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Meeting Minutes**

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

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Annoula Wylderich, Board Member

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**I. Call to Order-Roll call of board members for determination of a quorum:**

- If no quorum is present, the meeting cannot begin and will be cancelled.
- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert asked Secretary Darlene Kretunski to take roll call.
- Secretary Darlene Kretunski took the roll call: (*Vice Chair Dan Gilbert, Board Member Annoula Wylderich, Board Member John Hiatt, Board Member Alexander Harper*) Absent: (*Chair Paul Dixon, Board Member Dave Talaga, Board Member Jacob Thompson*).
- Members of the Public present: Therese Campbell, Stephanie Myers, Rick Weeteling, Steve Stocking, Jason Jones.
- Nevada Department of Wildlife (In Person): Matt Flores, Lt. Game Warden Christopher Walthers)
- **A quorum was established.**

**II. Pledge of Allegiance: Vice Chair Dan Gilbert led the Pledge of Allegiance.**

**III. Public Comment-** This is a period devoted to comments by the public about items on this agenda. No discussion, action, or votes may be taken on this agenda item. You will be given the opportunity to speak on Individual Public Hearing Items at the time they are presented. If you wish to speak to the Clark County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife about items within its jurisdiction but not appearing on this agenda, you must wait until the **“Comments by the General Public”** period listed at the end of this agenda. Comments will be limited to three (3) minutes. Please clearly state your name, 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 Clark County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife by majority vote.

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

**IV. Approval of the Minutes for September 23, 2025, Clark County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife Meeting. (For possible action).**

- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert introduced this topic.
- Secretary Darlene Kretunski advised for the meeting minutes to be tabled at this time, needed to add additional information.
- **Vice Chair Dan Gilbert stated that at this time the meeting minutes for September 23, 2025, will be tabled.**

**V. Approval of the Agenda for November 4, 2025. Agenda items may be Held, Combined, or Deleted (For possible action).**

- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert introduced this topic.
- Board Member John Hiatt advised motion to approve the Agenda for November 4, 2025, for the (CCABMW) Clark County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife as presented.
- Board Member Annoula Wylderich seconded the motion.
- **Motion passes 4-0**

**VI. Clark County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife Member**

**Items/Announcements/Correspondence: (Informational)** Clark County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife members may present emergent items. No action may be taken by the CCABMW. Any item requiring CCABMW action will be scheduled for a future CCABMW Agenda. CCABMW board members may discuss any correspondence sent or received. *(CCABMW board members must provide hard copies of their correspondence for the written record).*

- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert introduced this topic.
- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert advised that this time he will go around to each board member to see if they would like to discuss any topics, or have any correspondence received or sent to discuss.
- Board Member Alex Harper: **(Yes):** He advised that he will be resigning as of today 11-4-2025, tonight will be his last meeting as a Board Member He stated that he wants to

move closer to his family who reside in the Midwest and advised it is a few months prior to his term expiring. He stated it had been a pleasure serving on this board and he enjoyed discussions with members of the public who shared different ideas and backgrounds on wildlife and how everyone interacts with the different wildlife environments. He advised that he appreciated all the individuals who showed up and introduced him to different perspectives.

- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert stated to Board Member Alexander Harper that he appreciated his time serving on this board.
- Board Member John Hiatt: **(Yes)**: He stated that last week there was a program regarding mountain lions, on (PBS) Public Broadcasting Service or you can watch it with PBS Passport. He stated it was called "Nature, Willow, Diary of a Mountain Lion" and it was made several years prior with videos and other scientific items such as DNA studies that kept track of the cats. He explained that the camera covered both day and night with footage that included a mountain lion taking down an entire large elk. He stated it was a spike bull, and the mountain lion was later seen with six kittens which are amazing of having such a large litter, he advised it is uncertain if all the kittens belonged to this mountain lion or if another mountain lion had given up some of the kittens to the mountain lion. He reiterated that he would recommend everyone to view this program and felt it was amazing program.
- Public Comments: *(Therese Campbell, member of the public)*: She asked Board Member John Hiatt, what state was the program discussing in the video).
- Board Member John Hiatt stated that he thought it was in Montana.
- Board Member Annoula Wylderich: **(Yes)**: She stated that for the CAB or any member of the public who did not attend the last Commission meeting (Friday, September 26, 2025 & Saturday, September 27, 2025) on behalf of the CAB she presented to the Commissioners discussion about injuries to Migratory Birds resulting from improper discarding fishing hooks and fishing lines. She advised (NDOW) Nevada Department of Wildlife to implement some type of educational precautions that will be provided to the anglers, they will be given materials either when they are in the fishing clinics or when they are getting their license. She advised that she wanted to give acknowledgement to *(Lt. Chris Walther, Game Warden, NDOW Southern Region)*, she stated with his assistance in helping facility this. She explained that she has had officials who advised that their constituents are calling their office to report injuries that are happening to the waterfowl in their districts along with wards where there are ponds where fishing takes place. She advised that she felt that by working with the officials and (NDOW), this should help mitigate some of these injuries.
- **FYI- Trailer for the movie that Board Member John Hiatt was discussing states the following: From the hills of Montana, filmed for over 10 years, with 150 remote cameras which recorded many creatures to include the star of this documentary, a mountain lion dedicated mother, raising six cubs on her own, this is "Willow".**
- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert advised that this item is hereby closed.

## VII. Review of Action Items from Friday, September 26, 2025 & Saturday,

**September 27, 2025, Commission meeting in Reno, Nevada attended by Chair Paul Dixon (*Informational*).**

- This topic was introduced by Vice Chair Dan Gilbert.
- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert advised that this item will be tabled, and Chair Paul Dixon will give his review of these action items at the (CCABMW) Clark County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife next meeting.
- **FYI- Friday, September 26, 2025, NDOW Commissioners Meeting Minutes:**
  - Commissioner Boren leads in the Pledge of Allegiance.
  - Public Comments- (None)
  - Motion approved to move agenda items (Agenda Item 21: Presentation on Hunting, Fishing and Trapping Trespass Regulation-Game Warden Captain Wes Coons) is moved to Friday meeting instead of Saturday, and Action Item 10: Presentation on Regulatory Modifications to Link Master Guide and Sub guide Accountability-Game Warden Jake Kreamer) will be heard on Saturday instead of Friday.
  - Approval of Meeting Minutes for the meeting dates of June 13 & June 14, 2025 & August 15 & August 16, 2025.
  - Member Items/Announcements and Correspondence (*Informational*): Commissioner Mesna read letter received from Nevada Cattlemen's Association: "The Nevada Cattlemen's Association (NCA) appreciates the opportunity to provide comments on the proposed adaptive population objectives to the Elk Species Management Plan. The NCA agrees with the proposed procedures laid out by the (NDOW) Nevada Department of Wildlife for evaluating elk numbers in each hunt unit on an annual basis. The procedures and population guidelines are not as important as having a legitimate seat at the table. The makeup of the Elk Management Committee will have a tremendous bearing on the ultimate success of the process. The NCA believes that the appointment of 6 members to the Elk Management Committee, three of which will be representing farming and ranching, is appropriate. Private land ownership is a significant contributor to these elk populations, and we appreciate NDOWs mitigation programs. The mitigation programs have been effective in relieving conflict created by elk populations. Because we are discussing a potential increase of 10% from the previous year, this compounding effect, year over year, would result in a doubling population in eight years. Whereas a 10% decrease in numbers would diminish the annual change as the population numbers lower. If a 10% increase has been implemented for 4 consecutive years, the Nevada Cattlemen's Association would ask the Commission to consider a pause in an additional population increase in the fifth year, to give an opportunity for the Elk Management Committee to truly evaluate the impact of population increases. An increase in populations will not occur overnight. This natural pause would provide an opportunity for a monitoring and analysis point to determine if the specific unit groups are achieving the population targets determined by the Elk Management Committee on an annual basis. For example, has the anticipated annual increase or decrease that has been set as the goal been achieved? If not, is the reason due to weather, disease, or because the resource capacity has been exceeded, etc.? The NCA appreciates the early engagement in this proposed process and looks forward to a continued dialogue.
  - (CCABMW) Clark County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife, Board Member Annoula Wylderich discussed with the Commission issues involving parks with fishing ponds, stating that there has been increased injuries to Canadian geese and other protected species due to improperly discard of fishing lines and hooks even though there are disposal containers readily available. She advised that the region lacked enough wildlife-licensed veterinarians to treat injured birds, with citizens unable to legally transport them for care. Board Member

Annoula Wylderich proposed providing educational information at fishing clinics and during the license issuance process for importance of proper disposal and impact on wildlife.

- **Division Activity Report:** Introduced by Secretary Jenne: Directors Office celebrated Eastern Region employees with annual appreciation lunch presenting tenure awards and recognition of two employees (Kody Menghini and Owen Bake) receiving inaugural Exceptional Employee Award. Next, The Directors Office has stopped the interviewing process for the Conservation Education Administrator position; they have received multiple applications and will make their selection soon. Next, The Office of Inspector General completed audit of (WSFR)Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration grants that were awarded to (USFWS) United States Fish and Wildlife Services which contained review of (federal expenditures, license revenue, and historical records related to acquisition, management and disposal of real property and equipment purchases done with license revenue or (WSFR) Wildlife and Sports Restoration grant funds. Audit is finalized with final report that Department received no findings or recommendations Next, Director Jenne attended the (*Western Elk Summit & Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies*). (Western Elk Summit- leading elk managers shared challenges, success in managing elk populations, (Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies)- discussion of topics- wild horses, burros, law enforcement, climate adaptation and strategies and coordinating wildlife movement. **Division Activity Report Continued:** Deputy Director Goshert along with Fiscal Services Section and have successfully closed FY 2025. The process (finalizes financial data from previous FY year, this gives accuracy and supports accountability in spending and revenue informing the next budget cycle, providing Legislature financial information necessary to plan for the upcoming two-year budget. Deputy Director Goshert also completed a Land Grant Management Course offered by (USFWS) United States Fish and Wildlife Service. The course gives knowledge on federal requirements for submission, reviewing, approval, managing, monitoring, with closure on real property acquisition grants by the Office of Conservation Investments. It includes land valuation, appraisal standards, acquisition procedures, Uniform Act compliance, management of real property assets, land as match, reporting disposal of property. Next Deputy Director McAdoo attended town hall by Congressman Amodei for discussion for proposed White Pine Pumped Storage Project. The project is to include two reservoirs, located in Duck Creek Range and Steptoe Valley, and underground generation equipment with new transmission line. Energy for pumping would be delivered through a 25-mile transmission line connecting the project to the Robinson Summit Substation.

**Division Activity Report Continued: (Biodiversity Division)** Over the past year, led 10 volunteer projects that brought people into the field for bioblitzes at National Monuments, and wildlife refuges to reptile monitoring bats and Bridges surveys, Winter Raptor counts. 1,900 volunteer hours, more than 19,800 traveled miles with a result of \$82,000 in-kind match for Biodiversity programs in FY 2025. There is collaborating with Department GIS staff creating online tool for 2022 (*SWAP*) State Wildlife Action Plan, which will open access to (*SWAP*) State Wildlife Action Plan data and resources, which include detail species accounts for Species of Greatest Conservation Need and Key Habitats. In a later agenda, there will be live presentation with demo to show the new tool. The Biodiversity Division is fully staffed and has not been in over two years. **Division Activity Report**

**Continued:(Avian Programs)-** Restoration to increase nesting available habitat at Key Pittman starts this fall. Parent materials from native willows are cut and taken to local native plant nursery for cloning and grown out to plant this spring, this restoration increases accessible shorebird habitat at Mason Valley Wildlife Management Area and in certain water bodies. This fall Intermountain West Shorebird Survey will be completed and will conclude

with the 11-state collaboration next year around spring. Staff across the state are currently conducting seasonal surveys by placing (*ARUs*) Automated Recording Units in habitats of Yellow-billed cuckoos and Virginia rails, setting in areas that the species are suspected to breed and they will be collected after several weeks in fall for data analysis. **Division**

**Activity Report (Reptile Programs)**- Biologists in the Southern region with the (BLM) Bureau of Land Management conducting reptile focused bioblitz at Willow Spring in Red Rock National Conservation Area, which is part of Public Lands Day helping to increase detections of otherwise cryptic species. Next (*NDOW*) Nevada Department of Wildlife biologists have investigated areas which were highlighted as potentially occupied by Mojave fringe-toed lizards as part of the 2022 (*SWAP*) State Wildlife modeling effort with five different areas included in modeling effort have been investigated to date showing no new populations of fringe-toed lizards. **Division Activity Report (Small mammals and bats)**-

Small mammal trapping is being undertaken at (*TNC*) The Nature Conservancy owned Margaret Atwood preserve near Beatty, Nevada. It is sample effort from two years prior with exceptionally high trapping success but threats from multiple adjacent development projects and will be target location for a Motus tower for passive data collection later this fall. **Division Activity Report- (AML)Abandoned Mine Land**- Survey for bat occupancy continuing in Mount Irish area planning for winter for bat hibernation, survey gives understanding of bat usage in (*AML*) Abandoned Mine Land, which allows (*BLM*) Bureau of Land Management to conduct permeable closures protecting critical bat habitat while giving public hazards minimal impact using bat compatible equipment or other permanent closures. (*NDOW*) Nevada Department of Wildlife are working with (*BLM*) Bureau of Land Management to restore two springs damaged by Mount Irish fire in July 2024. This restoration includes fencing the spring area and installation of trough to create open water which allows bats to access. **Division Activity Report Continued: (Partnerships and Coordination)**:

Biodiversity staff are working with Conservation Education on developing a more streamlined Urban Wildlife interface for data and for the public. (*NDOW*) Nevada Department of Wildlife recently attended the Annual National Waterfowl Association Fundraiser and Banquet in partnership with Lahontan Audubon. **Division Activity Report Continued: (Technical Guidance)**:

This program provides guidance and input to project planning efforts such as Greenlink North and West Transmission Lines, South Railroad Mine and the 2021 Greater Sage-Grouse Land Use Plan Amendment. Other recent project guidance includes County Line Mine Preliminary Economic Assessment (*PEA*), Fallon Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan (*INRMP*), Montezuma Mine Exploration Project, and proposed (*BLM*) Bureau of Land Management Geothermal Lease Sales. Program staff also continue to participate in the White Pine Pump Hydro, Nevada North Lithium, Libra Solar, Rhyolite Ridge, and Esmeralda Solar Complex projects. Program staff continue to provide guidance under the AB211 Subdivision Review Program as well as the AB307 Energy Planning and Conservation Fund. The AB3074 Program has received 24 complete applications since January 1, 2025, including 7 updated project applications and 17 new projects. New project submissions: 75% are solar, 8.3% are energy transmission and 16.7% are Storage. **Division Activity Report Continued: (Conservation Education**

**Division): Highlights**: The Southern Region volunteer coordinator managed volunteers who joined (*NDOW*) Nevada Department of Wildlife personnel who met at guzzler at Silver Peak Range outside of Tonopah. This guzzler was named for former (*NDOW*) Biologist Jim Lusk and had support from these volunteers and (*NGO*) Non-Governmental Organizations from entire state. Next, the Conservation Education, Fisheries and Law Enforcement Divisions personnels represented (*NDOW*) Nevada Department of Wildlife at the White Pine County

Fair in Ely. There was a catch-and-release fish tank and (*OGT*) Operation Game Thief trailer along with table of (*AIS*) Aquatic Invasive Species information. Recognition was given to Shane Boren, Cody Bliss for their help in organization of NDOWs involvement as well as local support. (*WHIN*) Wildlife Habitat Improvement of Nevada purchased bluegill for the event and Sunfish Fish Farms of Beaver, with the state of Utah giving fishing rods as prizes.

