible to apply in his or her lifetime for another tag or hunt antlered moose only. **2.** Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, unless his or her privilege is limited or revoked pursuant to law, any resident or nonresident of this State is eligible to apply in any year for an antlerless moose tag. A person who obtains an antlerless moose tag or a replacement tag for an antlerless moose is not eligible to apply in his or her lifetime for another tag to hunt antlerless moose only. **3.** The fee for: (a) A resident antlered moose tag is \$120, (b) A resident antlerless moose tag is \$120, (c) A nonresident antlered moose tag is \$1,200, (d) A nonresident antlerless moose tag is \$1,200. **4.** A person who harvests a moose shall, within 5 days after harvesting it, personally present the skull and any antlers of the moose, if applicable, to a representative of the Department for inspection. **5.** As used in this section: (a) “Antlered moose only” means, in a designation of moose that may be taken during an open season, only an antlered moose. (b) “Antlerless moose only” means, in a designation of moose that may be taken during an open season, only an antlerless moose.

- Board member Jacob Thompson asked for the definition of “antlerless moose” do we anticipate this definition to change as the moose herds grow or will any spiked moose be good for antlered moose forever.
- Chair Paul Dixon stated like spiked elk. He stated he feels the population of moose would have to be larger to worry about spikes.
- Public Comments: (*Joe Bennett Jr., Supervisor, NDOW Southern Region*): He stated it has the definition of an antler and its going to be limited quotas to begin with and antler only and the definitions shows consistency of the definitions that are already in place for other species.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised the ability to draw this tag is like drawing a dream tag.
- Public Comments: (*Joe Bennett Jr., Supervisor, NDOW Southern Region*): The odds will not be great.
- Chair Paul Dixon stated it will not be like the bear hunt either and it will be one hundred times harder.
- Board member Jacob Thompson stated to Chair Paul Dixon that there is a chance.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised the following NAC 502.4188 is hereby amended to read as follows: **1.** Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, any bonus points awarded by the Department pursuant to the bonus point program must be awarded in one of the following categories of species, subspecies, and gender: this now includes (n) Antlered moose; (o) Antlerless moose or (p) Moose, either antlered or antlerless
- Chair Paul Dixon advised the following NAC 503.173 is hereby amended to read as follows and include Moose: 503.173 Except as otherwise provided in NAC 502.403, any person who kills a deer, elk, **moose**, mountain goat, antelope or bighorn sheep shall, until the carcass is frozen, smoked, dried, consumed or accepted by a commercial processing plant for processing, maintain possession of at least that portion of the cape or scalp that includes the ears to the base of the muzzle and any antlers or horns. The cape or scalp and antlers or horns from the animal must be possessed in such a manner that they remain or are kept together with the carcass of the animal.

- Chair Paul Dixon advised that drawing this tag will be harder than drawing a Bighorn Sheep tag. He advised to remember that every dollar that you put in here and support with your tag supports the study and the growth of these herds in the state of Nevada. He advised that even though he does not harvest mountain lions he purchases a mountain lion tag every year for this reason. He stated that money is spent managing and understanding the herds of mountain lions in the state of Nevada.
- Public Comments: (*Annoula Wylerich, member of the public*): She stated on behalf of the non hunting public, she wanted to understand what is prompting this, what is the purpose of this, what is the purpose of this news. She advised we have a decent number of moose and is not high enough on the hunting list. She asked the question is this yet another trophy hunt and wanted to know why this is being proposed.
- Chair Paul Dixon stated to (*Annoula Wylerich, member of the public*) he stated to quote a former Commissioner and former Chair of the Commission, because we can. He advised he is not being smart but only because the herd is sustainable therefore giving hunter opportunity. He advised as opposed to elk, or mule deer a moose are large and just as big as an elk. They have a large set of horns making them trophy worthy, he sees it for a great food source and hunter opportunity.
- Public Comments: (*Lt. Chris Walthers, Game Warden, NDOW Southern Region*): He advised that over the last four to five years there has been numerous moose killed since hunters are mistaken these species for elk. He advised from law enforcement perspective to educate the hunters more. He advised he has seen this happen in his division on a frequent basis.
- Board member Brian Patterson advised that he has hunted moose in Wyoming and advised that all the data that he has ever had on moose stated that the protein and fat content of the moose is far superior in terms of calories. He advised there is about a minimum of 180 moose or close to 200 or 250. He stated this is simply a great opportunity and talked about he killed a moose and unfortunately it died in the river making the hunt very difficult. He stated any moose harvested is a trophy.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised that compared to Alaskan or Maine moose there is no comparison.
- Board member Brian Patterson advised that he found it hard to believe that there was a mistake between the elk and the moose and stated that the legs are so much taller on the moose and the color.
- Public Comments: (*Lt. Chris Walthers, Game Warden, NDOW Southern Region*): He stated the shooting of the moose by mistake has been a couple of years since it happens, and it was on both occasions a female moose.
- Board member Brian Patterson advised that he has applied for moose tags in Maine, New Hampshire, and Vermont as well as Alaska and when driving the roads in these areas for years and there are moose crossing signs due to the amount of damage that moose can do to vehicles. He advised that this is another thing to take into consideration when we attempt to manage the moose.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised when there first was a sighting of moose in Nevada he had no idea that Nevada would have such a sustainable population of moose as quickly as it did and what we have currently. He stated that Nevada has had a little wetter summer over the last few years and that the habitat coming out of Idaho and Wyoming and Utah has been conducive to putting animals in the public state.

- Board member Brian Patterson advised that the moose come first next the wolves are right behind the moose population, he stated when you have moose you have wolves.
- Chair Dan Gilbert advised motion to approve Commission General Regulation 514 as presented.
- Board member Brian Patterson seconds the motion.
- **Motion passes 7-0.**

e. **Commission General Regulation 512, Fishing Regulations (*For possible action*)** The CCABMW Board will review, discuss, and make recommendations to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners about Commission General Regulation 512 Fishing Regulations **to consider** amending motor restrictions on Knott Creek Reservoir, amend tackle restrictions on Hobart Reservoir, Smith Creek Reservoir and the Snake Range High Lakes and update the classification of the Dixie Valley Toad to “endangered”.

- Chair Paul Dixon introduced this topic.
- Chair Paul Dixon read the following: NAC 488.455-488.470- **Knott Creek Reservoir**-The Department is proposing an amendment to NAC 488.455-488.470 to change the motor restrictions on Knott Creek Reservoir in Humboldt County. The current regulation restricts the speed at which one can operate their vessel on Knott Creek Reservoir, however it does not restrict the type of motor that can be used. The Department is proposing this amendment based on numerous requests over the past several years from anglers who recreate at Knott Creek Reservoir. If approved, this change would allow only vessels without motors and vessels which are powered by electric motors on Knott Creek Reservoir.
- Chair Paul Dixon read the following: NAC 503.504-503.506- The Department is proposing to amend the tackle restrictions in the Western and Eastern regions. These changes are described: **Hobart Reservoir** (Washoe County, Western Region) from “artificial lures with single barbless hooks” to “artificial lures”. Eliminating the restrictive tackle regulation will reduce the barriers to entry for those trying to fish Hobart Reservoir and increase success rates for catching and keeping fish. This regulation may help reduce Brook Trout numbers by increasing the catch rate and could potentially result in larger fish. It may also increase the number of anglers that fish Hobart Reservoir in any given year by eliminating this tackle restriction that has no biological justification for being in place.
- Chair Dixon read the following: NAC 503.504-503.506- **Smith Creek Reservoir**- The Department is proposing to remove the tackle restriction in place for Smith Creek Ranch (Lander County, Eastern Region) and manage it under Eastern Region general regulations. The current fishery does not warrant special regulations and should be managed under general regulations.
- Chair Paul Dixon read the following: NAC 503.504-503.506- **Snake Range High Lakes**- The Department is proposing to amend NAC 503.506 to require artificial lures with single barbless hooks for the Snake Range High Lakes. The Department was recommending a change in tackle restrictions to require artificial lures with single barbless hooks, however, an oversight occurred and a CGR was not submitted so that change did not occur. The Department is proposing to correct that error with this proposal.

- Chair Paul Dixon read the following: NAC 503.075 **Dixie Valley Toad-** The Department is proposing an amendment to 503.075 to update the classification of the Dixie Valley Toad to “endangered”. On December 1, 2022, the US Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) announced that the Dixie Valley Toad will be listed as endangered under the Endangered Species Act. In their listing determination, the USFWS listed the primary threats to the Dixie Valley Toad include geothermal development, disease, predation by other non-native frog species, groundwater pumping for human and agricultural use, and climate change.
- Chair Paul Dixon asked why the change for the Dixie Valley Toad.
- Public Comments: (*Joe Bennett Jr., Supervisor, NDOW Southern Region*): He advised that its designation is from unbelief friend to endangered and at the last Commission meeting or the one before that.
- Chair Paul Dixon stated it was the previous meeting before the last Commission meeting.
- Public Comments: (*Joe Bennett Jr., Supervisor, NDOW Southern Region*): He continued his comments and stated at the previous Commission meeting there were a large scale of changes with the fishing regulations to more general and possession limits, and from that meeting these are the oversights and few comments that came from that meeting that are being added to the Commission Federal Regulation.
- Chair Paul Dixon read the following: NAC 503.075 **Dixie Valley Toad-** its range is restricted to 760-acre wetland complex, fed by hot springs in the remote Dixie Valley northeast of Fallon, Nevada (Churchill County).
- Board member John Hiatt advised it is due to geothermal plants there which can drive the entire point.
- Board member John Hiatt advised on NAC 503.504-503.506- **Snake Range High Lakes-** He stated instead of just going to require artificial lures with single barbless hooks, why not eliminate fishing for two or three years and see if it could get them established. He stated he felt would simplify it.
- Public Comments: (*Joe Bennett Jr., Supervisor, NDOW Southern Region*): He stated his only comment to this is that anyone who spent a large amount of time in Snake Range High Lakes, he does not feel the fishing pressure is high at all and this is his interpretation coming from his experiences there.
- Board member John Hiatt stated to (*Joe Bennett Jr., Supervisor, NDOW Southern Region*) if this is a way to save fisherman’s desire to fish.
- Public Comments: (*Joe Bennett Jr., Supervisor, NDOW Southern Region*): He stated to board member John Hiatt that this leaves some opportunity to finish and then lower some morality rates by going to mark this.
- Public Comments: (*Lt. Chris Walthers, Game Warden, NDOW Southern Region*): He advised that he thinks it is fabulous and stated that he does not have a lot of knowledge of this area and not the fishing in this area as well. He stated it reference to (*Joe Bennett Jr., Supervisor NDOW Southern Region*) about the low pressure on the resource, I know we have various locations in Northern Nevada for that to increase the mortality therefore he stated if we decide to close an area to fishing it would make it a lot more difficult for sportsmen and there would be even more issues.