**Division Activity Report Continued (Volunteers):** The Southern Regions volunteers have four interns, with two from the College of Southern Nevada and the other two from Nevada State University. These interns focus will be primarily helping biologists and assisting with Conservation Education programs. **Division Activity Report Continued (Outreach):** In August, (*NDOW*) Nevada Department of Wildlife continued with their awareness of (*CWD*) Chronic Wasting Disease by paid advertisements on social media, television, and with massive emails to hunters. Other reminders were by massive emails for swan permit application reminder, as well as for awareness of first come, first serve tags available to juniors and a Sheldon sage grouse permit application period email. Also included was an email for Wildlife newsletter, and alert for tag holders of Cottonwood Peak Fire activity in eastern Nevada. Next there were educational events of series of three nocturnal animal walks at Floyd Lamb Park in Las Vegas and event Know Your Nevada, Living with Wildlife, and Wild Neighbors classes. Clark County Shooting Complex Education Center still has popular shooting sports classes, and (*NDOW*) Nevada Department of Wildlife also participated in career and internship fair at the College of Southern Nevada.

- **Division Activity Report Continued (Publications):** Next Publications with the 2025-2026 Small Big Game Hunting Regulations and Seasons publication is available on (*NDOW*) Nevada Department of Wildlife website. The 2026 Fishing Regulations publication is being edited currently. **Division Activity Report Continued (Media Highlights):** (*NDOW*) Nevada Department of Wildlife mentioned in the news 83 times in August. Television and radio stories pertaining to the Department reached audience of more than 11 million with a result of publicity valuing over \$299,000. There were story topics on Nevada's work with relocation of sheep impacted by drought in southern Nevada with additional drought stories. Media on (*NDOW*) Nevada Department of Wildlife in Nevada Wildlife Federation's Women in Wildlife event, boating safety, living with coyotes, a large volume of stories on bear awareness. **Division Activity Report Continued (Fisheries Division):** (*AIS*) Aquatic Invasive Species Program: Fisheries staff along with Southern Region (*AIS*) staff participated in Lake Mead Water Quality Forum at Hemenway Harbor and gave presentation on watercraft decontamination and equipment that was used in activities at Lake Mead. There is continuous coordination with the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe for the prevention, detection, and decontamination of Golden Mussels at Pyramid Lake. **Division Activity Report Continued (Fish Hatcheries)** Next hatchery staff are busy with fall stocking season, lakes, reservoirs, streams, and rivers statewide will receive their fall allotment of hatchery trout, expected to overwinter and be available to anglers in spring. Announcement of hiring Marshall Hauk at Gallagher Hatchery, he has strong work ethic and is friendly and it was demonstrated over three years while working as Conservation Aide with the Fisheries Division. **Division Activity Report Continued (Sportfish and Native Aquatics Programs):** Next, staff are busy preparing materials associated with the changes to fishing seasons and regulations and coordinating with Conservation Education Division on development of 2026 Fishing Seasons and Regulations booklet. Coordination with (*USFWS*) United States Fish and Wildlife Service with selection and development of possible refuge sites for Fish Lake Valley Tui Chub petitioned for listing under the (*ESA*) Endangered Species Act. **Division Activity Report Continued (Eastern Region Fisheries):** Approximately 6,000 juvenile

Wipers were stocked at South Fork Reservoir in August, representation of surplus fish produced by state of Utah given for free to (NDOW) Nevada Department of Wildlife with wildfires taking toll on native trout streams in Eastern Region this summer. Cottonwood Peak Fire has burned through streams with Redband Trout in Bull Run, Tuscarora, Independence Mountains and Jakes Fires in Snowstorms Mountains burned seven streams with Lahontan Cutthroat Trout (LCT), one of the last remaining LCT metapopulations. Next, the previous postponed due to weather conditions in spring, 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Pike-Out event will be rescheduled to October 11, 2025, at Comins Lake near Ely. **Division Activity Report**

**Continued (Southern Region Fisheries):** Pahrump Pool fish, Railroad Valley Spring fish, Moapa Dace resulted favorable in fish numbers where surveyed. This results in single transect located on lower Muddy River usually devoid of fish has given count with results of 44 Moapa Dace. After idly repairs and sitting The Southern Region habitat barge is running again. With coordination with Conservation Education staff organizing monthly events that give focus on building and installing habitat structures with volunteers and local fishing groups and clubs. **Division Activity Report Continued (Western Region Fisheries):** Big Den Creek in Churchill County documented success spawning in newly introduced population with LCT sampling. Conservation Education Division along with City of Fernley on development of new community fishing ponds with funding for design secured by City of Fernley. It is 23-acre parcel of land adjacent to middle school and has water rights with conveyance in place. Western Region personnel along with Lakeridge community in Reno utilized electrofishing raft for removal of (LMB) Largemouth Bass from pond due to trespass angling becoming issue. (LMB) Largemouth Bass, twenty in total, 16 inches all transported to Battle Born Pond and additional 130 (LMB) Largemouth Bass averaging 3-4 inches are at Hinkson Slough stocked. **Division Activity Report Continued (Law Enforcement)**

**Division:** Recent shutdown of boating activity located at Wildhorse Reservoir with active fire suppression operations in the area. Recreational boaters interfering with firefighter's aircraft attempting to scoop water from lake which is posing a serious safety risk with hinderance to critical fire response efforts. Next Game Wardens provide support to evacuation to hunters from Unit 062 for part of fire response. Next Commission's and Committee's ongoing discussions about emerging technologies and trespass issues, here are updates on current enforcement efforts with investigations in the area. Game Wardens are currently investigating multiple incidents with use of trail cameras during the seasonal closure, use of thermal imaging technology for hunting big game mammals, use of drones to harass or drive big game animals off private property, use of electric bicycles within designated wilderness areas, hunters trespass investigations occurring weekly across the state of Nevada. **Division Activity Report Continued (Personnel Updates):** Game Warden Ryan Drew promoted to Western Region Lieutenant therefore there is now vacancy in Fallon, Nevada. Next there is testing for new hires on Friday, September 12, 2025, and Friday, September 19, 2025, for two vacancies. **Division Activity Report Continued (Water Operations):** Game Warden investigate hit and run personal watercraft (PWC) on Colorado River along with boating accident on Lake Tahoe with injured adult female struck by propeller. **Division Activity Report Continued (Land Operations):** Game Warden investigated failure to pursue a wounded cow elk, and two wrong physical characteristics of an antelope and wanton waste of antelope. A Game Warden resolved hunter versus hunter conflict on landowner tags, with both hunters wanting to hunt the same antelope on same field and verbal altercation took place. Next a game warden is investigating an individual shooting from a vehicle and roadway. Next Game Wardens assisted Department of Agriculture Law Enforcement with a residence in Pahrump housing fallow deer, and the

subject was complaint and advised ignorance of prohibition and removed deer quickly. Game Wardens responded to multiple calls on deer, with situations of deer being trapped in a building or fence, injured, or being fed with Game Wardens issuing multiple numerous feeding bi game animal warnings. Game Wardens assisted in search of overdue and another missing hunter who had a medical emergency. **Division Activity Report Continued**

**(Outreach):** Game Warden's from all areas of the state of Nevada, attended National Night Out and White Pine County Fair with the OGT Trailer. **Division Activity Report**

**Continued (Game Division):** The Cottonwood Peak fire burned just over 132,000 acres of high-quality mule deer, sage-grouse and Columbian sharp-tailed grouse with 100,000 plus acre fire virtually consumed Snowstorm range important sage-grouse, mule deer, pygmy rabbit, Lahontan Cutthroat Trout habitat. Fire restoration is high priority for the Department. Staff drafted a process for elk population objectives as directed by Wildlife Commission during June 2025 meeting, presented later in the agenda. Game Division progressed with Statewide Bighorn Sheep Management Plan revision, revising History section with completion of 75 percent. These areas need complete revision: (*The Habitat Management, Population Management, Harvest Management and Wildlife Health Sections*) with author and co-authors identified for each section. Regional Game Division

<https://a57.foxnews.com/static.foxnews.com/foxnews.com/content/uploads/2023/05/960/540/The-Five.png?ve=1&tl=1> Biologists will be responsible for developing individual Bighorn

Metapopulation Descriptions complete with origin histories, population and harvest trends and major challenges. In the population objectives will be developed for each sub-herd (hunt unit or unit group). These will be inserted into an Appendix of the plan once revision is complete. **Division Activity Report Continued (Mule Deer and Pronghorn):**

Staff continue with pronghorn capture coordination to determine time of captures, numbers, methodology and augmentation opportunities. Next The Nevada Connectivity Plan public review period ended September 19, 2025, an update will be provided on final plan upon final revisions and public comments. The final publication of this plan is anticipated by the end of October 2025. Collar database upkeep has become overwhelming; staff have spent significant time updating service data and tracking down collar status from field staff.

**Division Activity Report Continued (Elk and Moose Program):** A trial three-dimensional electric elk fence was installed by staff at small property who were experiencing ongoing elk issues near Mountain Springs. The 3-dimensional fence design successful deter elk from high value agricultural crops in Canada but not adopted in the lower 48 states. Early monitoring suggests Mountain Springs fence has been effective and could be suitable solution to mitigate short-term elk issues at larger scale. Next graduate from University of Montana started Master of Science project at (UNR) University of Nevada, Reno United States Geological Survey (USGS) Cooperative Research Unit. Ava is units first graduate student with the task of taking a deep dive into existing datasets collected as part of the (SEMS) Seasonal Elk Mortality Syndrome project Tuscarora and Independence Mountains. Bighorn and Mountain Goat- overview of status of collared mountain ungulate translocations over the last year: (*Mountain goats from Utah were released in November 2024 into the East Humboldt Range. 10 GPS collared goats and 1 fell off a cliff, 5 continue to inhabit the East Humboldt Range and 4 dispersed to the Ruby Mountains*). (*Calico Mountains California Bighorn, 40 bighorns released of which 33 were GPS collared, 8 died of capture-related mortality, 1 died from lion predation, 3 died of unknown causes*) (*Three Bighorns sent to the Black Rock Range, 17 remaining scattered across a large part of the Calico Mountains*). (*Cortez Mountains Desert Bighorn with 43 GPS collared bighorns and only 1 mortality probably captured related, with 5 all ewes dispersed off the Cortez Mountains into adjacent areas, with 1 ewe inhabiting a mine site that is active and 1 failed collar, all other collared*

*animals are living on the Cortez Mountains). (Tobin Range Desert Bighorn with 28 GPS collared bighorn and 1 collar failed, and 1 ram went on long distance and was killed with probability of interaction with domestic sheep. One died of capture related injuries, with 1 dying completely intact and this was investigated by Wildlife Services, with 1 recent death that was not investigated the remainder collared bighorn are inhabiting the Tobin Range). A stakeholder meeting was held on August 7, 2025, to discuss Walker Lake/ Wassuk Range bighorn highway mortality mitigation. This meeting involved (NDOW) Nevada Department of Wildlife, (NDOT) Nevada Department of Transportation, (NBU) Nevada Bighorns Unlimited, Reno chapter and Nevada State Senator Titus and staff. The Crosstek company picked to conduct a feasibility evaluation animal detection/driver warning system with field work in September/October 2025 with the submission of, draft report by October later part or early November. In association with this is 10 bighorns GPS collared in Wassuk Range with helicopter and ground darting captures to assist with this feasibility study.* **Division Activity Report Continued (Wildlife Health):** CWD sampling started 2025-2026 hunting season, with NDOW (Nevada Department of Wildlife Services bringing on new CWD technician and they have been busy sending out self-sampling kits giving few samples in from the mandatory Transportation Restriction Zone and from taxidermists.

**Division Activity Report Continued (Predator Management):** Hound Hunting Slap Permit and (TAACH) Tag Allocation and Application Hunt Committee preparations have been taken extra staff time with the most recent (TAACH) Tag Allocation and Application Hunt Committee meeting on September 23, 2025, with the (TAACH) Tag Allocation and Application Hunt Committee process, checking in forms for mountain lions in Survey 123 being revised and updated to reflect collecting the additional data and effort, pursuit and advising who is participating into these hunts. Draft Survey 123 check in form for Black Bears is being developed and should be functional for testing during the upcoming bear season. Ongoing predator removal projects are occurring across the state of Nevada for protection of Mule Deer and Bighorn Sheep. Currently these projects are being conducted in hunting areas 1, 2, 4, 12, 13, 14, and 21 under Project 37 and Project 40. In FY 2025 over 70 coyotes have been removed from Hunting Areas 13 under Project 40 and 9 lions have been removed from Hunting Areas 4, 12, 13 and 14.

**Division Activity Report Continued (Upland Game and Greater Sage-Grouse Management):** Staff have begun discussion on the path forward for management of Columbian Sharp-tail Grouse in Bull Run Basin.

Discussion will be based on realities of post wildfire sharp-tail response (*demographic stability*), habitat restoration efforts, and translocation future potential. (BLM) Bureau of Land Management has finalized acceptance of (GRSG) Greater Sage-Grouse (HMA)Habitat Management Area map for 2025 Land Use Plan with smoothed map version accepted for inclusion with this plan. In meeting for Interagency Standing Mitigation on August 26, 2025, (BLM) Bureau of Land Management Nevada State Office gave acknowledgement that loss of some priority ((HMA) Habitat Management Area at this site are within the smoothed map and the (BLM) Bureau of Land Management and (SETT) Sagebrush Ecosystem Technical Team will work together to achieve best mitigation outcomes for sage-grouse.

**Division Activity Report Continued (Habitat Division):** Restoration staff have engaged in preparation for proactive restoration efforts with participating in wildfire site tours, staff are working with federal partners on fire restoration and rehabilitation plans. Roughly 110,000 acres of preemergent herbicide is proposed across key wild fire habitats will work split between (BLM) Bureau of Land Management and (NDOW) Nevada Department of Wildlife. Most preemergent application is implemented to prepare sites for improved seeding success after a yearlong fallow. Chaining aerial seeding, drill seeding, shrub planning and other

restoration plans are in development across the state of Nevada. Acres of 46,770 aerial seeding is proposed this fall and winter in Eastern Region, and the work is divided between (NDOW) Nevada Department of Wildlife and Elko BLM. On the Jake's Creek Fire, (BDAs)Beaver Dam Analogs are priority being proposed to catch sediment and protect over Lahontan Cutthroat Trout on over 20 miles on South Fork of Little Humboldt Watershed.

**Division Activity Report Continued (Water Development Program):** In the month of August there were 14 water hauls completed throughout the state of Nevada in all three regions. The guzzlers are at 49 percent capacity on 53 units with water level monitors in primarily Southern Nevada guzzler units. An average of 0.51 inches of rain at guzzlers with monitors with rain gauges in the month of August. A guzzler recently constructed in Silver Peaks on September 6, 2025, it is dedicated to Jim Lusk who was game biologist in Tonopah during the time of 1947- 1997. The (FDB)Fraternity of the Desert Bighorn, (WHIN)Wildlife Habitat Improvement of Nevada, and (NBU) Nevada Bighorns Unlimited; all participated with individuals from the community of Tonopah. **Division Activity Report Continued**

**(WMA)Wildlife Management Areas:** Staff have been performing regular habitat and equipment maintenance throughout the (WMA) including fence and sign maintenance, blind access modifications, filing of waterfowl and moist soil ponds, prepping dove fields for upcoming hunting season. Waterfowl and dove trapping and banding are ongoing across most of the WMAs and as of September 2, 2025, there were 212 ducks banded as well as 55 doves at Overton WMA. The Overton waterfowl reservation system with the Tyler Technologies Consulting Firm is nearing completion with plans to "go live" on September 23, 2025. Overton WMA reported 35 of 60 reservation hunters showed up for the dove opener with 39 standby hunters. There were 297 reported doves harvested on opening day at Overton WMA. The boat ramp at Comins Lake is having an extension added to make launching watercraft easier and safer with completion time before October 11, 2025, when 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Pike Out derby is scheduled. There is a 1<sup>st</sup> waterfowl hunting event at Steptoe WMA sponsored by (WHIN) Wildlife Habitat Improvement of Nevada on September 20, 2025. Work is happening at Carson Lake WMA for upcoming waterfowl season with several water control structures being replaced, dike and levee repair work is being done also, water deliveries started in Sprig Unit. The position of Supervisor 1 for Carson Lake Pasture WMA is held by Kyle Larson who started on September 2, 2025. **Division Activity Report Continued**

**(Private Lands):** Staff working to finalize conservation and access easement outside of Wells, Nevada with expectation of first phase of project to close in 2025 at the end of the year. There are investigations made into three other potential conservation easements, two in Area 7 and the last in Area 6. There are two investigations being made into two potential access easements in Independence Mountain Range and two potential acquisitions outside of Ely, Nevada. Staff are performing restoration projects on private lands, weed abatement, spring restoration projects, (BDA) Beaver Dam Analogue projects and monitoring and maintenance of past years projects. Staff met with partner agencies to get better identification resource needs on private lands and working towards potentially jointly applying for (RCPP)Regional Conservation Partnership Program grant through the (NRCS)Natural Resources Conservation Service. **Division Activity Report Continued**

**(Restoration and Rehabilitation) :** Fire Season this year 2025: 508 wildfires burned 393,000 acres statewide (99,000 acres burned in all of 2024), 237 were human caused, 191 were naturally caused, 80 remain undermined. The three largest fires to date include: (Cottonwood Peak Fire 132,604 acres, Tuscarora Mountains), Jakes Fire 82,217 acres, Snowstorm Mountains) (Gothic Fire 35,161 acres, Belted Range). **Division Activity Report Continued**

**(Sagebrush Ecosystem Technical Team):** (SETT) Sagebrush Ecosystem

Technical Team, is providing guidance on several major projects that may impact sage-grouse. The (SETT) Sage grouse Ecosystem Technical Team hosted a Sagebrush Ecosystem Program Mitigation Regulation Workshop on September 2, 2025, hosting a (SEC)Sagebrush Ecosystem Council meeting on October 2, 2025. **Division Activity Report Continued**

**(Data and Technology Services Division):** As of early September, staff have processed total of 1,471 tag returns, 793 of these tags were reissued through (FCFS)First Come, First Serve Program. There were 150 junior mule deer tags sold through (FCFS)First Come, First Serve that remained after the second draw, with 445 junior primitive mule deer tags remaining available through (FCFS for any junior still with desire to hunt this year. The Sheldon Special Sage Grouse draw was completed on August 20, 2025, with results released to customers on August 22, 2025. A total of 224 customers applied, and 40 permits were awarded through the random draw. **Division Activity Report Continued (Licensing, Hunts, Vessels):** (WMA) Wildlife Management Area waterfowl hunts and swan permit draws opened on August 18, 2025, with closure on September 8, 2025, results have been released on or before September 19, 2025. Mandatory hunt questionnaires are being received and tracked by licensing staff and there are over 1,000 completed, primarily by pronghorn and antlerless elk hunters. Gordon-Darby has worked on system to translate the licensing storefront to Spanish, and the system is still being tested. The translation service should be finalized later this year.

**Division Activity Report Continued (Geographic Information System):** The (GIS) Geographic Information System Team projects that they are busy with include Enterprise transition planning, data requests, and updating field data applications aps, harvest check in surveys, WMA maps, ecostate map products, sage grouse lek database, urban wildlife log, and other projects. The process of developing newest version of Guzzler Atlas is popular with many customers, so we will reprint the atlas and include 60 new guzzler locations of projects constructed since previous version. **Division Activity Report Continued**

**(Information Technology):** Staff are working on computer replacements. Window updates and coordinating with the Stat's Governor's Technology Office on security incident. An introduction for Justin Smith who started as It Tech 5.

- **Litigation Report:** Introduced by Deputy Attorney General Burkett; (find on NDOW website)
- **(TAAHC) Tag Allocation and Application Hunt Committee Report:** Commissioner Caviglia provided overview of last TAAHC meeting, advising that the Committee met and had two items on the agenda. The two items were mountain lion harvest survey check-ins and shed antler regulations. The Department provided new format for harvest questionnaire approved by the Committee, requesting Commission review with the Department to explore non-harvest questionnaire for unsuccessful mountain lion tag holders with discussion at next (TAAHC) Tag Allocation and Application Hunt Committee. The Department proposed language that included delaying the non-resident season by one month after the resident season with consideration of strengthening enforcement regulations at Committee level.
- **Application and Hunt Statistics Report:** <https://www.ndow.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/02/Nevada-Wildlife-Commission-Report-2025-ADA.pdf>: Presentation: 2025 Big Game Draw Highlights- 6% decrease in calls for help over 2024; 120,742 applicants received the last days of the app period; Implemented a bi-lingual customer service option; Bi-lingual ndowlicensing.com in progress-delivered by October; Implemented SMS messaging for alternate tag awards.
- **(2025) CLIENTS (Unique):** Total-86,283
- **Total Age Groups of Clients:** (2025) Ages 11 to 15 (4,469)/Ages 16-20 (5,319)/ Ages 21-25

(4,683) / Ages 26-30 (6,071)/ Ages 31-35 (8,010)/ Ages 36-40 (9,330/ Ages 41-45 (9,068)/ Ages 46-50 (7,976)/ Ages 51-55 (7,123)/ Ages 56-60 (6,570)/ Ages 61-65 (6,324)/ Ages 66-70 (5,317)/ Ages 71-75 (3,394)/ Ages 76-75 (1,828)/ Ages 80+ (801).

- **(2025) Big Game Applications:** 489,254
- **Average Dollars Spent by Unique Clients (2025)** \$88.00
- **(2025) County Breakdown of Residents:** Washoe (14,600)/Clark (13,486)/ Elko (6,949)/ Lyon (3,254)/Douglas (2529)/Humboldt (2,218)/ Churchill (2150)/Carson City (1,527)/ White Pine (1,441)/Nye (1,143)/Lincoln (921)/ Lander (874)/ Eureka (406)/ Pershing (395)/ Mineral (239)/ Storey (77)/ Esmeralda (63)/ Total for all the counties combined = 52,272.
- **Statewide Breakdown of Clients:** Non-Residents (US) Total-33,728/ Non-Residents (Outside of US) Total-283
- **Nelson (Desert) Ewe Applications:** (2025) Categories: Unsuccessful- 2,774/ Points Only- 2,023/ Awarded- 100.
- **Nelson (Desert) Ram Applications:** (2025) Categories: Unsuccessful- 43,864/ Points Only- 13,914/ Awarded-231.
- **California Ram Applications-** (2025) Categories: Unsuccessful- 32,144/ Points Only- 12,643/ Awarded- 41.
- **Rocky Mountain Ram Applications:** (2025) Categories: Unsuccessful- 9,077/ Points Only- 7,211/ Awarded- 3.
- **Mountain Goat Applications:** (2025) Categories: Unsuccessful- 20,527/Points Only- 8,794/Awarded-19
- **Black Bear Applications:** (2025) Categories: Unsuccessful-5,472/Points Only- 5,399/ Awarded-42.
- **Elk Applications:** (2025) Categories: Unsuccessful- 83,559/Points Only- 31,875/ Awarded- 4,655.
- **Antelope Applications)Excluding Junior Horns Shorter)** (2025) Categories: Unsuccessful-52,492/ Points Only-18,941/ Awarded- 3,620.
- **JUNIOR Antelope HSTE Application Review-** (2025) Total Applications- 1,313/ Junior Awarded Tags-850/ Unsuccessful Juniors- 463/ Bonus Point Only Apps- 48.
- **Age Breakdown of Junior Antelope HSTE Applicants and Results:** (2025) Categories: Successful- Age: 11: Successful- (42)/Age 12- Successful- (163)/ Age 13- Successful (149)/ Age 14- (164)/ Age 15- (117)/ Age 16-(136)/ Age 17-(79) = Grand Total (850). (2025) Categories: Unsuccessful- Age 11 (28)/ Age 12- (100)/ Age 13- (80)/ Age 14- (85)/ Age 15- (74)/ Age 16- (64)/ Age 17 (32)/ =Grand Total (463). Categories: Percentage Unsuccessful- Age 11- (40%)/ Age 12- (30%)/ Age 13-(35%)/ Age 14- (34%)/ Age 15-(39%)/ Age 16- (32%)/ Age 17-(29%) =Grand Total (35%).
- **Mule Deer Applications (Excluding Junior)-** (2025) Categories: Unsuccessful- (71,051)/ Points Only- (18,028)/ Awarded (10,779).
- **Junior Mule Deer Applications** (2025) Categories: Unsuccessful- (1,417)/ Points Only- (96)/ Awarded- (2,105).
- **Junior Mule Deer Application Review (Main Draw Only)-** (2025)Total Applications- (3,522)/ Successful Juniors- (2,105)/ Unsuccessful Juniors- (1,417)/ Leftover Tags- (790) Leftover Tags- Any Legal Weapons- Hunt Unit 109 (42 Tags)/ Primitive Weapons – Hunt Unit 014 (2 tags)/ Primitive Weapon- Hunt Units 114, 115 (2 tags)/ Primitive Weapons- Hunt Unit 051 (19 tags)/ Primitive Weapons- Hunt Units 061, 062, 064, 066, 068 (166 tags)/ Primitive Weapon- Hunt Unit 071, 079, 091 (130 tags)/ Primitive Weapon- Hunt Units- 101-109 (185 tags)/ Primitive Weapon- Hunt Units- 141-145 (84 tags)/ Primitive Weapon- Hunt

Units- 151-156 (85 tags)/ Primitive Weapon- Hunt Units 171-173 (75 tags).