He stated taking an area that is open then close it even for a certain number of years, you are taking away people's recreation, even if it's a small group of people, regardless of the size.

- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert stated he would love to hear any data the NDOW has on the Dixie Valley Toad and advised that a paragraph is not going to change his perspective to swing him to put something in the category of dangerous species. He stated this is not a small thing.
- Public Comments: (*Joe Bennett Jr., Supervisor, NDOW Southern Region*): He stated to Vice Chair Dan Gilbert that this proposal has already transpired.
- Board member John Hiatt advised to Vice Chair Dan Gilbert that it is all about habitat, and that there is a project that is a proposed project that would essentially almost eliminate the habitat.
- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert asked the question if this has already been listed.
- Public Comments: (*Joe Bennett Jr. Supervisor, NDOW Southern Region*): He advised to Vice Chair Dan Gilbert that this is changing the designation statewide to be concurrently efficient model destination.
- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert advised he understands and stated this is going on with the category of not exactly knowing every ingredient fact but if it is then it is and there here are the criteria.
- Board member John Hiatt stated to Vice Chair Dan Gilbert that there is a huge project for that Wetlands that would essentially dry up.
- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert advised to board member John Hiatt that he understands what he is explaining but he is speaking specifically on the designation of the tone as "endanger"
- Board member John Hiatt advised that this would have been petitioned by The Center for Biological Diversity. He stated and they found this to be warranted.
- Secretary Darlene Kretunski advised that it is located on Page 3.
- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert advised he understood that. He advised that he was under the impression that there was a proposal as well.
- Board member Jacob Thompson stated after years of litigation The Fish and Wildlife agreed that these species (*Dixie Valley Toad*) and another species were at risk of extinction and in December listed both species as "endangered" therefore that ship has left already.
- Board member Alexander Harper stated that this type of thing might continue to keep happening in Nevada, meaning more species on the list to be categorized as "endangered." He stated that there is species called Pinyon Jays (*species of jay, member of the genus Gymnorhinus*) and it has declined about 80 percent in the last 40 years and half of its population is in Nevada. He advised that this is just one species that its primary is moving pinion pinecones around Nevada. He advised that he feels what is going to be seen is other species losing a lot of their population due to isolation in the mountain ranges and other pressures hence driving them into smaller populations. He stated that these types of things will continue to happen where there are going to be Organisms that were unheard of, and they will get listed as "endangered".

- Board member Jacob Thompson stated that he agrees with Board member Alexander Harper on his comments and on top of the biological drivers and other natural drivers that he is discussing, and the political landscape is one in which there is increasing litigation over the status of species pertaining to The Endangered Species Act. He stated it is a new part of the playbook for conservation and animal rights organizations and litigating both directions. He advised there will be more of this to be seen of both confluence of managed drivers and political forces at play.
- Chair Paul Dixon stated that one has seen a smaller impact of Dixie Valley Toads and potentially of the Pinyon Jays. He stated if you would like to see an impact our Sage-grouse in this state our hunting opportunities are going to change forever dramatically and drastically.
- Public Comments: (*Joe Bennett Jr., Supervisor, NDOW Southern Region*): He stated that Pinyon Jays are even affecting Pinyon Juniper treatments. He stated we are attempting to be cognitive of encroachment which is causing a lot of the decline as well. He stated that one must look at all facets when working with management actions.
- Board member Brian Patterson asked board member John Hiatt if this location fishing in the Snake Range up in Mount Moriah 114.
- Board member John Hiatt advised this location is the southern part of South of Highway 50, which is part of the National Park.
- Board member Brian Patterson advised that fishing would occur in the park a little more because it is wilderness.
- Board member John Hiatt stated to board member Brian Patterson yes, because it is a National Park it attracts a certain number of people.
- Public Comments: (*Joe Bennett Jr., Supervisor, NDOW Southern Region*): He stated I mean there will be some pressure.
- Board member Brian Patterson stated he just could not remember the way to take to get to Snake River.
- Public Comments: (*Joe Bennett Jr., Supervisor, NDOW Southern Region*): He stated it takes some effort to get to some of these lakes so those directions should help.
- Public Comments: (*Nick Gulli, member of the public*): He asked the question about the Sacramento Pass Campground in which there was a pond in which NDOW stocks with trout.
- Public Comments: (*Joe Bennett Jr., Supervisor, NDOW Southern Region*): He advised that NDOW no longer stocks that pond and that the pond is now independent of these.
- Board member John Hiatt advised the motion to approve Commission General Regulation 512, Fishing Regulation as presented.
- Board member Alexander Harper seconds the motion.
- **Motion passes 7-0.**

- f. **Commission General Regulation 513, Executive Order 003 (*For possible action*)** The CCABMW Board will review, discuss, and make recommendations to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners Commission General Regulation 513, Executive Order Regulations. (The proposed regulations include but are not limited to changes removing definitions that are no longer used or necessary, general administrative clean up of existing regulations, updates the turkey return card process to match the big game return card process, removes unnecessary personal information required on some special licenses and permit applications, restricts already prohibited species and their progeny from remaining in Nevada, updates terminology, among others.
- Chair Paul Dixon introduced this topic.
  - Chair Paul Dixon advised that the CAB has had discussion on this action item now three times, and there are no changes except that the comments from the Commission have been added in. He stated that the CABs recommendations at this point ability to make a change based upon those recommendations would honestly be zero.
  - Chair Paul Dixon advised that this is a LCB draft, and the comments are believed to be editorial and do not require the LCB to read, review, or correct.
  - Board member Jacob Thompson asked Chair Paul Dixon are we discussing Commission General Regulation 513, Executive Order 003.
  - Chair Paul Dixon stated to board member Jacob Thompson yes, that is correct. He advised to the CAB that the first time reviewed the CAB had comments but the last two times thereafter the CAB has had no comments and had accepted it as is. He stated this is the version that is up for adoption and asked the CAB to look at this again and state yes or no.
  - Board member Jacob Thompson advised in the interest of time we should simply just make a motion.
  - Public Comments: (None)
  - Board member Jacob Thompson advised a motion to approve Commission General Regulation 513, Executive Order 003 as presented.
  - Board member John Hiatt seconds the motion.
  - **Motion passes 7-0.**
- g. **Commission Regulation 23-04 Amendment #2, 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 Big Game Hunting Seasons (*For possible action*)** The CCABMW Board will review, discuss, and make recommendations to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners about Commission Regulation 23-04 Amendment #2, 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 Big Game Hunting Season and dates for Mule Deer, Pronghorn Antelope, Elk, Bighorn Sheep, Mountain Goat and Moose, including limits, hunting hours, special hunt eligibility, animal sex, physical characteristics and hunt boundary restrictions.
- Chair Paul Dixon introduced this topic.
  - Chair Paul Dixon advised that the moose hunt has been added and is now listed on Page 14.

- Chair Paul Dixon advised that besides some minor changes to season dates (closed dates, added dates and replacement to early dates for example with Elk and closing of Mid or replacement to Late.
- Board member Brian Patterson questioned if Unit 252 for the Bear Hunt is closed.
- Public Comments: (*Joe Bennett Jr., Supervisor, NDOW Southern Region*) advised that applies to some sheep seasons that are closing due to diseases. He stated Unit 252 is Stonewall which has had disease issues since he started with NDOW. He stated that NDOW has no confidence that there will be mature RAMs to harvest in this area. He stated
- Public Comments: (*Joe Bennett Jr., Supervisor, NDOW Southern Region*): He advised that he like to call attention to the fact that through the Tag Committee process is breaking apart the Alternative Junior Hunt units to be by weapon class (*archery, muzzleloaders, rifles*) to allow opportunity for more juniors to hunt and lower success. He advised that this is NDOWs initial attempt based on tag directions and therefore NDOW does not have a great sense of the fixed allocation or demand at this time, it will be learned over the next couple of years as well as seeing the removal of the doe hunt. He stated in Area 6, Area 7, Area 10, and the implications that will have with the juniors.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised that it is stating eliminating Resident Junior Mule Deer for many units and weapon classes.
- Public Comments: (*Joe Bennett Jr., Supervisor, NDOW, Southern Region*): He stated that these are broken down and are Alternative Units). He explained that where some units are closed there is an alternative Primitive Hunting for Any Legal Weapon, Muzzleloader, Archery that is replacing these closed units for the (2024-2025) season.
- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert asked the question to (*Joe Bennett Jr., Supervisor, NDOW Southern Region*) if you go to the Junior Hunt in Unit 014, that you will not be allowed three weapon classes but only one weapon class.
- Public Comments: (*Joe Bennett Jr., Supervisor, NDOW Southern Region*): He stated to Vice Chair Dan Gilbert advised that the applicant could apply for either or both.
- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert asked (*Joe Bennett Jr., Supervisor, NDOW Southern Region*) has the doe hunt been eliminated or is NDOW looking a new adjustment within the tag allocations for juniors.
- Public Comments: (*Joe Bennett Jr., Supervisor, NDOW Southern Region*): He stated that this will have an implication, and this is another way to allow for additional junior tag holders. He advised that this has an effect per 100 tags due to it being statewide if this is approved as presented.
- Chair Paul Dixon stated this means if you choose Any Legal Weapon and you have a restrictively different season then if you would have chosen muzzleloader or archery, is that correct.
- Public Comments: (*Joe Bennett Jr., Supervisor, NDOW Southern Region*): He stated to Chair Paul Dixon that the hunter still gets to hunt the entire month.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised that he feels it pushes the junior hunt into the runt timeframe for hunters harvesting.
- Public Comments: (*Joe Bennett Jr., Supervisor, NDOW Southern Region*): He stated that it coincides with the Any Legal Weapon for adults. He advised there will be some running activity in November hence depending on the given yuears and the level of it but he stated he felt it was early enough. He stated temperatures are normally cooler during this time giving a better chance for success. He stated there are only a few units for

juniors that go through November. He stated the only adjustment with the juniors has not been with season structure instead it has been parsing out Archery and Muzzleloaders versus Any Legal Weapon.