- **Junior Mule Deer Application Review (Second Draw):** (2025) Total Applications: 3,522/ Successful Juniors: 2,300/ Unsuccessful Juniors: 1,222/ Left Over Tags: Primitive Weapons- Hunt Units 061, 062, 064, 066, 068 (132 tags)/ Primitive Weapon- Hunt Units- 071-079, 091 (97 tags)/ Primitive Weapon- Hunt Units 101-109 (176 tags)/ Primitive Weapon- Hunt Units- 141-145 (60 tags)/ Primitive Weapon- Hunt Units- 151-156 (68 tags)/ Primitive Weapon- Hunt Units- 171-173 (62 tags).
- **Junior Mule Deer Application Review (After Second Draw & Through FCFS)**(2025) Total Applications: (3,522)/ Successful Juniors (2,444)/ Unsuccessful Juniors (1,078)/ Leftover Tags – Primitive Weapon Hunt Units- 061, 062, 064, 066, 068, (106 tags)/ Primitive Weapon Hunt Units- 071-079, 091 (71 tags)/ Primitive Weapon- Hunt Units- 101-109 (153 tags)/ Primitive Weapon- Hunt Units- 141-145 (33 tags)/ Primitive Weapon- Hunt Units- 151-156 (44 tags)/ Primitive Weapon- 171-173 (44 tags). (FCFS) First Come, First Serve numbers at the time this report was created.
- **Age Breakdown of Junior Mule Deer Applicants and Results (Main Draw Only):** (2025) Categories: Successful- Age 11- (90)/ Age 12 (337)/ Age 13 (387)/ Age 14 (392)/ Age 15 (423)/ Age (361)/ Age 17 (115) = Grand Total (2,105). (2025) Categories: Unsuccessful- Age 11 (91)/Age 12 (243)/ Age 13 (254)/ Age 14 (289)/ Age 15 (247)/ Age 16 (241)/ Age 17 (52) = Grand Total (1,417). (2025) Categories: Percentage Unsuccessful- Age 11 (50%)/ Age 12- (42%)/ Age 13 (40%)/Age 14 (42%)/ Age 15 (37%)/ Age 16 (40%)/ Age 17 (31%) = Grand Total (40%).
- **Age Breakdown of Junior Mule Deer Applicants and Results (Through Second Draw and FCFS)**(2025) Categories: Successful- Age 11 (108)/ Age 12 (390)/ Age 13 (449)/ Age 15 (476)/ Age 16 (421)/ Age 17 (138) = Grand Total (2,444). Unsuccessful- Age 11 (73)/ Age 12 (190)/ Age 13 (192)/ Age 14 (219)/ Age 15 (194)/ Age 16 (181)/ Age 17 (29) = Grand Total (1078). Percentage Unsuccessful- Age 11 (40%)/ Age 12 (33%)/ Age 13 (30%)/ Age 14 (32%)/ Age 15 (29%)/ Age 16 (30%)/ Age 17 (17%) = Grand Total (31%). (FCFS) First Come, First Serve numbers at the time this report was created.
- **Moose Application Review:** (2025) Categories: Point Applications (5,397)/ Awarded Tags (2)/ Unsuccessful Applications (18,536)/ Total Applications= (23,935).
- **Silver State Tag Application Revenue By Years:** (2025) Mountain Goat (\$119,016)/ Elk (\$376,072)/ Sheep (\$427,872)/ Antelope (\$185,424)/ Deer (\$334,944) Grand Total= \$1,443,328 (Note: Contains all fees collected for Silver State Applications).
- **Number of Tags Per Hunter (2025) Clients:** Five Plus (0)/ Four (9)/ Three (299) Two (3,043) One (15,427). Clients Who Drew 4 Tags: Client 1: Mule Deer Tag (Archery), Desert Ewe Tag (ALW), Spike Elk Tag (AWL) Antelope HLTE Tag (Archery) RETURNED, Client 2: Mule Deer Tag (AWL) Desert Ewe Tag (AWL), Cow Elk Tag (AWL), Antelope HSTE Tag (AWL). Client 3: Desert Ram Tag (AWL) Antelope HLTE Tag (AWL), Mule Deer Tag (Archery), Depredation Cow Elk Tag (AWL). Client 4: Antelope HLTE Tag (Archery), Cow Elk Tag (Archery), Desert Ram Tag (AWL), Mule Deer Tag (Archery). Client 5: Desert Ram Tag (AWL), Mule Deer Tag (Archery), Cow Elk Tag (AWL), Antelope HLTE Tag (ALW), RETURNED. Clients 6: Desert Ram Tag (AWL), Antelope HSTE Tag (AWL), Cow Elk Tag (AWL), Mule Deer Tag (Archery), RETURNED. Client 7: Antelope HLTE Tag (Archery), Cow Elk Tag (Archery), Mule Deer Tag (Archery), Black Bear Tag, RETURNED. Client 8: Desert Ram Tag (AWL), Antelope HLTE Tag (AWL), Mule Deer Tag (AWL), Cow Elk Tag (AWL). Client 9: Junior Mule Deer Tag (AWL), Depredation Bull Elk Tag (AWL), Junior Antelope HSTE Tag (AWL), Desert Ewe Tag (AWL).
- **Desktop VS Mobile Breakdown:** (2025) Desktop: (44.11%)/ Mobile (55.89%) Apple

iPhone (27%) Android (73%).

- **Most Used Browsers:** (2025) Safari (48%) Chrome (33%) Edge (15%) Firefox (2%) Other (2%).
- **Lost Customers (2025) Total 12,497 Age Distribution-** Age 11-15 (295)/ Age 16-20 (1,046)/ Age 21-25 (711)/ Age 26-30 (1,058), Age 31-35 (1,427)/ Age 36-40 (1,390)/ Age 41-45 (1,281)/ Age 46-50 (977)/ Age 51-55 (885)/ Age 56-60 (829) Age 61-65 (777)/ Age 71-75 (546)/Age 76-80 (357)/ 802 plus (205). Males- (83%) Female (17%).
- **New Customers: (2025) Total 7,304, Age Distribution-** Age 11-15 (1,538)/ Age 16-20 (349)/ Age 21-25 (623)/ Age 26-30 (874)/ Age 31-35 (894)/ Age 36-40 (798)/ Age 41-45 (563)/ Age 46-50 (437)/ Age 51-55 (344)/ Age 56-60 (281)/ Age 61-65 (231)/ Age 66-70 (212)/ Age 71-75 (95)/ Age 76-80 (48)/ Age 80 plus (17).
- **Loyal Customers: (2025) Total 73, 133, Age Distribution-** Age 11-15 (2, 832)/ Age 16-20 (4,520)/ Age 21-25 (3,640)/ Age 26-30 (4,690)/ Age 31-35 (6,528)/ Age 36-40 (7,820)/ Age 41-45 (7,909)/ Age 46-50 (7,039)/ Age 51-55 (6,331)/ Age 56-60 (5,877)/ Age 61-65 (5,734)/ Age 66-70 (4,770)/ Age 71-75 (3,058)/ Age 76-80 (1,667)/ Age 80 plus (718). Male (85%) Female (15%).
- **Reactivated Customers (2025) Total 5,846, Age Distribution-** Age 11-15 (99)/ Age 16-20 (450)/ Age 21-25 (420)/ Age 26-30 (507)/ Age 31-35 (588)/ Age 36-40 (712)/ Age 41-45 (596)/ Age 46-50 (500)/ Age 51-55 (448)/ Age 56-60 (412)/ Age 61-65 (359)/ Age 66-70 (335)/ Age 71-75 (241)/ Age 76-80 (113)/ Age 80 plus (66). (Male 83%) Female (17%).
- **Customer Information Sharing Preference-** (2025) Please allow my information to be shared (4%), Please keep my information private (96%).
- **Customer Draw Result Delivery Preference-** (2025) Please include my draw results on the list (42%, 31,054) Please keep my draw results private (58%, 43,464).
- **Customer \$3 Fee Reference:** Wildlife habitat and research or management of non-predatory wildlife (37%) Lethal removal of predatory wildlife (63%) Nevada Assembly Bill 70: In addition to any fee charged and collected pursuant to NRS 502.250, a fee of \$3 must be charged for processing each application for a game tag, the revenue from which must be accounted for separately, deposited with the State of Treasurer for credit to the Wildlife Account in the State General Fund and used by the Department, at the direction of the applicant, for costs related to: (a) Developing and implementing an annual program for the lethal removal of predatory wildlife or (b) Developing and implementing an annual program for the improvement of wildlife habitat and research or management activities beneficial to non-predatory game species.
- Vice Chairman Young thanked (*Zack Lambert, Gordon Darby Representative*) for his presentation, he asked the question regarding junior tags and the presentation presented at the previous Commission meeting, asking if junior mule deer tags and junior horn shorter than ear tags were broken out and spread across, 98 percent of juniors would be able to get a tag, and he wanted to know how difficult of a lift that would be for Gordon Darby. (*Zack Lambert, Gordon Darby Representative*) He responded that it would take him 15 minutes to do setting update and coding change. (*Megan Manfredi, Data and Technology Services Division, NDOW*): She stated that this change could be made during the January Commission meeting if that is what the Commission likes. Commissioner Kiel, asked the exact number of unsuccessful junior tag holders, noting there are 1,200 unsuccessful junior deer tag holders and 300-400 for antelope. (*Zack Lambert, Gordon Darby Representative*): He advised he could provide this answer later. Commissioner Kiel went back to the question previously asked by Chairman Young to seek clarification, if junior who drew a deer tag were initially ineligible for horns shorter than ears tag, could any leftover tags be included in a second

drawing, or would they have to be distributed on a first-come, first served basis? (*Zack Lambert, Gordon Darby Representative*): He noted that he was unsure if a redraw within the same draw was governed by regulation or statute, but in terms of handling leftover tags there was no issue and confirmed that if a junior tag remained after the draw, it could be made available without restriction. Commissioner Mesna asked whether under the proposed approach, if youth would still receive a bonus point if pulled from draw for one species and became ineligible for another. (*Zack Lambert, Gordon Darby Representative*) said yes. Chairman Rogers asked there were future plans to continue making handheld devices access easier due to more people in studies using handheld devices over desktop. (*Zack Lambert, Gordon Darby Representative*): He stated that future roadmaps for public facing mobile application and he has no timeline when it will be finalized, explaining that in-app purchases could be difficult due to fee percentages (*Apple and Google*) receive.

- **Department Project Donation Guidance update by Secretary Jenne- (The Department will give an update on status of Agencies Project Donation guidance)**: Secretary Jenne reported that the Department was actively working on updates to Donation, Gift, and Bequest Policy. She advised that there were ongoing discussions between with division administrators addressing complex partnership scenarios involving multiple entities like Muddy Mountain capture. This goal was to ensure clear guidance and coordination while preserving opportunities for exclusive partnerships with (*NGOs*) Non-Governmental Organizations that were in past sole contributors to certain projects. The Department gave consideration a structure that included a general policy directive with division-specific guidance to address unique needs. Drafts of the updates were supposed to be shared with partner (*NGOs*) Non-Governmental Organizations with draft copy for the Commission.
- **Recess at 9:56 am by The Nevada Board of Wildlife Commission, with The Nevada Board of Wildlife Commission reconvening at 10:16 am.**
- **Petition- Mr. Gregory Dicker, Mrs. Kimberly Dicker, Ms. Traci Lee Pintar, and Mr. James Thomas Pintar**: (*Meghan Manfredi, Data and Technology Services Division, NDOW*): She advised that the Department was open to making changes to regulations if the Commission accepted the petition recognizing the benefits to the Department and permanently disabled customers. Commissioner Mesna asked the question of how to distinguish between temporary permit and request to delay issuing a tag and about difference between a temporary disability and an injury. (*Meghan Manfredi, Data and Technology Services Division, NDOW*): She advised that the Department had a separate program allowing individuals to defer their tag due to an injury, but this was not related to the archery disability permit. Commission Caviglia agreed to the language defining temporary and permanent disabilities. **Paul Dixon, Chair Clark County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife**: He stated that his CAB discussed this and the discussion was productive regarding the petition and (*Lt. Game Warden, Chris Walthers, Southern Region, NDOW*) attended and clarified definitions between temporary and permanent disabilities outlined in (*NAC*) Nevada Administrative Code. He stated the CAB gave support to the idea that permanent disability individuals should not have the requirement to reaffirm their status once doctor certifies this, but for temporary disabilities, requiring reaffirmation annually, the CAB felt it was reasonable, raising question about disabilities not currently addressed in this regulation, (*PTSD*) Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder. He asked if these types of conditions if the individual is permanently disabled this could these individuals qualify under same provisions of the regulation or if it would be only applied to physical disabilities. (*Jim Coney, Board Member of Elko CAB*), stated that his CAB was supporting the petition as presented. (*Greg Dicker, one of the petitioners*) added that he and his wife had right shoulder injuries

but (PTSD) Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder would not prevent individual from being able to draw a bow. (*Sr. Deputy Attorney General, Craig Burkett*): He advised that the Department has discretion of incorporating psychological injuries into the disability permit regulations and that psychological disorders are considered a disability under (ADA) American Disability Act.