- Chair Paul Dixon advised he appreciated the clarification.
- FYI- (**Explanation of the Proposed Changes for the 2024-2025 Season**)- 1) Eliminate 2 resident horns-shorter-than-ears antelope hunts (078, 105-107, 121, and 131, 145) due to poor herd productivity and lack of available animals. 2) Reduce to 2 seasons for resident elk antlered and antlerless any legal weapon depredation hunts for Units 144 and 145. 3) Resident Desert Bighorn Sheep Any Ram-Any Legal Weapon hunts: a) Making the 173 North seasons match the 173 North management hunt season b) Close Unit 212 due to recent die off c) Close Unit 252 due to lack of mature rams from prolonged disease event d) Open Unit 282 hunting season-recent survey indicates re-patriation of animals and mature rams. 3) Non-resident Desert Bighorn Sheep Any Ram-Any Legal Weapons hunts: a) Close both, Unit 161 hunts due to recent disease event b) Close Unit 212 due to disease event c) Close Unit 271, 242 to accommodate reduced resident tags relative to mature ram availability. 4) Resident Desert Bighorn Sheep Any Ram Archery hunts: a) Close Unit 161 due to recent disease event b) Adjust Unit 202 season dates to eliminate overlap with any legal weapon hunt in Unit 202 c) Close Unit 212 hunting season due to recent disease event. 5) Non-resident Desert Bighorn Sheep Any Ram Archery Hunt: a) Close Unit 161 due to recent disease event 6) Resident Desert Bighorn Sheep One-Horn Management Hunt: a) Close Unit Groups 241, 243, 271, and 283, 284, 286 due to no observations of one-horn rams in any of these units and no harvest in first year for a Once-in-a-Lifetime hunt. 7) Resident and Non-resident Desert Bighorn Sheep Any Ewe Any Legal Weapon Hunt: a) Close Unit 161 due to disease event 8) Resident California Bighorn Sheep Any Ram Any Legal Weapon Hunt: a) Open eastern portion of Unit 035 for the Bloody Run Mountains with adequate mature rams. This herd was reintroduced in 2019. 9) Elimination of the Resident Junior Mule Deer Antlered or Antlerless Archery, Muzzleloader, or Any Legal Weapon hunt for 061, 062, 064, 066, -068, 071-079, and 091, and 101-109 for the 2024 season and incorporation of those unit groups into the Resident Junior Mule Deer -Standard and Non-Standard Antlered Only Archery, Muzzleloader or Any Legal Weapon Hunt for the 2024 season. 10) New Resident Junior Mule Deer-Alternative Primitive Weapon Antlered Only hunt (Hunt#1105) and Resident Junior Mule Deer Alternative Antlered Only Any Legal Weapon (Hunt #1106) to provide more opportunity for Juniors in Alternative Units. 11) Resident and Nonresident Mule Deer Antlered Any Legal Weapon Hunt: a) Eliminate mid-season for Units 221-223 12) Elimination of the Resident Mule Deer -Antlerless Any Legal Weapon Hunt for hunt unit groups 061, 062, 064, 066-068, 071-079, and 091, and 101, 102, and 109 for the 2024 season to offset the 2022-23 winter loss. 13) Establish the first ever Resident Moose Any Legal Weapon Hunt in multiple units in Elko County with adequate mature bulls available.
- **Resident Antelope-Horns shorter than ears Any Legal Weapon Hunt 2181-** Unit 078, 105, 107, 121 (2024-2025) Season **Sept 8-Sept 24 (Closed)**
- **Resident Antelope-Horns shorter than ears Any Legal Weapon Hunt 2181-** Unit 131, 145 (2024-2025) Season **Sept 8-September 24 (Closed)**
- **Resident Elk-Antlered Any Legal Weapon Depredation Hunt 4102-** Unit 144, 145 Early (2024-2025) Season **August 1-August 15 (Replaced)** to August 1-September 30
- **Resident Elk-Antlered Any Legal Weapon Depredation Hunt 4102-** Unit 144, 145

Late (2024-2025) Season **November 1- January 1 is (Replaced) to October 1- January 1**

- **Resident Elk-Antlerless Any Legal Weapon Depredation Hunt 4107-** Unit 144, 145 (2023-2024) Season is now **Unit 144, 145 Early**
- **Resident Elk-Antlerless Any Legal Weapon Depredation Hunt 4107-** Unit 144, 145 (2024-2025) Season **August 1- August 31 (Replaced) to August 1-September 30**
- **Resident Nelson (Desert) Bighorn Sheep Any Ram-Any Legal Weapon Hunt 3151-** Unit 173 North (2024-2025) Season **September 15- January 1 (Replaced) to August 15-January 1.**
- **Resident Nelson (Desert) Bighorn Sheep Any Ram-Any Legal Weapon Hunt 3151-** Unit 212 (2024-2025) Season **(Closed).**
- **Resident Nelson (Desert) Bighorn Sheep Any Ram-Any Legal Weapon Hunt 3151-** Unit 252 (2024-2025) Season **(Closed).**
- **Resident Nelson (Desert) Bighorn Sheep Any Ram-Any Legal Weapon Hunt 3151-** Unit 282 (2023-2024) **no dates given, (2024-2025) (Added) December 21-January 5**
- **Nonresident Nelson (Desert) Bighorn Sheep Any Ram-Any Legal Weapon Hunt 3251-**Unit 161 Early **(2024-2025) Season (Closed).**
- **Nonresident Nelson (Desert) Bighorn Sheep Any Ram-Any Legal Weapon Hunt 3251-**Unit 161 Late (2024-2025) Season **(Closed).**
- **Nonresident Nelson (Desert) Bighorn Sheep Any Ram-Any Legal Weapon Hunt 3251-** Unit 212 (2024-2025) Season **(Closed).**
- **Nonresident Nelson (Desert) Bighorn Sheep Any Ram-Any Legal Weapon Hunt 3251-** Unit 271 & Unit 242 (2024-2025) Season **(Closed).**
- **FYI- (Highlighted area is added language to this section)-** Portions OF Hunt Unit 252, 280, 281 and 282 are within the Nevada Test and Training Range (NTTR) where public access is restricted. Hunters and everyone in their respective hunting parties, must comply with all Nevada hunting requirements and all NTTR safety and security requirements including the following: 1) consent to and pass a criminal history background check, 2) be at least 14 years old on opening day of the respective hunting season 3) attend the Nellis Air Force Base hunter safety briefing and 4) within the NTTR Hunt Units 252, 280, 281 and unit 282 limit party size to 5 including tagholder. Additional party members including tagholder may be present within the NTTR Hunt but only maximum of 5 party members including tagholder may be present within the NTTR Hunt Units 252, 280, 281 and 282 at any given time.
- **Resident Nelson (Desert) Bighorn Sheep Any Ram-Archery Hunt 3161** – Unit 161 )2023-2024) Season August 5- August 25 **(Closed).**
- **Resident Nelson (Desert) Bighorn Sheep Any Ram -Archery Hunt 3161-** Unit 182, 044 (2024-2025) Season October 1- October 31 **(Replaced)** with September 15- October 14.
- **Resident Nelson (Desert) Bighorn Sheep Any Ram-Archery Hunt 3161-** Unit 2002 October 1- October 31 (2024-2025) Season **(Replaced)** with September 15- October 14.
- **Resident Nelson (Desert) Bighorn Sheep Any Ram-Archery Hunt 3161-** Unit 212 (2024-2025) Season October 1-October 31**(Closed).**
- **Nonresident Nelson (Desert) Bighorn Sheep Any Ram-Archery Hunt 3261-** Unit 161 (2024-2025) Season August 5- August 25 **(Closed).**
- **Resident Nelson (Desert) Bighorn Sheep Management Ram-One Horn” – Any Legal Weapon Hunt 3171-** Unit 241, 243, 271 (2024-2025) Season **(Closed).**

- **Resident Nelson (Desert) Bighorn Sheep Management Ram- One Horn"-Any Legal Weapon Hunt 3171-** Unit 283, 284, 286 (2024-2025) Season (Closed).
- **Resident Nelson (Desert) Bighorn Sheep Any Ewe-Any Legal Weapon Hunt 3181-** Unit 161 (2024-2025) Season (Closed).
- **Nonresident Nelson (Desert) Bighorn Sheep Any Ewe-Any Legal Weapon Hunt – 3281-** Unit 161 (Closed).
- **Resident California Bighorn Sheep Any Ram-Any Legal Weapon Hunt 8151-** Unit 035 That portion of Unit 035 east of the Bottle Creek Road from the north boundary of State Route 140 to the south boundary of the Jungo Road and west of U.S. Highway 95 (Allows hunting in Bloody Run Hills and Slumbering Hills). Added Dates September 1-October 31.
- **FYI** Under Resident California Bighorn Sheep Any Ram-Any Legal Weapon Hunt 8151 (Access to public land to hunt bighorn sheep is limited across private land. Hunts 032A, this unit (**032A**) excludes that portion of Unit 032 west of the Craine Creek/Knot Creek Ranch Road and south of State Route No. 140 (**Added Language Highlighted**): (Allows hunting in Pine Forest Range and Pueblo Mountains but excludes McGee Mountain).
- **FYI** Unit 033 & 032B- This unit **includes** that portion of Unit 032 west of the Craine Creek/Knott Creek Ranch Road and south of State Route No. 140 (**Added Language Highlighted**) (Allows huting in Unit 033 and McGee Mountains of Unit 032).
- **FYI** Unit 035c that portion of Unit 035 west of the Bottle Creek Road from the north boundary of State Route 140 to the south boundary of the Jungo railroad crossing (**Added Language Highlighted**) (Allows hunting in Jackson Mountains exludes Bloody Run Hills
- **Resident Junior Mule Deer-Antlered-or-Antlerless-Archery, Muzzleloader, or Any Legal Weapon Hunt 1107-** (Archery, Muzzleloader, Any Legal Weapon) (2024-2025) (Closed). & Unit 071, 079, 091 (Archery, Muzzleloader, Any Legal Weapon) (2024-2025) (Closed). & Unit 101, 109 (Archery, Muzzleloader, Any Legal Weapon) (2024-2025) (Closed).
- **Resident Junior Mule Deer-Alternative Primitive Antlered Only Archery OR Muzzleloader Hunt 1105-** Unit 014 (2024-2025) (Archery) Added Date: August 10-September 9. Unit 065 (2024-2025) (Muzzleloader) Added Date- (August 10-September 9) (2024-2025). Unit 065 (2024-2025) (Archery) Added Dates August 10-September 9. Unit 065 (2024-2025) (Muzzleloader) Added Dates September 10-October 4.
- **Resident Junior Mule Deer- Altnerative Primitive Antlered Only Archery OR Muzzleloader Hunt 1105 –** Unit 081 (2024-2025) (Archery) Added Dates: November 10-November 20. Unit 081 (2024-2025) (Muzzleloader) Added Dates November 21-December 10.
- **Resident Junior Mule Deer-Alternative Primitive Antlered Only Archery OR Muzzleloader Hunt 1105 –** Unit 114, Unit 115 (2024-2025) (Archery) Added Dates August 10-September 9 & (Muzzleloader) Added Dates-September 10-October 4.
- **Resident Junior Mule Deer -Alternative Primitive Antlered Only Archery OR Muzzleloader Hunt 1105-** Unit 13, Unit 134 (2024-2025) (Archery) Added Dates August 10-September 9. (2024-2025) (Muzzleloader) Added Dates September 10-October 4.
- **Resident Junior Mule Deer-Alternative Primitive Antlered Only Archery OR**

**Muzzleloader-** Unit 194, Unit 196 (Archery) (2024-2025) (Archery) Added Dates August 10-September 9. (Muzzleloader) (2024-2025) Added Dates August 10-September 9.

- **Resident Junior Mule Deer-Alternative Primitive Antlered Only Archery OR Muzzleloader Hunt 1105-** Unit 221, Unit 223 (2024-2025) (Archery) Dates Added August 10-September 9. (2024-2025) (Muzzleloader) Added Dates September 10-October 4.
- **Resident Junior Mule Deer Alternative Primitive Antlered Only Archery OR Muzzleloader Hunt 1105-** Unit 241, Unit 245 (2024-2025) (Archery) Added Dates August 10-September 9. (2024-2025) (Muzzleloader) Added September 10- October 4.
- **Resident Junior Mule Deer-Alternative Antlered Only Any Legal Weapon 1106-** Unit 014 (Added Dates) (Any Legal Weapon) October 5-November 5. Unit 065 (Any Legal Weapon) October 5-November 6. Unit 081 (Any Legal Weapon) December 11-January 1. Unit 114, 115 (Any Legal Weapon) October 5-November 3. Unit 131-Unit 134 (Any Legal Weapon) October 5 – Oct 31. Unit 194, 196 (Any Legal Weapon) November 5- November 30. Unit 221-223 (Any Legal Weapon) October 5- October 31. Unit 241-245 (Any Legal Weapon) October 5-October 31.
- **Resident Junior Mule Deer-Standard, Non-Standard Antlered Only Archery, Muzzleloader, or Any Legal Weapon Hunt 1107-** Unit 014 (Archery, Muzzleloader, Any Legal Weapon) (2024-2025) (Closed).
- **Resident Junior Mule Deer-Standard, Non-Standard Antlered Only Archery, Muzzleloader, or Any Legal Weapon Hunt 1107-**(Unit 061, 062, 064, 068) (Added Dates) (2024-2025) Archery- August 10-September 9. Muzzleloader-September 10-October 4. Any Legal Weapon- October 5-November 2.
- **Resident Junior Mule Deer-Standard, Non-Standard Antlered Only Archery, Muzzleloader, or Any Legal Weapon Hunt 1107-** Unit 065 (Archery, Muzzleloader, Any Legal Weapon) (2024-2025) (Closed).
- **Resident Junior Mule Deer-Standard, Non-Standard Antlered Only Archery, Muzzleloader, or Any Legal Weapon Hunt 1107-** Unit 071, 079, 091- (Archery, Muzzleloader, Any Legal Weapon) (2024-2025) Added Dates- (Archery August 10-September 9) (Muzzleloader September 10-October 4) (Any Legal Weapon October 5-November 2).
- **Resident Junior Mule Deer-Standard, Non-Standard Antlered Only Archery, Muzzleloader, or Any Legal Weapon Hunt 1107-** Unit 081 (2024-2025) (Closed).
- **Resident Junior Mule Deer-Standard, Non-Standard Antlered Only Archery, Muzzleloader, or Any Legal Weapon Hunt 1107-** Unit 101-109 (2024-2025) Archery, Muzzleloader, Any Legal Weapon) (Archery August 10-September 9). (Muzzleloader September 10-September 30) (Any Legal Weapon October 1-November 2).
- **Resident Junior Mule Deer-Standard, Non-Standard Antlered Only Archery, Muzzleloader, or Any Legal Weapon Hunt 1107-** Unit 114, Unit 115(Archery, Muzzleloader, Any Legal Weapon) (Closed).
- **Resident Junior Mule Deer-Standard, Non-Standard Antlered Only Archery, Muzzleloader, or Any Legal Weapon Hunt 1107-** Unit 194, 196 (Archery, Muzzleloader, Any Legal Weapon) (Closed).
- **Resident Junior Mule Deer-Standard, Non-Standard Antlered Only Archery, Muzzleloader, or Any Legal Weapon Hunt 1107-** Unit 221- 223(Archery, Muzzleloader, Any Legal Weapon) (2024-2025) (Closed).



- **Resident Junior Mule Deer-Standard, Non-Standard Antlered Only Archery, Muzzleloader, or Any Legal Weapon Hunt 1107-** Unit 241-245 (Archery, Muzzleloader, or Any Legal Weapon) (2024-2025) (Closed).
- **Resident Mule Deer-Antlerless Any Legal Weapon Hunt 1181-** Unit 061, 062, 064, 066, 068 (Early) (Closed). Unit 062, 067, 068 Late (Closed) Unit 071, 079, 091 (Closed) Unit 101, 102, 109 (Closed).
- **Resident Mule Deer-Antlerless Any Legal Weapon Hunt 1181-** Unit 221-223 Early (Closed)
- **Resident Mule Deer-Antlerless Any Legal Weapon Hunt 1181-** Unit 221-223 Mild (Closed).
- **Resident Mule Deer-Antlerless Any Legal Weapon Hunt 1181-** Unit 221-223 Late (Closed).
- **(Added Hunt) Resident Moose Any Legal Weapon Hunt 10151-** Unit Group 061, 062, 064, 068, 071, 077, 081, 101, 103 (2024-2025) September 1-November 30.
- **FYI- (Added Language) Hunters may only take a moose with at least one visible antler. An antler is defined in Nevada Administrative Code (NAC 502.005) as any bony growth originating from the pedicel portion of the skull of a big game mammal that is annually cast and regenerated as part of the annual life cycle of the big game mammal.**
- Board member Jacob Thompson advised a motion to approve Commission Regulation 23-04 Amendment #2, 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 Big Game Hunting Seasons as presented.
- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert seconds the motion.
- **Motion passes 7-0.**

**h. Commission Regulation 23-10 Amendment #2, 2024 Heritage Tag Seasons and Quotas (For possible action)** The CCABMW Board will review, discuss, and make recommendations to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners about Commission Regulation 23-10 Amendment #2, 2024 Heritage Tag Seasons and Quotas and hunt specifications.

- Chair Paul Dixon introduced this topic.
- Chair Paul Dixon read the following: **(Brief Explanation of the Proposed Regulation)**- Speciality Tag Bighorn Sheep harvests must be reported by 9:00 pm PST the day of the harvest. Additionally, the Department will now require Speciality Tag Bighorn Sheep holders to call 1-833-923-0754 prior to hunting daily for information on closed units ude to harvest limits being reached.
- Chair Paul Dixon stated how do people receive notification and advised the issue is the same as with the Bear Hunt of where hunter must find cell service in order to make the call and make sure the units are still open and if you harvest by 9:00 pm that day, you must call in and let NDOW now so they can update for the next morning or that impacts that unit.
- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert advised that this is cleaning up a potential loophole that is being utilized for excuse of a harvest on a Heritage Tag last year and he feels this

will clear this up from happening again. He stated there is no way to be ambiguous or misunderstand this.

- Public Comments: (*Joe Bennett Jr., Supervisor, NDOW Southern Region*): He stated there was a incident where both Heritage tag holders harvested their RAM in the barriers, and one was early on and the other was around a month and half later, there was a photo of six or seven tags which did not reach the threshold for all speciality tags to where two RAM can be harvested in a unit. He advised that there were interpretation issues with not explicitly stating General Ram Tags, therefore there was some interpretation that the one horn RAM hunt could be utilized. He stated there was discussion back and forth but ultimately NDOW was aware of the origianl harvest earlier in the season and NDOW attempted to get a hold of the hunter and after due diligence they were able to locate the husband, it was difficult because of the website they registered on, and put this onus on the hunter and their guide and NDOW simply wants to clean this situation up as to never have this happen again.
- Chair Paul Dixon stated that if you are a speciality tag holder and you spend a large sum of money and you don't have a satellite phone for that call then you are in trouble.
- Public Comments: (*Joe Bennett Jr., Supevisor, NDOW Southern Region*): He advised that Enreach is something you can notify NDOW on.
- Chair Paul Dixon stated to (*Joe Bennett Jr., Supervisor, NDOW Southern Region*): that you can have Enreach and that will cost you \$35.00 to activate during that time. He stated the bottom line is this method is easy to do the check ins.
- Public Comments: (*Joe Bennett Jr., Supervisor, NDOW Southern Region*): He stated that NDOW will update in real time and stated that you will see a consistent theme once we go through each which have speciality tags.
- Board member John Hiatt advised that the sheep harvests are to be reported by 9pm Pacific Standard Time today of the harvest and advised that half the season is Standard Time and is daylight saving time therefore if the guy is not aware during the first half of the season that it is Pacific Standard Time, he will call in late. He advised it should be local time.
- Board member Jacob Thompson stated it just should state Pacific Time period.
- Public Comments: (*Lt. Chris Walthers, Game Warden, NDOW Southern Region*): he advised that it should have been clear regarding the investigation if the time issue was clearer. He stated he did not work directly on the investigation. He advised it could have been better if the time issue was clearer. He stated he is happy with the clarification.
- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert advised a motion to approve Commission Regulation 23-10 Amendment #2, 2024 Heritage Tag Seasons and Quotas as presented and Pacific Standard Time should be changed to Pacific Time.
- Chair Paul Dixon seconds the motion.
- **Motion passes 7-0.**

**i. Commission Regulation 24-01, 2024 Big Game Application Deadlines**

**(For possible action)** The CCABMW Board will review, discuss, and make recommendations to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners about Commission Regulation 24-01 to establish the 2024 upland, Waterfowl, Big Game, and 2025 spring Turkey application and harvest questionnaire return deadlines.