- **Commissioner Caviglia moved to accept the petition as presented, Commissioner Boren seconded the motion, Motion passed 8-0.**
- **Adaptive Population Objectives-Addendum #2 to the Elk Species Management Plan:** (*Cody McKee, NDOW Staff Specialist*): He thanked Commissioner Boren for his question and explained that population estimate was like current levels and evaluation found minimal elk-related impacts distinguishable from other land uses (cattle grazing, sheep herding). Since that time no new assessments have been conducted but Department has monitored situation through landowner complaints and conflict reports which remain low, suggesting population levels were manageable. With the original Bruneau plan that required federal and managers to conduct ongoing monitoring but were unable to do so, in 2017 the funded assessment was not repeated. (*Caleb McAdoo, Deputy Director*): He advised that the Department has implemented changes to state-owned lands at Bruneau (WMA) Wildlife Management Area, with reintroduction of irrigation practices for restoration meadow productivity. The meadows are part of federal grazing unit which serves as base property for certain allotments. There is joint effort with the permittee to allow livestock use on the (WMA) Wildlife Management Area, with Department reducing grazing pressure on upland areas critical for wintering elk. The shift helps alleviate conflicts in those areas, but this does not apply to the entire unit group and serves as example of how Department has adapted its management strategies. Commissioner Boren wanted the Geyser elk numbers. (*Cody McKee, NDOW Wildlife Staff Specialist*): He clarified that Lincoln County elk management plan included short-term and long-term population objectives (short-term objectives set at 350 elk, long-term set at 900, with no defining constitutes long-term, creating ambiguity). The plan was not received in 20 years, which left uncertainty on current population targets. He explained with Geyser elk, these elk are part of elk incentive program not included in 600-elk objective currently referenced. These were considered broader population estimates and in 2025 there was expectation to be included in those estimates. (*Cody McKee, NDOW Staff Specialist*) asked (*Joe Bennett Jr, Wildlife Staff Specialist, NDOW, Southern Region*) to give clarification. (*Joe Bennett Jr, NDOW Southern Region, Wildlife Staff Specialist*): He explained that under current Lincoln County plan, elk deemed unavailable those residing exclusively on agricultural lands, and don't need to be included in population objective, that this applied to certain private properties within the county, including the Geyer Ranch. He stated that GPS collar data confirmed that some elk spent the entire hunting season on the Geyser Ranch in Hunt Unit 022 and Hunt Unit 023 thus making them unavailable for harvest during that time. Commissioner Boren stated that he received call the previous night from former Commissioner Bevan Lister expressing concerns about population objectives for Hunt Units 241, 241. He advised that the current objective was 200 while the actual population was at 110. He mentioned that the original plan had a combined objective of 350 for Hunt Unit 023 and Hunt Unit 024 and wanted to know if the Department had clarification (*Cody McKee, NDOW Staff Specialist*): He advised he could not answer the question at this time and would review elk plan to give clarification. Commissioner Munn asked how Department would balance habitat objectives with some of the population objectives through this process, because on public lands it would be more complex. She advised how the Department could maintain both population and habitat objectives for these areas. (*Cody McKee, NDOW Staff*

**Specialist)** stated the importance of annual reviews or presentations from land management agencies to assess range conditions and determination if land could support more wildlife, this adaptive approach allows population increase in good years and stability or reductions during droughts or other challenges. Commissioner Munn expressed concern regarding federal partners being overwhelmed with workloads, and if it is worth considering ways Department could assist with necessary monitoring to ensure informed decision-making.

**(Caleb McAdoo, Deputy Director)** addressed questions regarding Departments collaboration with land management agencies, and the Department engaged in ongoing discussions over the years about utilizing its vegetation crews to assist with monitoring in areas of high importance. Lahontan cutthroat trout habitats and key elk zones. These discussions were complex with Department willing to provide support where staffing allowed, with Department's goal to establish 2025 baseline that reflects both habitat conditions and social perspectives. This baseline would help assess whether ecological thresholds had been crossed, conflicts existed, factors such as wildlife drought, precipitation were an influence on land health standards. It would also help determine whether elk were contributing to any observed changes. Part of the process is the Department planned to conduct annual review in collaboration with stakeholders. With a suggestion to include presentations from federal land management agencies during the January meeting. Presentations would provide updates on range conditions and trends observed during the previous season, helping to inform the Department of evaluations. Clarifying intent was not to engage in detailed habitat monitoring but instead to consider broader ecological and social trends, and noted that due to widespread type conversion caused primarily by wildfire, available forage for grazers (*both livestock and elk*) generally increased since the original plans were developed in the 1990s, resulting in current evaluations were driven more by social considerations than biological limitations. Commissioner Munn asked if the Department had access to any from tribal elders or historic oral traditions about elk herds in Northern Nevada. Commissioner Boren advised that the state of Nevada was just coming out of 50-year mule deer population decline and expressed concern about allowing elk numbers to rise in certain units, specially creating future conflicts between elk and mule deer. **(Cody McKee, NDOW Staff Specialist)**: He advised that there was not much research into elk and mule deer competition and in Nevada the elk populations were low, and unlikely densities had reached a point where they could cause impacts. Commissioner Caviglia requested that range conditions be added as part of the document. Commissioner Mesna stated sensitivity and cautioned against pioneering herds which could eventually cause problems in other areas. **(Paul Dixon, speaking as private citizen)**: He advised that the current elk herd management practices had led to a focus on harvesting cow elk, generally more effective than targeting spikes or young bulls. He stated that spike elk hunts were challenging, citing personal experience. He was concerned that the male to female ratios in elk herds where much higher than those used in deer management. He stated that the overabundance of males could be contributing to formation of pioneering herds and gave recommendation for targeted effort to reduce numbers of males rather than focusing solely on females. He advised on issue of feral horses, and that their impact on mule deer and forage availability could be greater than for elk. He stated that both elk and horse populations should be considered when evaluating ecological impacts and that elk should not be viewed as sole cause of the problems.

**(Jim Cooney, speaking as private citizen)**: He stated his support for proposed addendum and felt it was sound and practical approach, giving reference on specific data showing in certain areas such as Hunt Units 076 through Unit Hunts 081 elk populations were nearly 1,000 above current objectives. He stated the effort of management at or near area should implement a phased approach over the

first year, second year, and into five-year plan was reasonable strategy, and approach addressed concerns previously raised by Elko regarding sub-plans with support improved overall management. (Hanes Holman, Nevada Cattlemen's Association): He voiced support for draft plan, stated that the plan reflected principles of flexibility, adaptive, grazing, and this is advocated by cattle industry. He stated concerns about speed of response to changing conditions, but the industry tried to adapt, especially with Nevada's drought conditions, and that in the state of Nevada reductions in grazing were more common than increases due to environmental constraints, with the industry supporting adaptive management strategies that allow for adjustments based on available forage rather than rigid guidelines. He stated he was appreciative for having a seat at the table in planning process and that grazing decisions should be responsive to resource conditions. He concluded by affirming the Association's support for the draft plan. (Doug Busselman, Nevada Farm Bureau): He provided comments based on the organization's policy regarding elk management and expressed appreciation to (*Caleb McAdoo, Deputy Director*) for engagement and transparency of proposed adaptive population objectives for established elk populations. He stated his organization supported proposals framework for annual Elk Management Committee composed of four Commission members and two public representatives (*sportsmen, farming or ranching*). He stated his organization valued the shift toward more public transparent process, including two annual meeting local County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife involvement and reporting to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commission. He stated his concern about the proposal's use of current population estimates as baseline and provision allowing for annual population adjustments of up to 10%. He stated that his organization opposed a increase in elk population unless there was documented improvement in forage availability, better range management, full restoration of suspended livestock grazing permits going to their original capacity. He felt it would be unfair to allow elk populations to increase while livestock producers continued facing restrictions on their grazing permits. He asked for the language to be inclusive requiring federal land management agencies to provide specific data on range health and status of livestock (*AMU*) Animal Unit Month allocations. He stated his organization's willingness to work with Commission for development of fair and balanced plan. (Joel McConnell, representing Elko CABMW): He spoke personally and stated that due to agenda issues and missing supporting materials, no formal action was taken by Elko CABMW at their recent meeting. He voiced his support for addendum two and the adoption of adaptive populations and expressed appreciation for the collaborative efforts of Commission, Department and the CABMWs and the public and all stakeholders involved. He stated acknowledgment of hard work that went into developing a solution and expressed confidence that long-standing issues involving elk management plans were addressed. Commissioner Kiel asked the Department to respond to Mr. Busselman's concerns about (*AMU*) Animal Unit Month. (Cody McKee, Staff Specialist): He advised that there are conversations to be had before bringing the matter forward in November. He stated that the Department needs to consider Mr. Busselman's comments and that he felt that the current plan was cautious with checks and balances in it. (Secretary Jenne): She stated again that the final decision would come from the Commission. (Caleb McAdoo, NDOW Deputy Director): He elaborated on Commissioner Kiel's previous question and stated that all the comments received were, in his view, testament of the Department intent to move forward with the process by annual meetings, as everyone had a bearing on the outcome. He advised as site-specific or unit-specific population, changes were considered regardless of increase, decreases, stabilization or suspension of (*AUM*) Animal Unit Month would factor into those discussions, with details and causes evaluated

including where inside the unit the issue occurred. He stated as (*Alan Jenne, Director, NDOW*) the Commission would authority to interpret and decide, he stated that the Department has built in one-year review to assess how the initial phase worked followed by a two-year review, and next a five-year review, and stated that on page 3 of this draft, it stated land management agencies would be requested to provide updates on rangeland conditions and forecasts at Elk Management Committee each January, thus the Department stays responsive to stakeholder concerns and evaluate them annually. Commissioner Kiel: He expressed support for this process. He believes that it would provide better outcomes, more visibility, foster deeper discussions, and acknowledgement of heavy lift on the Department including increased research, meetings, staff time. He asked if investment would be recouped through increased efficiency at May quota meetings, asking what benefits were anticipated such as (more tag sales, healthier herds, greater downstream efficiencies). (**Cody McKee, Staff Specialist**): He agreed it would initially be a heavy lift but worth effort, it would allow long-overdue conversations for possible increasing elk populations and state of Nevada has not been able to do so for three decades. (**Caleb McAdoo, NDOW Deputy Director**): He stated in interest of transparency and stakeholder involvement, he felt Commissioner Kiel was spot on, it would take more staff time to make the process a reality, Department was committed, working to identify concerns and opportunities as the process evolved, with a aim to keep it as efficient as possible. He reiterated comment stated by (*Doug Busselman, Nevada Farm Bureau*) that stakeholder's input was vital to elk management in state of Nevada. He stated regarding Commissioner Boren's comments about potential conflict with mule deer, stating that successional habitat changes in Nevada largely benefited species (*antelope and elk*) and believed that in time early successional species would have habitat capable of supporting them. He advised that the Department was prepared to invest in stakeholder engagement and manage for wildlife species to thrive under evolving environmental and ecological conditions.

- **Commissioner Kiel moved to defer consideration for possible action of the adaptive population objectives- Addendum #2 to the November 2025 Commission Meeting. Committee Caviglia seconded the motion, motion passed 8-0.**
- **Presentation on Regulatory Modifications to Link Mater Guide and Sub guide Accountability- (This Agenda Item was exchanged for Agenda Item 21 and this item was heard on Saturday instead of Friday: (Jake Kreamer, NDOW Game Warden)**: He addressed previous concern brough forward by Commission members at the August Commission meeting pertaining to assigning demerits when person found to have committed multiple violations. He clarified that should an individual be convicted of multiple wildlife violations in one hearing (NRS) Nevada Revised Statute currently if individual may only be given a single demerit penalty up to highest order of points assessed by greatest offense. Vice Chairman Young, asked for clarification from (*Jake Kreamer, NDOW Game Warden*) on the enforcement of (NRS) Nevada Revised Code, and asked if person was found guilty of bot 3 and 6 demerits, would it only be assessed 6 demerit points. (**Jake Kreamer, NDOW Game Warden**) verified that was correct, he gave a example: individual was found guilty of both trespassing and poaching, he confirmed that in the scenario the individual could only assess the demerit points associated with poaching offense but still be prosecuted for both offenses. (**Joel Burkett, Deputy Attorney General**): He stated (NRS) Nevada Revised Statute as "a prohibition on stacking demerits" and informed Commission that while changing (NRS) Nevada Revised Statute is outside the authority of the Commission, if it is desire of the Commission to change policy with respect to the trespass violations including destruction of property, then they may address this by creating a penalty of 12 demerit points.

**(Jake Kreamer, NDOW Game Warden)**: He gave presentation on regulatory modifications to link master guide and sub guide accountability. Commissioner Kiel asked if proposal #4 required enacting both proposals #2 and #3. **(Jake Kreamer, NDOW Game Warden)**: He clarified that it would not, and proposal #4 would require the creation of its own demerit system. Vice Chairman Young: He wanted clarification and asked if proposal #1 and proposal #4 would change (NRS) Nevada Revised Statute and if Proposal #2 &#3 were relating to (NAC) Nevada Administrative Code. **(Jake Kreamer, NDOW Game Warden)**: He confirmed Proposal #1 and Proposal #4 require amending (NRS) Nevada Revised Statute but while Proposal #2 related to (NAC) Nevada Administrative Code, Proposal #3 was inclusive of Proposal #2 with addition of changing “may” to “shall” in NRS 504.390. Commissioner Caviglia advised that Proposal #1 was not a option for him, he liked idea of absolute penalties in Proposal #2 and liked Proposal #4 but the necessity of changing (NRS) Nevada Revised Statute made the proposal a long shot. Commissioner Munn asked whether pursuing Proposal #2 would try to create less subjective absolutes pertaining to violations. **(Jake Kreamer, NDOW Game Warden)**: He explained that Proposal #2 was an administrative rule, it would stay subjective, and it would still require due process by the Commission since all violations pertained to the demerit system and not criminal violations. Commissioner Boren expressed interest for Proposal #2 stating he wanted to see more accountability. Commissioner Mesna asked for clarification on how far Commission would have ability to achieve goal of increasing sub guide accountability within Proposal #2 without addressing the “may” and “shall” change in (NRS) Nevada Revised Statute. **(Jake Kreamer, NDOW Game Warden)**: He explained that the Commission had options within (NAC) Nevada Administrative Code by concrete penalties creating framework without having to change “may” to “shall” in (NRS) Nevada Revised Statute. **(Joel Burkett, Deputy Attorney General)**: He confirmed that the Commission seemed to have authority to create regulations within the existing the existing (NAC) Nevada Administrative Code to deal with this issue without amending (NRS) Nevada Revised Statute. Commissioner Munn stated that (NRS) Nevada Revised Statute 504.390 reads “may” the Commission has authority to produce variety of outcomes. Chairman Rodgers advised that the Commission should focus on Proposal #2 and asked for clarification on additions that were included in Proposal #3. **(Jake Kreamer, NDOW Game Warden)** confirmed that Proposal #3 is inclusive of Proposal #2 and includes additional (NAC) Nevada Administrative Code changes. Commissioner Caviglia commented on the guide regulations being outdated and asked **(Jake Kreamer, NDOW Game Warden)** if it would be revised soon. **(Jake Kreamer, NDOW Game Warden)**: He confirmed that Law Enforcement Division are discussing regulations currently and the process can be started if the Commission wants to go in that direction. Commissioner Caviglia agreed that changes should come soon but there is uncertainty about timeline for those revisions. **(NO PUBLIC COMMENT)**. Vice Chairman Young stated he wanted to see continued discussion on this topic in the future agendas. He stated there is lack of guide representation at meetings and Commission to hear from individuals before moving forward with any regulations. Commissioner Rogers echoed Vice Chairman Youngs thoughts on this matter, gave thanks to **(Jake Kreamer, NDOW Game Warden)** for his presentation on this matter.