- Chair Paul Dixon introduced this topic
- Chair Paul Dixon advised that the mailing application for the areas of Overton and Key Pittman are only through the internet, it finally went full electronic. He stated that this change to go paperless was started 15 years ago with 10% of the applicants using paper and now the last of the papered items and got rid of them.
- Chair Paul Dixon ask the question, that they the remaining tags that were on First Come First Serve and will not be done if there are extra tags, we will not put these tags on First Come First Serve for turkey.
- Public Comments: (*Joe Bennett Jr., Supervisor, NDOW Southern Region*): that he was not aware of the process for this.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised to (*Joe Bennett Jr., Supervisor, NDOW Southern Region*) that we took away “accept as specified for junior and landowner hunts any remaining tagholder available on a First Come First Serve, getting 14 days after the draw but advised that he feels it is due to split seasons and not enough time.
- Public Comments: (*Joe Bennett Jr., Supervisor, NDOW Southern Region*): He advised that he was not aware of a First Come First Serve basis for turkey tags.
- Board member John Hiatt advised that he spoke to an individual in Lincoln County who advised that they are inundated with wild turkeys at that location, and they advised that they have fencing to keep deer out of their gardens, but it is not helping to keep the turkeys out. He stated they talked about also carrying a shovel during certain times of the year as to avoid getting attacked by Toms (male turkeys) and that these individuals only have one tag in the entire area, which is Eagle Valley.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised that in Paradise Valley NDOW is giving unlimited landowner tags to assist with this issue and stated he is uncertain if this is a option that is needed to be given in Eagle Valley. He stated there are many private landowners in that area.
- Public Comments: (*Joe Bennett Jr., Supevisor, NDOW Southern Region*): He stated that NDOW does work with landowners in Barclay (located in Lincoln County) and NDOW has removed turkeys from these landowners’ properties. He stated it is unique as opposed to Paradise Valley in which it is entirely private and in Barclay there is a large amount of public land.
- Chair Paul Dixon stated to (*Joe Bennett Jr., Supervisor, NDOW, Southern Region*) that private land in Lincoln County is very similar to Paradise valley in that the agriculture and this is the reason that the turkeys are there. He stated he feels that eventually they will give landowners assistance and it might not be unlimited but give them something and stated when attempting to push turkeys on private lands that is another issue.
- Public Comments: (*Joe Bennett Jr., Supervisor, NDOW Southern Region*): He stated that

if any landowner is having issues they simply need to reach out to NDOW for assistance.

- FYI: **General Tag Application Information- Removal of Language-** *All applications for Overton and Key Pittman WMA waterfowl must be submitted through a mail in application process detailed on the NDOW website at [www.ndow.org](http://www.ndow.org)*
- FYI: **Wild Turkey Hunt Draw Results- Removal of Language-** *Except as specified for the Junior Wild Turkey Hunts and Landowner Hunts, any remaining tags will be available on a first come, first serve basis through [www.ndowlicensing.com](http://www.ndowlicensing.com) beginning 14 days after the draw results have been released.*
- FYI: **Big Game Main Draw Order-** The Big Game Main Draw will be performed by species. Applications are awarded tags until all quotas are filled in the order of the following groups: 1) Silver State 2) Partners in Wildlife 3) Junior Mule Deer Antlered/Antlerless 4) Assigned simultaneously in no particular order: (Rocky Mountain Bighorn Sheep Ram, California Bighorn Sheep Ram, Nelson (Desert) Bighorn Sheep Ram, Elk Antlered, Antelope Horns Longer than Ears, Mule Deer Antlered, Mountain Goat, Bear, Moose Antlered) 5) Assigned simultaneously in no particular order: [Elk Depredation Antlered, Management Bighorn Sheep Ram] 6) Assigned simultaneously in no particular order: [California Bighorn Sheep Ewe, Nelson (Desert) Bighorn Sheep Ewe, Elk Antlerless, Antelope Horns Shorter than Ears, Mule Deer Antlerless] 7) Spike Elk 8) Elk Depredation Antlerless
- FYI: **Swan Draw Results- (Highlighted bolded areas are added in language)**Any remaining swan hunt permits will be available for purchase on a first come, first served basis online at [www.ndowlicensing.com](http://www.ndowlicensing.com) 14-days after the draw results have been released until all remaining permits have been sold or until the swan hunt closes, whichever comes first. **In the event left over permits are offered for purchase,** individuals awarded a permit from the draw **or as an alternate** may purchase a second swan permit.
- FYI: **Overton and Key Pittman Wildlife Management Area Waterfowl Opening Day and Weekend Application Deadline-** (Highlighted bolded areas are added in language) The Department will accept applications for the first two hunt days of the earliest opening duck and goose seasons at the Overton WMA and the opening day duck and goose seasons at the Key Pittman WMA through **the internet at [www.ndowlicensing.com](http://www.ndowlicensing.com) submitted before 11:00 pm Pacific Time on Monday, September 9, 2024. Only one application per day will be accepted per individual.**
- FYI: **Harvest Questionnaires-**The issuance of a big game tags, wild turkey tags, and swan permits include an online harvest questionnaire that tag, and permit recipients are required to complete, regardless of whether or not they hunted or harvested. Harvest questionnaires may be accessed and submitted to the Department's independent contractor, **Gordon Darby Inc.** through the internet at [www.ndowlicensing.com](http://www.ndowlicensing.com) or via telephone at 1-855-542-6369.
- Board member John Hiatt advised a motion to approve Commission Regulation 24-01, 2024 Big Game Application Deadlines as presented.
- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert seconds the motion.
- **Motion passes 7-0.**

j. **Commission Regulation 24-02, 2024 Big Game Application Eligibility and Tag Limits (*For possible action*)** The CABMW Board will review, discuss, and make recommendations to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners about Commission Regulation 24-02, 2024 Big Game Application Eligibility and Tag Limits.

- Chair Paul Dixon introduced this topic.
- Chair Paul Dixon read the following: (**Brief Explanation of the Proposed Regulation**): *The Department recommends no changes from the prior year's Big Game Application Eligibility and Tag Limits Commission Regulation.*
- Chair Paul Dixon advised that there are no new changes, and this is simply affirming going forward to keep the changes already in place.
- Public Comments: (None)
- Board member John Hiatt advised a motion to approve Commission Regulation 24-02, 2024 Big Game Application Eligibility and Tag Limits as presented
- Board member John Hiatt advised a motion to approve
- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert seconds the motion.
- **Motion passes 7-0.**

k. **Commission Regulation 24-03, 2024 Dream Tag (*For possible action*)** The CCABMW Board will review, discuss, and make recommendations to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners about Commission Regulation 24-03, 2024 Dream Tags Seasons and Quotas.

- Chair Paul Dixon introduced this topic.
- Chair Paul Dixon read the following: (**Brief Explanation of the Proposed Regulation**)- The Department is proposing clarification language related to the closure of bighorn sheep units in the event the harvest limits are reached. Due to the approved quotas in 2023 being lower than 50, the following will not be offered as a Dream Tag option for the 2024 hunt season: Black bear-under 50 tags awarded in 2023; California Bighorn sheep-under 50 tags awarded in 2023. The Department recommends no change to all other previous year's Dream Tag species or quotas, allowing one (1) tag each for Nelson (desert) bighorn sheep, mule deer, antelope, and elk.
- Chair Paul Dixon read the following: (**Recommendation**)- The Department recommends that the Commission review and adopt the proposed regulation as presented.
- FYI- Dream Tags exclude the use of seasons, quotas and hunt units designated for depredation, management, and emergency hunts. General hunt tag quotas for the corresponding year are approved during the May Commission meeting. Tag holders, or their licensed guide if applicable, must call the Bighorn Sheep Harvest Information Hotline prior to hunting daily to determine if any hunt units have been closed due to the harvest limits being reached. The number is 1-833-923-0754 and is accessible 24 hours a day. The Nevada Department of Wildlife phone number to call and report a harvested bighorn sheep is 775-688-2327. Sheep harvests must be reported by 9:00PM PST the day of harvest.
- FYI: **Nelson (Desert) Bighorn Sheep**- (Unit Group) As directed by the table and in correlation with the general hunt quotas for Nelson (desert) bighorn sheep. Table is as

follows: BHS Unit Group Quota 1-2 (0) Maximum Specialty Tag Quota; BHS Unit Group Quota 3-6 (1) Maximum Speciality Tag Quota; BHS Unit Group Quota 7-12 (2) Maximum Speciality Tag Quota; BHS Unit Group Quota 13-20 (3) Maximum Speciality Tag Quota; BHS Unit Group Quota greater than 20 (4) Maximum Specialty Tag Quota

- FYI-If a Black Bear tag is awarded through the Dream tag program, Black Bear tag holders will be notified by the Department of date, time, and location of the indoctrination classes. Two (2) Black Bear indoctrination classes will be held every year. Attendance at one Black Bear Indoctrination Class is mandatory for tag holders or their representative guides or sub-guides. A person represented by a guide or sub-guide at the Indoctrination class may only hunt under the direct supervision of the guide or sub-guide who attended the class on their behalf. Tags will only be issued upon completion of an Indoctrination class. Tag holders, or their licensed guide if applicable, must call the Black Bear Harvest Information Hotline prior to hunting to determine if the hunt has been closed due to the harvest objective being reached. The number is 1-800-800-1667 and is accessible 24 hours a day. The Nevada Department of Wildlife phone number to call and report a harvested black bear area 775-688-BEAR (2327) or 775-720-6130.
- Board member John Hiatt advised that there is a need to change Pacific Standard Time to Pacific Time instead when trying to call in results.
- Chair Paul Dixon stated to board member John Hiatt that yes, he is correct on that.
- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert advised that he is disappointed that all these incidents occurred that prompted all these changes to be put in place. He stated it is potentially putting people in situations in which they will break the law.
- Board member Jacob Thompson asked Vice Chair Dan Gilbert what he was referring too.
- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert stated the position that if these individuals don't call in, it could be a problem. He reiterated comply, and they harvest and don't call in then there is a problem.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised that it only takes one individual to mess it up for everyone.
- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert advised that is his frustration.
- Public Comments: (*Lt. Chris Walthers, Game Warden, NDOW Southern Region*): He stated that the key word is responsibility and not so much looking at it as more regulations but being responsible.
- Board member Jacob Thompson advised a motion to accept Commission Regulation 24-03, 2024 Dream Tag as presented with the change of stating Pacific Time in place of Pacific Standard Time.
- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert seconds the motion.
- **Motion passes 7-0.**

1. **Commission Regulation 24-04, 2024 Partnership in Wildlife (*For possible action*)** The CCABMW Board will review, discuss, and make recommendations to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners about Commission Regulation 24-04, 2024 Partnership in Wildlife Tags Seasons and Quotas.

- Chair Paul Dixon introduced this topic.
- **Vice Chair Dan Gilbert advised a motion to put Commission Regulation 24-04, 2024 Partnership in Wildlife, Commission Regulation 24-05, 2025 Heritage Tag Seasons and Quotas, Commission Regulation 24-06, 2024 Silver State Tags all under one**

**motion.**

- **Board member Jacob Thompson seconds the motion.**
- **Motion passes 7-0.**
- **FYI: (Summary)-** Partnership in Wildlife tag quotas may not exceed 22 resident and 3 nonresident mule deer tags, 5 resident pronghorn antelope tags, 3 resident elk tags, 1 mountain goat tag, and 4 resident bighorn sheep tags per Nevada Administrative Code 502.428.
- **FYI: (Brief Explanation of the Proposed Regulation)-** The Department is proposing clarification language related to the closure of bighorn sheep units in the event the harvest limits are reached. The Department recommends no change to the previous year's Partnership in Wildlife Tag species or quotas, allowing the maximum tags for mule deer, pronghorn antelope and elk, one (1) tag for Nelson (desert) bighorn sheep, and zero (0) for mountain goat.
- **FYI- (Recommendation)-** The Department recommends that the Commission review and adopt the proposed regulation as presented.
- **FYI- (Added Language Highlighted)** Partnership in Wildlife Tags exclude the use of seasons, quotas and hunt units designated for depredation management, and emergency hunts. General hunt tag quotas for the corresponding year are approved during the May Commission meeting. Tag holders, or their licensed guide if applicable, must call the Bighorn Sheep Harvest Information Hotline prior to hunting daily to determine if any hunt units have been closed due to the harvest limits being reached. The number is 1-833-923-0754 and is accessible 24 hours a day. The Nevada Department of Wildlife phone number to call and report a harvested bighorn sheep is 775-688-2327. Sheep harvest must be reported by 9:00 PM PST the day of the harvest.
- **FYI- (Added Language Highlighted) Resident Nelson (Desert) Bighorn Sheep- (Class):** Any Ram (Unit Group) As directed by the table and in correlation with the general hunt quotas for Nelson (desert) bighorn sheep. Table Listed the following: BHS Unit Group Quota Unit 1-2 (0) Maximum Specialty Tag Quota; BHS Unit Group Quota 3-6 (1) Maximum Specialty Tag Quota; BHS Unit Group Quota 7-12 Maximum Speciality (2); BHS Unit Group 13-20 (3) Maximum Speciality Tag Quota; BHS Unit Group Quota greater than 20 (4) Maximum Speciality Tag Quota.
- Board member Dan Gilbert advised a motion to approve to combine one vote on Commission Regulation 24-04, 2024 Partnership in Wildlife & Commission Regulation 24-05, 2025 Heritage Tag Seasons and Quotas & Commission Regulation 24-06, 2024 Silver State Tags.
- Board member John Hiatt reiterated that there should be a change from Pacific Standard Time to simply Pacific Time instead.
- Public Comments: (None)
- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert advised a motion to approve Commission Regulation 24-04, 2024 Partnership in Wildlife as presented with the change from Pacific Standard Time to Pacific Time.
- Board member Jacob Thompson seconds the motion.
- **Motion passes 7-0.**

m. **Commission Regulation 24-05, 2025 Heritage Tag Seasons and Quotas**

*(For possible action)* The CCABMW Board will review, discuss, and make recommendations to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners about Commission Regulation 24-05, 2025 Heritage Tag Seasons and Quotas.

- Chair Paul Dixon introduced this topic.
- **Vice Chair Dan Gilbert advised a motion to put Commission Regulation 24-04, 2024 Partnership in Wildlife, Commission Regulation 24-05, Heritage Tag Seasons and Quotas, Commission Regulation 24-06, 2024 Silver State Tags all under one motion.**
- **Board member Jacob Thompson seconds the motion.**
- **Motion passes 7-0.**
- **FYI- (Brief Explanation of the Proposed Regulation)**-The Department is proposing clarification language related to the closure of bighorn sheep units in the event the harvest limits are reached. The Department recommends no changes to the previous year's Heritage tag species or quotas, allowing two (2) mule deer tags, two (2) pronghorn antelope tags, two (2) elk tags, two (2) Nelson (desert) bighorn sheep tags, and five (5) wild turkey tags. The Department recommends no changes to the previous year's Heritage Tag seasons.
- **FYI- (Recommendation)**- The Department recommends that the Commission review and adopt the proposed regulation as presented.
- **FYI- (Added Language Highlighted)** Heritage Tags exclude the use of seasons, quotas and hunt units designated for depredation, management, and emergency hunts. General hunt quotas for the corresponding year are approved during the May Commission meeting. Tag holder, or their licensed guide if applicable, must call the Bighorn Sheep Harvest Information Hotline prior to hunting daily to determine if any hunt units have been closed due to the harvest limits being reached. The number is 1-833-923-0754 and is accessible 24 hours a day. The Nevada Department of Wildlife phone number to call and report a harvested bighorn sheep is 775-688-2327. Sheep harvests must be reported by 9:00 PM PST the day of harvest.
- **FYI- (Added Language Highlighted) Nelson (Desert) Bighorn Sheep- (Class) Any Ram (Unit Group)** As directed by the above table and in correlation with the general hunt quotas for Nelson (desert) bighorn sheep.
- Board member John Hiatt reiterated that there should be a change from Pacific Standard Time to Pacific Standard instead.
- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert advised a motion to approve Commission Regulation 24-05, 2025 Heritage Tag Seasons and Quotas as presented with the change from Pacific Standard Time to Pacific Time.
- Board member Jacob Thompson seconds the motion.
- **Motion passes 7-0.**



- n. **Commission Regulation 24-06, 2024 Silver State Tags (For possible action)** The CCABMW Board will review, discuss, and make recommendations to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners about the Commission Regulation 24-06, 2024 Silver State Tags Seasons and Quotas.
- Chair Paul Dixon introduced this topic.
  - **Vice Chair Dan Gilbert advised a motion to put Commission Regulation 24-04, 2024 Partnership in Wildlife, Commission Regulation 24-05, 2025 Heritage Tag Seasons and Quotas, Commission Regulation 24-06, 2024 Silver State Tags all under one motion.**
  - **Board member Jacob Thompson seconds the motion.**
  - **Motion passes 7-0.**
  - Public Comments: (*Joe Bennett Jr., Supervisor, NDOW Southern Region*): He advised that there is simply an addition of California Bighorn Sheep to be under this tag, and no additional tags have been added.
  - **FYI- (Brief Explanation of the Proposed Regulation)-** The Department is proposing clarification language related to the closure of bighorn sheep units in the event the harvest limits are reached.
  - **FYI-** Based on the Commission decision in the January 2023 meeting, a California bighorn sheep tag has been added back into the Silver State program. This tag was transferred from the 2024 Heritage tags based on the application interest shown for the California bighorn sheep Silver State tag during the 2022 application season.
  - **FYI-** The Department recommends no change to all other previous year's Silver State Tag species or quota, allowing one (1) tag each for Nelson (Desert) bighorn sheep, mule deer, antelope, mountain goat, and elk.
  - **FYI- (Added Lanaguage Highlighted)** Silver State Tags exclude the use of seasons, quotas and hunt units designated for depredation, management, and emergency hunts. General hunt tag quotas for the correcesponding year are approved during the May Commisison meeting. Tag holders, or their licensed guide if applicable, must call the Bighorn Sheep Harvest Information Hotline prior to hunting daily to determine if any hunt units have been closed due to the harvest limits being reached. The number is 1-833-923-0754 and is accessible 24 hours a day. The Nevada Department of Wildlife phone number to call and report a harvested bighorn sheep is 775-688-2327. Sheep harvests must be reported by 9:00 Pm PST the day of the harvest.
  - **FYI- (Added Language Highlighted): California Bighorn Sheep** –(*Class*): Any Ram – (*Unit Group*): As directed by the table and in correlation with the general hunt quotas for California bighorn sheep; (*Season*): July 1, 2024, through December 31, 2024. Table Listed the following: BHS Unit Groiup Quota 1-2 (0) Maximum Specialty Tag Quota; BHS Unit Group Quota 3-6 (1) Maximum Speciality Tag Quota; BHS Unit Group Quota 7-12 (2) Maximum Specialty Tag Quota; BHS Unit Group Quota- 13-20 (3) Maximum Speciality Tag Quota; Greater than 20 (4) Maximum Specialty Tag Quota.
  - **FYI- (Added Language Highlighted): Nelson (Desert) Bighorn Sheep Silver State Tag**–(*Class*): Any Ram- (*Unit Group*): As directed by the above table and in correlation with the general hunt quotas for Nelson (desert) bighorn sheep; (*Season*): July 1, 2024, throught December 31, 2024. Table Listed the following: BHS Unit Group Quota 1-2 (0) Maximum Speciality Tag Quota; BHS Unit Group Quota 3-6 (1) Maximum Speciality Tag Quota; BHS Unit Group Quota 7-12 (2) Maximum Speciality Tag Quota;

BHS Unit Group Quota 13-20 (3) Maximum Specialty Tag Quota; Greater than 20 (4) Maximum Specialty Tag Quota.

- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert advised a motion to approve Commission Regulation 24-06, 2024 Silver State Tag as presented, with the change from Pacific Standard Time to simply Pacific Time.
- Board member Jacob Thompson seconds the motion.
- **Motion passes 7-0.**

**o. Commission Regulation 24-07, 2024 Black Bear Season (*For possible action*)** The CCABMW Board will review, discuss, and make recommendations to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners about Commission Regulation 24-07, 2024 Black Bear Seasons.

- Chair Paul Dixon introduced this topic.
- Chair Paul Dixon read the following: (**Brief Explanation of Proposed Black Bear 2024 Seasons**): The Department recommends no change to the 2024 black bear seasons: a) Opening and closing dates remain the same as the 2023 season b) Hunt unit groups and boundary descriptions remain the same as the 2023 season c) Hunting hours remain the same as the 2023 season.
- **FYI- CR 24-07 2024 Black Bear Season Draft**- The Board of Wildlife Commissioners under the authority of Section 501.181, 503.090, 503.140 and 503.245 of the Nevada Revised Statutes, does hereby adopt the following regulations for the management of black bear; (Unit Group) Hunts unit 192, 194, 195, 196 are open to bear hunting except those portions of 192 and 194 described under Special Regulations. (2024 Season) September 15-December 1 (or until harvest limits are met). Hunts units 201, 202, 204 and 206 are open to bear hunting. (2024 Season) September 15- December 1 (or until harvest limits are met). Hunt unit 2961 and 203 are open to bear hunting. (2024 Season) September 15-December 1 (or until harvest limits are met).
- Chair Paul Dixon advised it is simply for the season not the harvest, and that the harvest limits for the bears will be put together later.
- Board member John Hiatt advised that if we are going to be successful with bear management it starts with human and bear interactions. He stated that NDOW needs to be successful with working with other municipalities as well as bear proof garbage cans and things that minimize human bear conflicts.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised that in past there was a bear committee ran by Commissioner McNinch and Jack Robb (currently NDOW's Deputy Director) he and some Commissioners attempted to talk to waste management companies to get these garbage cans for bear prevention in Incline Village and it was met with great amount of resistance from these waste companies and the fact that there was not any state funding to assist in this request. He advised it was a great idea but did not move due to financial aspects of it. He advised the residents were told that their bill would increase by \$3,700 dollars to have bear containment for their residents, and they were not in agreement.
- Board member John Hiatt advised that amount seems excessive.
- Board member Jacob Thompson advised it must have been stainless steel for that amount of money.
- Board member John Hiatt advised that having bird seed in bird feeders also attracts bears and once bears know that there is food at certain locations, they will stop at

nothing to get the food, breaking down doors, breaking windows until they get in. He advised the only solution is simply do not have food out therefore bears will not attempt to get in to these areas.