- No action was taken, the Commission directed Department to focus on Proposals #2 and #3 to provide more focused presentation at the next Commission meeting.
- **State Wildlife Action Plan-Online Demonstration: (Riley Dunavant, GIS Analyst)**: She provided demonstration for new online public facing viewers for State Wildlife Action Plan.

**VIII. Discussion on Non-Commercial Reptile Collection in Nevada. This discussion will be led by Board Member Alexander Harper (*Informational*).**

- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert introduced this topic.
- Board Member Alexander Harper stated that the October or November 2024 Bag Limits and Quotas for Non-Commercial Reptile Collection, he was speaking with other Herpetologist (*person who specializes in the study of reptiles and amphibians*) and there are many in the valley and spread throughout southern Nevada including tonight's guests (Jason Jones, Steve Stocking). He advised he was discussing with them the amount of potential collecting that is occurring in Nevada without recognition. He explained his interest came from his background growing up in the state of Florida where there were large numbers of amphibians and reptiles in which he played with a lot of them daily. He went on to volunteer helping with capturing large pythons as well as assisting with roundups of reptiles and amphibians in the state parks in (2026). He stated that this all lead to his pathway of him getting into the study of Biology due to his love starting with reptiles. He stated when he moved to the southwest, he seen what pressure was in place on collecting reptiles particularly in Arizona. He stated also California, and the entire west in general. He stated he felt it was time to introduce a much-needed measurable method in collecting reptiles in the state of Nevada. He stated with the thought process of looking into the Non-Commercial Bag Limit for the state of Nevada, and in doing so, the thought process was finding the best method to regulate the collection, through a fishing license. He advised in the last few months other people who are interested in reptile population have come together and are continuing to reach out to other likeminded people in this state. He advised thus creating a discussion with collecting letters from these individuals which have been presented to the CABs Secretary (Darlene Kretunski). He advised if we could get it going tonight, there will be a PowerPoint Presentation on Non-Commercial Reptile Collection. He advised at that time he will turn it over to (*Jason Jones, Herpetologist, (NDOW) Nevada Department of Wildlife*) to present this presentation and answer questions. He advised what is needed and will be asked of by the Commission is to *1) establish a licensing requirement for reptiles and amphibians in the state of Nevada. 2) Asking to have a mechanism that reports the take of sensitive species to understand the location that are being collected. 3) To keep a record of all licensing that is sold.* He advised that other states have fishing licenses for commercial requirements for the collection of Non-Commercial Reptiles and Amphibians and explained that there are many new studies and examples from other states to look at.
- Public Comments: (None)
- Board Member John Hiatt advised that it is one thing to ask for licensing, but he feels that what is needed is some type of information to know the amount of collection that is being done and a fishing license, don't necessarily need the other factors addressed. He stated the questions of who would be responsible for keeping track of all the licenses and recording them. He explained by asking this task, it would turn into unneeded manpower. He stated he will reserve his additional comments after he views the PowerPoint Presentation.
- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert advised while the PowerPoint Presentation is almost ready, he would like to take this time to introduce a new member to (NDOW) Nevada Department of Wildlife (*Froylan Hernandez, Wildlife Biologist, Southern Region*) and advised he will be replacing (*Joe Bennett Jr. NDOW Southern Region*). Vice Chair Dan Gilbert asked if he would please introduce himself.
- (*Froylan Hernandez, NDOW Wildlife Biologist, Southern Region*): He stated he has been in his position for three weeks now as of today 11-4-2025; and stated that everyone at (NDOW) Nevada Department of Wildlife has been very inviting and kind and stated to him

that is positive thing. He advised he is from the great state of Texas, with his parents coming here from Mexico many years ago, and he was born and raised on a ranch. He stated his parents became legalized and his father worked at the same ranch for over fifty years. He stated he shares that same type of comment therefore coming from the state of Texas, he worked for the Department of Wildlife in Texas for over twenty years and worked at (USFWS) United States Fishing Wildlife Services, Wildlife Research Institute and a group of other agencies and explained that his background is in wildlife ecology and he works well with landowners as he has in Texas. He hopes to bring all these traits and spirit to his current position. He stated in Texas most places were 95% owned by landowners therefore it was imperative that the Department worked well with the landowners in Texas. He stated he is here with an open mind and will not continually state the phrase “back in Texas we use to do it this way” he stated that he vowed not to say this, and he will work on common ground and build solid foundation and look forward to getting everyone. He advised that the easiest method to contact him is through his cell phone (432) 244-9620. He jokingly stated that if anyone will share their phone number with him, then he will have one more person to help bail him out of jail, he reiterated that he was joking.

- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert advised to (*Froylan Hernandez, Wildlife Biologist Southern Region*) that he looks forward to working with him and glad he came aboard to (NDOW) Nevada Department of Wildlife and he is glad he has such good energy and looking forward to good things.
- (*Froylan Hernandez, Wildlife Biologist Southern Region*): He stated to Vice Chair Dan Gilbert “lets make it happen”.
- Board Member Alexander Harper advised jokingly that he did something that he has never done in a while which is remembering his password on the first go around. He stated that he will give the floor to (*Steve Stocking, and Jason Jones, Herpetologist*) to present their PowerPoint Presentation. (*Steve Stocking, Herpetologist*): He advised that he attended the Commission meeting a year ago (*Friday, November 15, 2024 & Saturday November 16, 2024, Reno Nevada*) and presented this PowerPoint presentation on Commission Regulation 24-15 Non-Commercial Collection of Reptiles and Amphibians. He advised that the focus at the meeting was on Bag Limits and license requirements. He advised that at the Commission Meeting the following statements are reflected from the meeting minutes on (*Saturday, November 16, 2024*): **Steve Stocking, private citizen explained he spoke at the last Commission meeting in Las Vegas regarding this topic specifically for a required permit to engage sportsmen in the collection of reptiles on a noncommercial basis.** Steven commented that he sent in a letter that addressed additional data and information in an email of his recommendations. He referred to the North American model and surrounding states who require a permit and that it is something that is long overdue in the state. Steven reviewed the regulations and said that the Commission and the Department have the discretion to institute a licensing requirement without additional Legislative input. He believed that by looking at examples from outside states such as Utah and Texas that have good models there is good opportunity to institute something like this in short order rather than in Legislative 2-year cycle. He stressed the importance of this as bag limits remain unchanged and that there is good data in the State on many of these species to make a better judgement for individual specific bag limits. He stated that (*Biodiversity Division Administrator NDOW, Jasmine Kleiber*) stated that NDOW did not receive feedback some time ago at the Commission Meeting from Mr. Stocking relative to this idea and that it is agreed that it would provide an additional mechanism to help understand how

much activity is occurring across the state relative to noncommercial reptile and amphibian collection. She noted that it would additionally benefit and help the agency better understand what the pressures are on these species. She also commented on other states who have this mechanism in place to get a permit and this discussion merits further exploration. She explained that the bag limits addressed by Mr. Stocking that were provided on the table graph were very helpful for each individual species with recommendations on appropriate quotas. She stated that at this time there were no recommended changes to the proposed regulation as there were discrepancies with some of the species' status and that there should be further discussion surrounding that given the document that Mr. Stocking provided before making the decision. Next Chairman Rogers said that this could certainly be something to engage further in at a future meeting. (Steve Stockings, Herpetologist): He stated that this is on the Commissions radar and it was a year ago for that meeting and the future is now therefore this is the reasoning of bringing this issue forward to move this to the next step and engage in discussions and options. The presentation was given by (Jason Jones, Herpetologist): PowerPoint slides are as follows: **PowerPoint Presentation: Slide #1: Introduction Page: Non-Commercial Regulations for Reptiles & Amphibians** by Steve Stocking & Jason Jones; **Slide #2: Definitions- (Herp- Reptile & Amphibian); Slide #3- (Herper- Someone who pursues herps); Slide #4: Native Reptiles of NV- 53 species, Native Amphibians of NV-12 species; Slide #5: Definitions: Commercial- For profit, Unlimited bag limits on 87% species, 450,000 reptiles removed 30 years, Commission ended in 2018; **Slide #6: Non-Commercial-Not for profit, Strict bag limits on 87% species, No license/permit required; Slide #7: Why? Slide #8: Nevada's non-commercial herp regulations have not changed for 15+ years; Slide #9: Answer: Lack of change=Loss of revenue & Loss of engagement with stakeholders; Slide #10: Why? Slide #11: More people have herps than hunt or fish... More people search for herps than ever before; Slide #12: Although largely an adult activity, often the first "hunting experience" for youth; Slide #13: Revenue to local economies: Hunting site (e.g., Dyer) to homebase (e.g., Las Vegas); Slide #14: Gold mine of data & opportunities for outreach with entirely different user groups Naturalist: 24,039 Observations Research Grade, Needs ID, Casual; Slide #15: Nevada is a hot spot for herp collecting; Slide #16: Why? Slide #17: Western Banded Gecko (*Coleonyx variegatus*), found in Desert, and Great Basin. Mojave and the Great Basin have the Desert Horned Lizard (*Phrynosoma platyrhinos*); Slide #18: Relatively High Species Diversity with ranges from 3-17, 18-30, 31-44, 45-49, 60-80; Slide #19: Only Western State Allowing Unpermitted Collection (Nevada- No Permit/License; Oregon- Specific Permit + Class\*, Idaho- Hunting/Fishing License, California- Hunting/Fishing License, Utah- Specific Permit + Class\*, Arizona- Hunting/Fishing License; Slide #20: The Regulations: NAC (NAC 503.075 Protected Amphibians (58% of species) NAC 503.080 Protected Reptiles (13% of species); Slide #21: The Regulations: NRS 501.105 Commission to establish policies & adopt regulations... Commission must first consider the recommendations of the Department, the county advisory boards to manage wildlife & other persons who present their views at an open meeting of the Commissions, Slide #22: NRS 501.181 Duties; regulations. The Commission shall: 1. Establish broad policies for (c) The promotion of uniformity of laws relating to policy matters. 3. Establish policies for areas of interest including: (a) The management of... reptiles & amphibians. 4. Seasons...bag limits...area closures; Slide #23: NRS 502.130 Tags, permits & seals required to... possess designated wildlife. 2. (a) Tags & (b) Permits... may be required to hunt... any species of wildlife. 3. The Commission shall set the fee for all permits... Slide #24: NRS 504.295****

Prohibited acts, regulations; licenses; inapplicability to alternative livestock. 1. Except as otherwise provided in this section and NRS 503.590, or unless otherwise specified by a regulation [CR 24-15] adopted by the Commission, no person may: (a) Possess any live wildlife unless the person is licensed by the Department to do so. 2. The Commission shall adopt regulations for the possession of live wildlife. 3) [T]he Department may issue commercial and noncommercial licenses for the possession of live wildlife upon receipt of the applicable fee; **Slide #25 (North American Model of Wildlife Conservation) : Wildlife Resources are a public trust, Democracy of hunting is the standard, Science is the proper tool to inform wildlife policy; Markets for game are eliminated; Allocation of wildlife is by law; Wildlife is considered an international resource; Wildlife can be killed only for legitimate purpose; Allocation of wildlife is by law, Markets for game are eliminated.**

**Sportsmen Saved Species:** Today- Wild Turkey 7,000,000; Black Bear: 2011 950,000; Pronghorn Antelope- 1,100,000; Bighorn Sheep-2014 shows over 85,000; Rocky Mountain Elk- 1,000,000; Ducks/Waterfowl- 46,000,000. **Slide # 26: Ultimately it Starts Here: Opportunity for CAB to Engage Stakeholders & Manage Wildlife;** **Slide #27: Nevada Non-Commercial Collection & Possession Rules- Bag limit/Possession limit of 2 for most species of snakes and lizards; 4 for most amphibians; Aggregate Bag limit/possession limit of 24 for snakes (all species); Once animal is removed from the wild, it cannot be re-released or re-introduced elsewhere; If 2 reptiles breed, or a wild-collected female lays eggs (i.e. individual is now over the personal possession limit); Must give away all animals in excess of the bag limit, donate to a zoo or institution, or otherwise dispose of as directed by NDOW; Cannot sell, barter or trade.**

- *(Jason Jones, Herpetologist):* He stated he felt that the discussion should be done in Clark County because he felt there are the coolest herps in the entire state. He advised this is for future generations and if the conservation model works it will engage future stakeholders

## IX. General Business/Action Items:

**Discuss & make recommendations regarding the following Action Items from the Board of Wildlife Commissioners Friday, November 7, 2025 & Saturday, November 8, 2025, meeting Agenda, as well as additional items brought forth to the Clark County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife from the public for discussion.** The Clark County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife's Agenda & support materials are available upon request, please call Darlene Kretunski at (702) 455-1402 or you may send email directly to Darlene Kretunski: [Darlene.kretunski@ClarkCountyNV.gov](mailto:Darlene.kretunski@ClarkCountyNV.gov). The final Commission Agenda & support materials can be found at: [http://www.ndow.org/Public\\_Meeting/Commission/Agenda/](http://www.ndow.org/Public_Meeting/Commission/Agenda/)

### A. Adaptive Population Objectives-Addendum#2 (*For possible action*). The Clark County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife will review, discuss and make recommendations to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners about a process for revising elk population objectives associated with various Elk Management Sub-plans.

- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert introduced this topic.
- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert read the following from the supporting material provided by NDOW: **(PURPOSE): The Department has drafted an alternative process for setting allowable population levels for elk (population objectives), which was unveiled to the Board of Wildlife Commission in September 2025. The process allows population objectives for existing elk populations to be more responsive to public and private landowner**

**tolerance, depredation concerns, or changes in environmental conditions. The Department is seeking input from interested members of the public, County Advisory Boards, and the Commission into consideration for adoption during the meeting.**

- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert stated this is essentially a method to use alternative ways to bring around the population matrix or compensation for landowner tags or things of that nature. He stated that on Adaptive Population Objectives under E (a) It is foreseen that an increase or decrease exceeding the 10% cap may be infrequently warranted. In such cases, the Elk Management Committee must reach a consensus before conveying a recommendation to the Wildlife Commission. Deviations from 10 percent shall **occur only under exceptional circumstances. (Bolded language is the change in the language)**. He advised that the next change is on Page 4, the last paragraph stating: The Wildlife Commission approves this policy “Adaptive Population Objectives for Existing Elk Populations” as Addendum 2 to the Nevada Elk Species Management Plan at their regularly scheduled meeting on **November 6-7, 2024**. And there is name change on the **signature area that is highlighted with the date**. He stated that the change that states “exceptional circumstances” is very vague.
- Board Member John Hiatt stated that in “Adaptive Population Objectives: E. where it states: The maximum allowable change for each subsequent year would be capped at +/-10 percent to prevent substantial population growth or declines from the previous year; he stated that is true managing on the upside by killing the elks therefore limiting on the upside but if there is a severe drought or bad winter and nature kills the elk, then nothing can be done about this downslide. He stated that just happens therefore it is presumptuous to state that it can be managed for each subsequent year capped at =/-10 percent when on the downside there is no control of nature killing the elks. He stated this gives no acknowledgement that we do not have control over nature in these circumstances. He stated it is comparing apples to oranges, such as managing gout, and managing deer or elk... managing your health and animals is not the same. He stated there is predation, drought, and bad weather that affect population therefore it needs to be acknowledged.
- Board Member Alexander Harper stated to Board Member John Hiatt that he is wondering based on if there is a plus minus if it was a good year and there were deer and elk all around, he would imagine that on the upside of that side, this could be exercised and considered as being “exceptional circumstances”. He stated from the bottom portion of this would be to your point that you were making.
- Board Member John Hiatt reiterated to Board Member Alexander Harper that we are not in charge.
- Board Member Alexander Harper stated to Board Member John Hiatt that the language must be changed not to state a plus and minus ends.
- Board Member John Hiatt stated to Board Member Alexander Harper that it needs acknowledgement that nature is in control when it comes to loss and abeyance.
- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert stated to Board Member John Hiatt that he felt it is referring to in context that there be a reduction
- Board Member Annoula Wylderich stated that she felt Board Member John Hiatt and Board Member Alexander Harper have both made good points of view.
- Board Member Alexander Harper asked Board Member Annoula Wylderich if she seen a upside or downside to this issue.
- Board Member Alexander Harper asked Vice Chair Dan Gilbert if he felt there was an up or downside to this.
- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert stated that as a hunter he is always looking for sustainability and we are the number one conservation organization in the entire world. He stated we are always

looking for the health of the herd and sustainable harvest, therefore making certain that there is proper matrix to help manage allocation or depredation, whichever the case.

- Board Member John Hiatt advised that one item that is not mentioned is what elk can do to their own habitat therefore specifically becoming important regarding Aspen trees since elk love Aspen which then becomes biologically important. He explained that the present plant community we have now in terms of large game species and considering we have not had fires, and aspen historically does not burn much but if aspen becomes ingrowth with pines or conifers, then there are much more possible risks of fires. He stated if there is a large elk population and there is a fire, aspen responds wonderfully to the disturbance of a fire. He stated if large elk population, then the elks will eat up all of the new shoots and wipe out the elk's aspen. He stated therefore we need to acknowledge that elk population has to be in conjunction with management of habitat.
- Board Member Alexander Harper asked Board Member John Hiatt, what this would do to the current matrix.
- Board Member John Hiatt advised Board Member Alex Harper that he was not aware that there was a current matrix.
- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert asked Board Member John Hiatt if he had never heard of current matrix.
- Board Member John Hiatt explained that if you go to areas where there are not huge Aspen trees standing only small ones, and there is a significant elk population, following a fire that should give regeneration to the Aspen trees standing and will only create the opposite result. He advised the elk will eat all the new shoots from Aspen, it is like a dessert to them, the elk love it.
- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert advised that the CAB is in sync with including the current wording "exceptional circumstances".
- Board Member John Hiatt stated that if you look at **Page 1 (BACKGROUND) second paragraph which reads the following: At this same time, the Department continues to test and refine alternative methods to prevent damage to high-value property and crops including use of remote propane cannons, drones, 3-D electrical fencing and remote gate monitoring.** He advised that all of this pertains to elk mitigation to ranchers. He stated we also need to discuss how to prevent potential damage to high-value property.
- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert advised that this all leads back to the law of feral horses and burros.
- Board Member John Hiatt stated to Vice Chair Dan Gilbert that he was correct it does lead back to feral horses and burros but in some areas, we do not have feral horses and burros we simply have elks therefore in those areas we need to recognize this by dealing with the elk population in those areas as well.
- **FYI**- Aspen provides habitat for a wide variety of wildlife including elk and deer.
- Board Member John Hiatt advised motion to approve Adaptive Population Objectives- Addendum #2 as presented in addition to consideration of ranch lands and private property also need to consider high-value native habitats specifically Aspen stands close disturbance of fire and how elk might be managed to prevent significant damage to those high value habitat stands.
- Board Member Alexander Harper stated to place springs and wetlands as well.
- Board Member John Hiatt agreed.
- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert stated to Board Member John Hiatt that in his opinion this would simply be another high value.
- Board Member John Hiatt agreed that it is another high value that needs to be given recognition. He stated historically elk were the introduced species in this area therefore we

did not have any native habitat issues, only issues with ranch people, alfalfa people etc., to date there are 18,000 elks. He explained that consideration needs to be given to what the elk population could do to some high value native habitats as well.

- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert advised that he like to make a friendly amendment to Board Member John Hiatt motion., adding to have a better definition of the added wording of what “exceptional circumstances” means exactly.
- Board Member John Hiatt agreed to the addition of the friendly amendment.
- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert advised Board Member John Hiatt advised a motion to accept Adaptive Population Objectives-Addendum#2 with the addition to include ranch lands, management and will take in high value habitat aspens with riparian wetlands and receive a better definition of “exceptional circumstances”.
- Board Member Alexander Harper seconded the motion.
- **Motion passes 4-0.**

**B. State Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Biennial Big Game Release Plan-Amendment #1 (For possible action).** The Clark County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife will review, discuss, and make recommendations to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners about an amendment to the Biennial Big Game Release Plan for State Fiscal Years 2026-2027.

- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert introduced this topic.
- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert read the following from the support material provided:  
**(SUMMARY): The Game Division is requesting an amendment (1) to the recently approved Biennial Big Game Release Plan for State Fiscal Year's 2026 and 2027. This amendment includes three potential sites to translocate desert bighorn sheep to depopulate the existing North Pancake Range (Hunt Unit 164) sheep herd. This would essentially eliminate the existing risk with a nearby permitted domestic sheep trailing route. Potential sites for translocation of tested and pathogen negative bighorn include: (1) Hot Creek Range (Hunt Unit 163) (2) Reveille Range (Hunt Unit 251) (3) Quinn Canyon Range (Hunt Unit 132).**
- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert asked (*Matt Flores, Habitat Biologist, NDOW*) if he had any information about this.
- (*Matt Flores, Habitat Biologist, NDOW*): He advised that unfortunately, if it is not about game issues and it's about non-big game issues he would not know.
- (*Froylan Hernandez, Wildlife Biologist NDOW Southern Region*): He advised he believes that NDOW wants to relocate 20 Desert Bighorn Sheep from each location: (*Hot Creek Range, Reveille Range, Quinn Canyon Range*).
- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert advised he believes it is the opposite of what (*Froylan Hernandez, Wildlife Biologist, NDOW, Southern Region*) is stating instead he advised it states (This amendment includes three potential sites to translocate desert bighorn sheep to depopulate the existing North Pancake Range (Hunt Unit 164) sheep herd. This would essentially eliminate the existing risk with a nearby permitted domestic sheep trailing route. He advised it shows approximately number of Desert Bighorn Sheep to be released at Mountain Range/Area: Stillwater Range, County: Churchill approximate number to be released: 20-25; Mountain Range/Area: Hot Creek Range, County: Nye approximate number to be released 20; Mountain Range/Area: Reveille Range, County: Nye approximate number to be released 20; Mountain Range/Area: Quinn Canyon Range, County: Nye/Lincoln approximate number to be released

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- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert advised that he is in favor of this and that the translocation it usually due to sound data and are moved quickly due to the important essence of the matter.
- Board Member John Hiatt advised that in Site: Hot Creek Canyon listed, he stated historically there was one of the biggest herds he had ever seen. He stated the herd looked like domestic sheep. He asked the question if the herd in this location been decimated by *Mycoplasma ovipneumoniae* (*M. ovi*).
- (Matt Flores, Habitat Biologist, NDOW): He stated he believed that the herd that has this is mostly on the southern edge of the range near the highway.
- Board Member John Hiatt stated he would not call a highway a road, is that what they are calling it now, for lack of a better term.
- (Matt Flores, Habitat Biologist, NDOW): He stated he would defer to what we can expect.
- Board Member John Hiatt stated that in the Reveille Range there was one conditional goat placed there a couple of years ago, and he was under the impression that the group of sheep there are doing relatively well.
- (Matt Flores, Habitat Biologist, NDOW): He stated to Board Member John Hiatt that he did not know if the sheep at that location were doing spectacularly well, sorry.
- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert stated that one of his favorite areas to go is called Mt. Crystal pointe, he stated that the bighorn sheep herd there are just as large as Board Member John Hiatt advised he saw before but now the same herd has been decimated and there are now very few, due to factors of domestic sheep and disease.
- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert advised motion to accept State Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Biennial Big Game Plan -Amendment #1 as presented.
- Board Member Annoula Wylderich seconded the motion.
- **Motion passes 4-0.**

**C. Regulatory Modifications to Link Master Guide and Sub guide Accountability (For possible action).** The Clark County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife will review, discuss, and make recommendations to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners about potential modifications to existing regulatory language aimed at establishing a clearer connection between the actions of sub guides and their master guides. The presentation will explore mechanisms to hold master guides accountable for misconduct or noncompliance by their sub guides.

- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert introduced this topic.
- (*Lt. Chris Walther, Game Warden, NDOW Southern Region*): He gave Vice Chair Dan Gilbert his notes he had taken at the Commission Meeting.
- (*Lt. Chris Walther, Game Warden NDOW Southern Region*): He stated that basically the nefarious action of the sub guides is fine but Captain Kramer would like to link those actions to the Master Guide especially with Master Sub Guides who have Sub Guides that are all over the state of Nevada as well as other states, we simply want to hold the Master Guide accountable for the actions of their Sub Guides. He stated the demerit system in place is not a system against Sub Guide licensing to revoke after receiving demerits unless law enforcement receives a conviction.

- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert stated yes, correct to (*Lt. Chris Walther, Game Warden NDOW Southern Region*). He asked Board Member John Hiatt since he was there at the last Commission meeting and seen the PowerPoint what he felt about it.
- Board Member John Hiatt stated to (*Lt. Chris Walther, Game Warden, NDOW Southern Region*) that the PowerPoint presentation was very complicated.
- (*Lt. Game Warden Chris Walther, NDOW Southern Region*): He stated that it was complicated and intense in nature and the options given were substitutable. He reiterated that it was the accountability factor and giving the agency and the department and state the ability to penalize for actions that occur in the field where the Master Guide may not go at that time, it could vary from using the phone, or trespassing etc., the Master Guide should be aware.
- **(Please read the recommendation below and the PowerPoint Presentation that was presented. FYI- Meeting Minutes from Commission Meeting on Saturday, September 27, 2025, at the NDOW Commission meeting the following was the action of the Commission on this action item (Regulatory Modifications to Link Master Guide and Sub guide Accountability): No action was taken, the Commission directed Department to focus on Proposal #2 and #3 and to provide more focused presentation at the Next Commission Meeting. (Please view the presentation slides information:**
  - **FYI- (NDOW) Nevada Department of Wildlife Master Guide Accountability by Jake Kreamer NDOW Game Warden Captain PowerPoint Presentation:**
  - **Slide #1:** Introduction>Title: Master Guide Accountability Jake Kreamer NDOW Game Warden Captain.
- **Slide #2:(OVERVIEW)** At the Commission's request, NDOW has generated information and ideas concerning potential changes in law, that may hold master guides accountable for their sub guide's actions in the field while conducting activities under the authority of a client contract. In addition, the Department included a suggestion which may also assist in accountability of all guides and create an "absolute process" vs. subjective process for determining license denials and suspensions.
- **Slide #3: Western States- Existing Authority (Colorado)- Separates Guides into Master or Sub (or equivalent):** No; **Makes Master Guides Accountable for Actions of Sub Guides (or equivalent):** No; **Does the Department Have Authority Over Guides/Outfitters?** No (Dept. of Regulatory Agencies)/ **(Idaho)- Separates Guides into Master or Sub (or equivalent):** Yes (Outfitter/Guide); **Makes Master Guides Accountable for Actions of Sub Guides (or equivalent):** No; **Does the Department Have Authority Over Guides/Outfitters?** Yes; **(New Mexico)- Separates Guides into Master or Sub (or equivalent):** Yes; **Makes Master Guides Accountable for Actions of Sub Guides (or equivalent):** Yes-Administrative Only; **Does the Department Have Authority Over Guides/Outfitters?** Yes; **(Washington)- Separates Guides into Master or Sub (or equivalent):** No; **Makes Master Guides Accountable for actions of sub guides (or equivalent):** No; **Does the Department have Authority over Guides/Outfitters?** Fishing Only; **(Oregon)- Separates Guides into Master or Sub (or equivalent):** No; **Makes Master Guides Accountable for Actions of Sub Guides (or**

equivalent): Only for Non-Resident Tag Program; Does the Department have authority over Guides/Outfitters? No (or State Marine Board); (**Utah**)- Separates Guides into Master or Sub (or equivalent): Yes (Outfitter/Guide/Spotter); Makes Master Guides Accountable for actions of Sub Guides (or equivalent): No; Does the Department have authority over Guides/Outfitters? Yes (As of 2005); (**Arizona**)- Separates Guides into Master or Sub (or equivalent): No; Makes Master Guides Accountable for actions of Sub Guides (or equivalent): No; Does the Department have authority over Guides/Outfitters? Yes; (**California**)- Separates Guides into Master or Sub (or equivalent): No; Makes Master Guides accountable for actions of Sub Guides (or equivalent): No; Does the Department have authority over Guides/Outfitters? Yes; (**Wyoming**)-Separates Guides into Master or Sub (or equivalent): Yes (Outfitter/Professional Guide); Makes master Guides Accountable for actions of Sub Guides (or equivalent): Yes-Administrative Only; Does the Department have authority over Guides/Outfitters? No (State Board of Outfitters and Prof. Guides); (**Washington**)- Separates Guides into Master or Sub (or equivalent): Does not regulate guides; Makes Master Guides Accountable for actions of Sub Guides (or equivalent): (No comments listed) Does the Department have authority over Guides/Outfitters? (No comments listed) (**Montana**)- Separates Guides into Master or Sub (or equivalent): Yes (Outfitter/Guide/Outfitter assistant); Makes Master Guides accountable for actions of Sub Guides (or equivalent): Only for Outfitter assistant; Does the Department have authority over Guides/Outfitters? No (professionals and Occupations Board)