- Chair Paul Dixon advised that he has seen bears at Yellowstone National Park rip a trunk of a car apart to retrieve some food from the trunk area. He advised that bears are very amazing powerful animals.
- Board member Alexander Harper advised that he is in agreeance with board member John Hiatt in that there needs to be more education on Black Bear in that part of the Sierra. He stated his experience from living in areas such as Fairbanks, Juneau, Alaska and in Anchorage he could say that people living in these areas were alright with storing food properly from bears as well as making sure that their trash was not out. He stated he would love for people in Nevada to have this same mindset when it comes to black bears.
- Public Comments: (*Joe Bennett Jr., Supervisor, NDOW Southern Region*): He stated it does not want it to seem as if there are not outreach programs or conservation educational programs in this state. He advised that NDOW has two specific biologist that work with the public on bear issues. He stated it is simply that a lot of people are on board faster than other people on these issues as well as from fruit trees to bird feeders and trash can issues. He advised that there are many attractions out there for the bears and human interface is growing expeditiously.
- Board member Alexander Harper advised if there are dandelions in the area, this will attract the bears. He stated areas along the highway where there is a introduction to dandelions are areas in which there is a high mortality rate for the black bears from the bears feeding on the dandelions. He stated he is certain that there are a lot more factors which contribute as well to this issue.
- Board member John Hiatt stated to board member Alexander Harper that there may not be many dandelions on the edge of the highway due to the roadway being salted during the winter, tending to limit vegetation adjacent to the road.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised that there is bear collaring and tracking and he reiterated that there was one black bear that traveled from Nevada to Oregon and came back to Nevada.
- Public Comments: (*Joe Bennett Jr., Supervisor, NDOW Southern Region*): He advised that some of the bears home ranges span into three different states,
- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert stated when looking at Smith Valley and what areas where there is active bear issues, there is a small amount of bear and human interaction.
- Board member John Hiatt advised that he thinks that is not a problem any longer because innovation has come quite a long way since then.
- Public Comments: (*Joe Bennett Jr., Supervisor, NDOW Southern Region*): He advised that he is aware that on the California side, they have these garbage cans for bear prevention that work quite well with no issues. He advised he is aware that these discussions are taking place in Nevada but is uncertain of where these discussions are going at this time.
- Board member Brian Patterson advised that just last week there was a resident in bear territory advising that citizens should feed the bears.
- Public Comments: (*Joe Bennett Jr., Supervisor, NDOW Southern Region*): He advised there are individuals on both sides of the fence on this matter on this topic.

- Board member Brian Patterson advised that this citizen has not been captured that has posted these signs to feed the bears.
- Public Comments: (*Lt. Christopher Walthers, Game Warden, NDOW Southern Region*): He stated to board member Brian Patterson that is illegal to feed the bears but not illegal for free speech meaning to post the posters around to feed the bears.
- Public Comments: (*Annoula Wylderich, member of the public*): She stated this past year there were two incidents where a Mother bear was killed and another still nursing, and this left behind collateral damage in the form of an orphan cub which could not fend for itself thus creating bad optics and further increased public opposition to this hunt because it is basically an indiscriminant killing. She stated that we are not in favor of feeding the bears, nobody with common sense but rather see abatement rather than this hunt. She stated she would like to go on record on behalf of the non-hunting public in saying that we strongly oppose.
- Public Comments: (*Fred Voltz, member of the public*): He stated there is already successful trash containment program in the Incline Village that has been operating for several years that could be a template for the entire basin. He stated that NDOW has not taken any leadership with (TRPA) Tahoe Regional Planning Agency to enforce and require ordinance that would require wildlife proof trash containment. He stated it is not \$3,700 dollars to do this, and advised the recent cost from the Joint Powers Authority on the South Shore that deal with trash issues is about \$1,500 dollars. He advised that some individuals are acquiring loans for obtaining these types of trash containment as well as some individuals are paying on the monthly payment plans for their bills. He stated there is a lack of leadership here by NDOW and if they are really concerned about the bears where there is no hunting in the Tahoe Basin it would be nice instead of caring about the maximum number of animals, that NDOW, the CAB, and the Commission were concerned about the wildlife and specifically bears.
- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert advised a motion to approve Commission Regulation 24-07, 2024 Black Bear Season as presented.
- Board member Jacob Thompson seconds the motion.
- **Motion passes 7-0.**

p. **Commission Regulation 24-08 Mountain Lion Season and Harvest Limits (*For possible action*)** The CCABMW Board will review, discuss, and make recommendations to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners about Commission Regulation 24-08, 2024 Mountain Lion Season and Harvest Limits.

- Chair Paul Dixon introduced this topic.
- Chair Paul Dixon read the following: (**Brief Explanation of Proposed Mountain Lion Seasons and Harvests Limits**) a) The Department recommends no change to statewide harvest limit (247). B) The Department recommends no change to closed units. C) The Department recommends ending the interstate hunt with Utah in hunt unit 091 due to mountain lion management changes in Utah and general lack of hunter

interest within this unit. e) The Department recommends no other changes to open units.

- Chair Paul Dixon stated he is uncertain whether that harvest limit has been reached ever.
- Public Comments: (*Joe Bennett Jr., Supervisor, NDOW Southern Region*): He stated that we have not even got close to that total.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised he felt it was 100 off that total.
- Public Comments: (*Joe Bennett Jr., Supervisor, NDOW Southern Region*): He stated he thinks the total was over 100.
- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert stated in Unit 091 this area has been rocky and the population has been suffering and the laws in Nevada are different than the laws in Utah and Nevada does not have a draw process regarding receiving a Mountain lion tag, giving hunters from Utah the opportunity to come into Nevada and harvest in a single unit therefore he stated why would we want to discourage this.
- Public Comments: (*Joe Bennett Jr., Supervisor, NDOW Southern Region*): He advised to Vice Chair Dan Gilbert that Utah change the regulations for hunting mountain lions and now a hunter only needs a hunting license therefore this is inconsistent with the balance management strategy according to (*Pat Jackson, NDOW's Predator Management Staff Specialist*) who advised that there has not been any mountain lion harvest in that area since 2014. He stated he feels that the inconsistency in having tag training in big game species is causing discrepancies between the state of Nevada and Utah regulations.
- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert stated that the opportunity exists for Utah hunters to come into Nevada but must abide by the regulations of Nevada. He stated he thinks that this opportunity for these hunters from other states should not be taken away from them and if it was not an issue since 2014 why make this a issue now.
- Public Comments: (*Lt. Chris Walthers, Game Warden, NDOW Southern Region*): He advised that interstate hunts are difficult, and that Nevada and Arizona have a good rapport with fishing, boating regulations which are consistent with jurisdiction in some areas of Arizona as well as Colorado Rivers divided. He stated yes, these hunters need to abide by Nevada regulations but if Arizona only requires hunting license and not a tag then there is a gray area therefore how can Nevada require them to do so. He stated it is simply a congruency of regulations within two states.
- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert stated he felt by limiting the

- opportunity would be counterproductive.
- Board member Alexander Harper asked the question of how many mountain lions are harvested throughout the year in the state of Nevada.
- Public Comments: (*Nick Gulli, member of the public*): He stated that as of December 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2021, memo less than 35 percent of all harvested were females with the total number of harvested models.
- Public Comments: (*Joe Bennett Jr., Supervisor, NDOW Southern Region*): He stated it is over 100.
- Chair Paul Dixon stated generally it is less than 150. He stated part of this number is added in totals from lethal removal as well.
- Public Comments: (*Lt. Chris Walthers, Game Warden, NDOW Southern Region*): He stated that lethal removal is not added into this total. He advised if there is a public safety issue dealing with a mountain lion, then this issue is done as quickly as possible. He reiterated that lethal removal is not included in the total.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised that there was a Commission previously that wanted to make the total of mountain lions to harvest at 1,000. He stated this Commission felt that the mountain lions were the reasoning behind mule deer decline. He stated after they made the quota amount of 1,000, only 125 mountain lions were harvested. He stated that there is 85% of the land in Nevada is owned by BLM (*Bureau of Land Management*) and even with dogs used in these hunts it is not easy to get a large harvest. He stated there are issues with a dominant **Tom** (*male mountain lion*) and he will put out the juniors in the unit. He stated in general it is difficult to hunt mountain lions, he advised it is a job.
- Board member John Hiatt advised if we are going to make mountain lions a games species then having a 24/7 365 days a year season on the mountain lions make no sense. He advised he would close the season from January 1 to April 15<sup>th</sup> due to this timeframe there are lots of mountain lion kittens born. He stated it is a difficult task to ask public to take this matter seriously when promoting the killing of the mountain lion 24/7 365 days of the year.
- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert stated to board member John Hiatt that he is in support of existing regulations for the mountain lions due to the following: 1) the hunt and time allotted to harvest the mountain lion could go from starting into night going into the day during legal opportunity 2) most of the harvest occurs during the period of snow conditions and the tracks are made. He advised during the hunt, having the ability to know if there is a kitten situation

- occurring and an adult female is readily identifiable.
- Board member John Hiatt advised he disagrees with Vice Chair Dan Gilbert, he stated that the kittens are left in the first few weeks of their lives in a protected place like a den, because they are not with the mother. He advised when they are bigger, they will be with the mother but not within the first eight weeks of their lives. He reiterated they are put in a sheltered spot.
  - Vice Chair Dan Gilbert stated to board member John Hiatt advised that he has had firsthand experience seeing dozens of female mountain lions (*Queens*) and their kittens visible without the mother present.
  - Board member Alexander Harper advised that the female mountain lions (*Queens*) do not leave their kittens until they are a certain age. He stated if there is seriousness in wildlife management then it should not be about simply predators that we are hunting or predators that are affecting animals we are hunting, then we should safeguard the timeframe in which the lions are having their young, which would be early January.
  - Chair Paul Dixon stated most hunters do not want to harvest a (*Queen*) female mountain lion; they prefer to harvest a (*Tom*) male mountain lion instead. He stated when having discussion on regulations and changes of regulations regarding mountain lions rather than stating not having a season at all, rather add that you must sex a mountain lion prior to shooting it to make sure you are not shooting a female, that would make the most sense when doing wildlife management. He advised also maybe state that from January 1- April 1, that no (*Queens*) female mountain lions can be harvested due to the potential of the female mountain lion having cubs that she has left in the den or protected area while she searches for food. He stated going back to previous comment from our Vice Chair Dan Gilbert regarding seeing female mountain lions with their cubs, I have seen this as well and the cubs are the size of cats. He then asked in stating the seasons and harvest limits, would we place this provision stating that they must sex the mountain lion to make sure that it is not a female prior to shooting it.
  - Public Comments: (*Lt. Chris Walthers, Game Warden, NDOW Southern Region*): He stated that area under seasons and quotas would be the proper forum for that requested addendum.
  - Board member Jacob Thompson stated, and it is a question regarding the season.
  - Board member Dan Gilbert read the following data stated from Goggle, which we know has its flaws. He stated it

says: lions have been documented to have litters born every month of the year with most of these births occurring between June through October. He stated to discuss the timeframe encounters he has had; it was in late winter or spring or fall in which typically snow comes later through March and April, and you could see the tracks of the mountain lion.

- Chair Paul Dixon advised the way that was under the former NDOW Commissioner who was the chair, they had it under Heritage that you could hire a firm to kill mountain lions and NDOW hired a guy and this guy killed (*Queen*) female mountain lion and her cubs and this guy then requested a payment for doing this task of \$1,500.00 dollars. He stated this led up to outrage and change in regulations about shooting (*Queen*) female mountain lion. He stated the regulations were not clear and it stated each mountain lion that is turned in the hunter will receive money and stated
- Board member John Hiatt asked Chair Paul Dixon if this were to be held at this time.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised that they are waiting to look up the NRS or NAC that precludes hunters from shooting (*Queen*) female mountain lions with the request that he recommended earlier.
- Public Comments: (*Lt. Chris Walthers, Game Warden, NDOW Southern Region*): He stated it is NRS 501181-Duties; regulations. 4. Establish regulations necessary to carry out the provisions of this title and of chapter 488 of NRS, including: (a) Seasons for hunting game mammals and game birds, for hunting or trapping fur-bearing mammals and for fishing, the daily and possession limits, the manner and means of taking wildlife, including, but not limited to, the sex, size or other physical differentiation for each species, and, when necessary for management purposes, the emergency closing or extending of a season, reducing or increasing of the bag or possession limits on species, or the closing of any area to hunting, fishing or trapping. He stated that he felt that could apply to young cubs regarding when it is necessary for management purposes. He stated this is how he is perceiving this.
- Board member John Hiatt asked (*Lt. Chris Walthers, Game Warden, NDOW Southern Region*) if there were already any limitations regarding mountain lions.
- Public Comments: (*Lt. Chris Walthers, Game Warden, NDOW, Southern Region*): He stated that yes, and advised identifying and not shooting a (*Queen*) female mountain lion who has cubs. He stated that this is the only caveat to the mountain lion hunt that he objects.



- Chair Paul Dixon advised that Vice Chair Dan Gilbert stated the season timeframe for cubs to be born versus the timeframe given by board member John Hiatt.
- Board member John Hiatt advised that mountain lions cannot breed all year, that is true. He stated the early months of the year are the time that kittens are born.
- Public Comments: (*Joe Bennett Jr., Supervisor, NDOW Southern Region*): He stated that each mountain lion needs to be checked in after harvest. He stated that NDOW checks for lactation, among other physical characteristics such as if the mountain lion was captured in a trap, the age or sex. He stated this is the type of data collected by NDOW.
- Board member Jacob Thompson asked the question if (*Joe Bennett Jr., Supervisor, NDOW Southern Region*), if he had any idea of the data.
- Public Comments: (*Joe Bennett Jr., Supervisor, NDOW Southern Region*): He stated on the percentage of male and female ratios.
- Board member Jacob Thompson stated to (*Joe Bennett Jr., Supervisor, NDOW Southern Region*): that he meant lactation.
- Public Comments: (*Joe Bennett Jr., Supervisor, NDOW Southern Region*): He stated that he is unaware of that many and advised he has never seen a female mountain lion lactating. He stated he is sure there are a few instances for certain.
- Board member Jacob Thompson stated the female aspect of it.
- Public Comments: (*Joe Bennett Jr., Supervisor, NDOW Southern Region*): He stated most hunters are using hounds, and everyone is doing their due diligence.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised that lactating bears were harvested.
- Public Comments: (*Joe Bennett Jr., Supervisor, NDOW Southern Region*): He stated that there are obvious caveats.
- Board member Brian Patterson gave an example of harvest of 120, 130, 150, this would mean the percentage amount of (*Queen*) female mountain lion is probably 20 percent. He stated this is a guessestimate and stated that it is probably a smaller fraction and then there is the fraction of female mountain lions that may or may not have cubs and it is a subset of that.
- Chair Paul Dixon asked the question if the number of (*Queen*) female mountain lions is known at this time.
- Public Comments: (*Lt. Chris Walthers, Game Warden, NDOW Southern Region*): He stated we can look up this information.

- Public Comments: (*Joe Bennett Jr., Supervisor, NDOW Southern Region*): He stated that he did not know this information.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised that he does not know either and stated this information with presentation at times is given at the Commission meetings.
- Public Comments: (*Joe Bennett Jr., Supervisor, NDOW Southern Region*): He stated that he feels it is under the 50% range.
- Public Comments: (*Nick Gulli, member of the public*): He stated that it shows as of December 23, 2021, reflecting that less than 35% of mountain lion harvested are females. He stated that less than 35 % are females with the total number of harvested models. He stated it does not state if the female mountain lion is lactating. He stated it seems that the actual number of mountain lions harvested in our state is 125.
- Public Comments: (*Fred Voltz, member of the public*): He stated it seems key pieces are being missed, the first would be some seat of the pants guesstimate from NDOW staff regarding how many mountain lions there are in the state of Nevada. He stated that California has just completed such a study and found that they have far fewer than they originally thought. Secondly, you need information about trapping mountain lions and how they die that way. Thirdly, there is a need for information about the contract killing that NDOW does with the feds of mountain lions, since they are part of the Predator Management Plan. He stated all three of these components need to be placed together and measure this against NDOW's guesstimate of the population to see what you are or aren't doing to it.
- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert advised a motion to approve Commission Regulation 24-08 Mountain Lion Season and Harvest Limits as presented.
- Board member Dan Gilbert seconds the motion.
- **Motion passes 6-1. (The dissenting opinion is from board member Alexander Harper, he stated his reasoning is he feels based upon discussion he feels that NDOW is overestimating the mountain lion's populations, and these animals are difficult to understand, as they have a focus on things in which they will go after them, and he feels that these animals have not been given any breaks)**

q. **Commission Regulation 24-09, 2024-2025 Restricted Nonresident Guided Mule Deer Seasons and Quota** (*For possible action*) The CCABMW Board will review, discuss, and make recommendations to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners about Commission Regulation 24-09, 2024-2025 Restricted Nonresident Guided Mule Deer Seasons and Quotas.

- Chair Paul Dixon introduced this topic.
- Chair Paul Dixon read the following: (**Brief Explanation of the Proposed Regulation**): Quotas for restricted nonresident guided mule deer seasons are prescribed by Nevada Revised Statute 502.147. This statute dictates that the quota for the restricted nonresident guided hunt is subtracted from the total nonresident rifle (i.e., any legal weapon) quota, the total restricted nonresident guided quota must not exceed 16% of the total nonresident tags issued the previous year, or 400 tags, whichever is greater, and the number of restricted nonresident deer tags issued for any management area or hunt unit group must not exceed 37.5%, rounded to the nearest whole number, of the rifle deer tags issued to nonresidents during the previous year for a management area or hunt unit. Additionally, restricted nonresident guided seasons are aligned with standard seasons to ensure seasons are concurrent.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised that in CR 24-09 2024-2025 Restricted Nonresident Guided Antlered Mule Deer Seasons and Quota Any Legal Weapon Hunt 1235 Unit 221- 223 (Early) added dates (2024-2025) October 5-October 20.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised that in CR 24-09 2024-2025 Restricted Nonresident Guided Antlered Mule Deer Seasons and Quota Any Legal Weapon Hunt 1235 Unit 221-223 (Late) added dates (2024-2025) October 21-November 5.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised that there are 228 tags based on the 16% of the total nonresident tags issued the previous year. He advised the change was to make certain that it would never come close to the max depending on declining harvest limits.
- Board member John Hiatt inquired what the success rate is for nonresident guided hunts.
- Chair Paul Dixon stated it would be in the 90% level.
- Public Comments: (*Joe Bennett Jr., Supervisor, NDOW Southern Region*): He stated he is not certain if it is that high of a percentage, he presumes that it would reflect more so in the 70% or 80% for the units and he advised that the hunters are hiring a guy instead.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised that they are hiring a guy and if there are expectations to harvest 200 class mule deer then your success rate is public.
- Public Comments: (*Joe Bennett Jr., Supervisor, NDOW Southern Region*): He stated that selectivity does occur.
- Chair Paul Dixon stated that if you are hiring somebody to give you 160 to 180 class mule deer in this state, then your harvest percentage will be high.
- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert advised a motion to approve Commission Regulation 24-, 2024-2025 Restricted Nonresident Guided Mule Deer Seasons and Quotas as presented.
- Board member Jacob Thompson seconds the motion.
- **Motion passes 7-0.**

**IX. 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: (*Mark Transue, member of the public*): He asked Chair Paul Dixon of his previous statement that a bear was dropped off and made it back to Yellowstone National Park.
- Chair Paul Dixon stated to (*Mark Transue, member of the public*) that he stated that he advised that there was a bear dropped off in the state of Oregon and made its way back here to the state of Nevada.
- Public Comments: (*Mark Transue, member of the public*): He stated well in 2005 or 2006, that Yellowstone Warden would drop off problem bears in Strawberry Valley up in Utah and advised he caught this happening two times. He stated one of the wardens admitted that they had previously dropped of several bears. He stated that most of the bears made it back to Yellowstone.
- Public Comments: (*Nicki Gulli, member of the public*): He stated he would like the CAB to look into the future of raising prices for non-resident Swan applications.
- **Chair Paul Dixon advised this matter is hereby closed.**

**X. Authorize Chair Paul Dixon to prepare and submit any recommendations from today's meeting to the Wildlife Commission for its consideration at its January 26, 2024 & January 27, 2024, meeting in Reno, Nevada (*For possible action*).**

- Chair Paul Dixon introduced this topic.
- Board member John Hiatt advised a motion to have Chair Paul Dixon to prepare and submit any recommendations from today's meeting to the Wildlife Commission on January 26, 2024 & January 27, 2024, in Reno, Nevada for its consideration.
- **Motion passes 7-0.**

**XI. The next CCABMW board meeting will be scheduled for March 5, 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 March 8, 2024 & March 9, 2024, Commission meeting in Las Vegas, Nevada.**

**XII. 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, NV89108

- City of Henderson: Henderson City Clerk: 240 S. Water Street, Henderson, NV89015
- Laughlin Regional Government Center: 101 Civic Way, Laughlin, NV89028
- Moapa Valley Community Center: 320 North Moapa Valley Road, Overton, NV89040
- Mesquite City Hall: 10 East Mesquite Boulevard, Mesquite, NV 89027
- Boulder City: Boulder City Hall, 401 California Avenue, Boulder City, NV89005

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