- **Slide #4 NDOW Current Process:** Per NRS 504.390 (9): If any licensee under this section, or person served by a licensee, is convicted of a violation of any provision of this title or chapter 488 of NRS, the Commission **may** revoke the license of the licensee and **may** refuse issuance of another license to the licensee for a period not to exceed 5 years. NAC 504.671- Grounds for Denial, revocation or suspension of license (Guide): The Department may deny an application for or revoke or suspend a guide's license for any of the following: **Changing “May to “Shall creates and “absolute process”. The list of conditions of a denial or suspension below are mostly based on convictions of a violation, in which the defendant has had due process rights fulfilled. Creating an absolute process is not a violation of the offender’s due process for guide license suspensions or denials. Due process will still be necessary for administrative violations listed below**)- 1. Fraud or deception in procuring a license. (**Criminal per NRS 502.060/generally denials are not prosecuted and therefore are not based on convictions**); 2. Fraudulent, untruthful or misleading advertising. (**NRS 207.171**); 3. A conviction of any: (a) Felony; or (b) Crime involving physical violence, theft or fraud. (**based in convictions**); 4. A conviction of having violated a regulation by a federal land management agency. (**NRS 504.390**); 5. Immoral, unethical or dishonorable conduct in the licensee's relation to his or her guest, client, patron or a member of need due process appeal option)
- **Slide #5 Current Process Continued:** 6. A conviction of having violated a provision of: (a) Chapter 488 or title 45 of NRS, or any regulation adopted pursuant thereto, or for a conviction of having violated an equivalent provision in the law or regulations of any other state or the Federal Government; or (b) NRS444.630 (sewage violation) or 445A.465 (water/well pollution) or any regulation adopted pursuant thereto, relating to the conduct of the guide while providing guide services. For the purposes of this subsection, the term “conviction” means a final conviction. A forfeiture of bail or

collateral deposited to secure a defendant's appearance or a plea of nolo contendere is equivalent to a conviction. **7.** A guide's substantial breach of any contract with any person utilizing the guide's services, as determined by a court of competent jurisdiction. (**civil/administrative**). **8.** Operation by guide in an area other than that for which the guide is specifically authorized by the federal land management agency having jurisdiction. (**NRS 504.390 (7)**). **9.** The employment or use of an unlicensed sub guide by a master guide. (**NRS 504.397, NRS 504.390**). **10.** Two or more convictions of any provision of chapters 484A to 484E, inclusive, or chapter 488 of NRS or an equivalent provision of law of any other state or the Federal Government relating to driving a motor vehicle operating a boat while under the influence of an intoxicating liquor or a controlled substance within the 7 years immediately preceding the application for a license to be a guide. (**administrative rule based on convictions**)

- **Slide #6** **11.** A conviction of any provision of chapter 453 (Controlled substances) of NRS or an equivalent provision of law of any other state or the Federal Government relating to controlled substances within the 5 years immediately preceding the application for a license to be a guide. (**administrative rule based on convictions**). **12.** Failing to report to the Division of Law Enforcement of the Department, without undue delay, any violation of the wildlife laws or regulations pertaining to the unlawful killing, possession or waste of any wildlife of which the guide has personal knowledge. (**administrative rule, would need due process appeal option**). **13.** Shooting, killing or taking a client's wildlife. (**NRS 501.376**) **14.** Failing to comply with any provision of NAC 504.663 (insurance), **504.685 (client contracts)** or **504.688 (client records)** (**administrative and/or criminal**). **15.** Providing guide services relating to hunting or fishing on public land or public waters without having the necessary special use permit issued by the federal land management agency, having jurisdiction within the wildlife management area or unit. (**NRS 504.390 (7)**). **16.** Providing guide services relating to hunting or fishing on private land in violation of NRS 503.240. (**Title 45 trespass**). **17.** Intimidating, threatening or intentionally interfering with a person who is lawfully hunting, fishing or trapping, or who is attempting to do so. (**NRS 503.015**). **18.** Revocation of a hunting, fishing or trapping license of the guide in any state for the current hunting, fishing or trapping season (**NAC 504.671 (6) (a)**). **19.** An outstanding warrant for the arrest of the applicant or guide issued in any state.
- **Slide #7- Proposals-** **1.** Remove Master Guide and Sub Guide designation. Simply have a "guide". **2.** Establish an "absolute penalty" system, based on existing criminal demerit system for ALL guides which would apply equally. (based on the existing criminal demerit system) **3.** Same as Proposal #2, plus a degree of master guide accountability for criminal or unethical acts under the circumstances the master guide knew or should have known of the sub guide's conduct. **4.** Establish a demerit system for ALL guides which includes a certain demerit assessment to a master guide for each sub guide violation conviction while conducting activities under the authority of a client contract.
- **Slide #8 Proposal #1-** Remove the designation of Master Guide and Sub Guide and simply license a person as a "Guide". No need to hold Master Guides accountable for another Guide's actions. It would be easier for Law Enforcement as each guide would be responsible for their own actions, would not have to prove a master guide is complicit for a sub guide violation, would simply client record requirements. It could be viewed as having too many independent guides. However, LLC, partnerships etc.

can create business relationships to allow people to do business under/with each other). Increase accountabilities for all guides. All guide's names would be required to be stated on a client contract and may not distance themselves from sub guide actions. Contracts for guides would need to be changed (ways to contract with each other to split money and responsibilities. Potentially large increase in direct competition for existing master guide businesses. Largely increased competition for special use permits could be viewed as a burden on our Federal Agency partners.

**(Currently there are approximately 110 Master guides and 350 sub guides in Nevada.)**

- **NRS 504.390 changes required to change definition, requirements for guides, costs, age requirement.**
- **NAC 504.600-504.711 would need to be completely revised to accommodate removal of sub guides and processes.**
- **Slide #9 Proposal #2-** Establish an “absolute penalty” system for ALL guides equally. Violations of Title 45 or Chapter 488 which occur on personal time, not in association with a contracted hunt/trip are based in existing criminal demerit system in NAC 502.200, where a criminal conviction of title 45 results in specific demerit points. Demerits stay on record for a 5-year period. Suspensions may apply to both personal recreational licensing and commercial licenses. (existing process).
- **Proposed addition of “absolute penalties”, against guide licensing, for all criminal and administrative guide violations, in addition to existing above section:**
- **This could be outlined in NAC 504.671 or create a separate NAC.**
- “Administrative” guide violations (paperwork violations) within a 5-year period, including: Not having possession in the field of: Copy of guide license, copy of special use permit, copy of client contract or client record violation would result in: Penalty Schedule: 1<sup>st</sup> offense: Documented written warning. 2<sup>nd</sup> offense: 3- year suspension of guide license. 3<sup>rd</sup> offense: 5- year suspension of guide license.
- **Slide #10 Proposal #2 Continued:** The following penalties would not be actual demerits earned, but instead an “absolute penalty” for having received a criminal conviction of Title 45 or Chapter 488 of NRS. The penalty would be based on the value of the criminal demerits assessed for the conviction. Any criminal 3 demerit violation or equivalent: 1 year suspension from date of conviction. Any criminal 6 demerit violation or equivalent: 3-year suspension from date of conviction. Any criminal 9 or more demerit violation or equivalent: 5-year suspension from date of conviction.
- **Slide #11 Proposal #2 Continued-** Convictions from other States would be assessed as a penalty based upon the associated demerit value for the specific criminal act in NV and guide license suspension applied based on the penalty schedule. IWCVS suspension would be assessed based upon demerit value of “like violation” penalties in Nevada law. Guide license suspension applied based on penalty schedule. For any administrative demerit assessed, taking a hunter safety course to remove 4 demerits should not apply. **This may all be accomplished within NAC 504.671.**
- **Slide #12-Proposal #3-** Establish an ‘absolute penalty’ System for All Guides with Additional Master Guide Accountability. **All inclusive of proposal #2 with the addition of the following additions:** Master Guides and Sub guides who are convicted of violations of title 45 or chapter 488, NRS 207.200 (trespass) or **NRS 195.020 (principal parties to a crime)** related to a wildlife violation, while conducting business for the purpose of a contracted hunt/trip, regardless of if the sub guide is in physical accompaniment of the client or not, **shall** be assessed suspensions

as follows: (**requires change to NRS 504.390.9 to change “may” to “shall”**)  
**(Requires change to NAC 504.671)** If it is determined that , through the course of an investigation, the sub guide’s violation was committed at the direction of or with knowledge of the Master Guide or/under circumstances, the master guide knew or should have known of the sub guide’s conduct, prior to the criminal act, the Master Guide shall be suspended for a period of 5 years. (**NRS 195.010 violation conviction now is directed to give a guide license suspension**).

- **Slide #13- Benefits of Proposal 2 & 3-** All guides violations are treated equally. Encompasses both personal violations and guiding violations including administrative violations, holding higher accountabilities for all guides and promoting higher ethical standards on and off contracted hunts/trips. Establishes and “absolute process”. Establishes a set standard of suspensions guidelines for all violations and would no longer be subjective suspension penalty by the Captain or Commission. Would reduce or eliminate appeal hearings for license suspensions or revocations. Specific to proposal #3, master guides have an additional degree of accountability based upon vicarious liability for the sub guides. This would be determined during an investigation and subsequent court conviction of a crime.
- Slide #14: Proposal #4- Demerit system for Master Guide. Apply changes to NRS and NAC to allow for demerit points assessed to criminal violations to apply to both guide licensing and recreational licensing. New language to set a standard for Master Guide demerit limits. For each conviction of a violation of Title 45, Chapter 488, NRS 207.200 or NRS 195.020 by any sub guides which occurred in association with a contracted hunt/trip, the master guide would be assessed demerit points equaling the same value as the sub guide’s demerits assessed. Master guide demerit system for violations of sub guides would be based on a larger overall maximum demerit maximum demerit point system, for example 20 demerits within a 5-year period, vs. the 12 standard demerit system for individuals. This would make the master guide accountable for their sub guide’s actions while employed by the master guide. Creates a margin of forgiveness for master guides. Allows master guides time after a conviction of a sub guide to prevent future violations. Has potential of being abused. Example, by causing manipulation of a sub guide to cause a master guide to lose their license.
- This would require changes to NRS 501.1812. (3)(a) and creation of NAC to establish a demerit system for guides.
- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert advised if he is a sub guide should he recuse himself from voting on this action item.
- Board Member John Hiatt advised Vice Chair Dan Gilbert that he should recuse himself from voting on this matter. He stated that the CAB needs to make certain that the regulations present parallel and give consistency with the other states’ laws that govern the relationship between contractors and sub-contractors.
- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert advised that the infractions could be like DUI infractions
- Board Member John Hiatt stated that theoretically there must be state laws regarding relations between contractors and sub-contractors. He stated with liability of contractors for the actions of their sub-contractors. He stated that these regulations should be modeled after those regulations.
- Board Member Alexander Harper advised that there should be list of possible actions that are needed to change regulations. He stated that the laws are viable because right now they are not.
- Board Member John Hiatt stated that there already are laws presently for relationships

of contractors and sub-contractors therefore going forward, any regulations for the wildlife on this should be consistent with the state regulations that are in place for the relationship between contractors and sub-contractors.

- Board Member Joh Hiatt advised a motion to advise any recommendations need to be consistent with contractors and sub-contractor as established with current Nevada law.
- Board Member Alexander Harper seconded the motion.
- **Motion passes 3-1 (Vice Chair Dan Gilbert sustained on this motion due to conflict of interest as he is a sub guide in the state of Nevada).**

**D. Disability Permit Program Modification (*For possible action*).** The Clark County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife will review, discuss, and make recommendations to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners about potential regulation changes to amend Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) 503 that would update business rules and requirements related to the archery, visual, and special assistance disability permits.

- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert introduced this topic.
- Board Member John Hiatt advised a motion that the previous recommendation by the CAB for Disability Permit Program Modification with no changes.
- Board Member Annoula Wylderich seconded the motion.
- **Motion passes 4-0**

**E. Commission General Regulation 528-Motor Restrictions and Revisions Related to Fisheries (*For possible action*).** The Clark County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife will review, discuss, and make recommendations to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners about a regulation amending Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) to set motor restrictions on Battle Born Pond (NAC 488.470), establish a “mandatory catch and kill” regulation for Northern Pike (NAC 503.110), revise bait restrictions statewide (NAC 503.500-515), amend ice hole size restriction to allow for larger sized holes for spear/bow fishing at Comins Lake (NAC 503.583), and update scientific names in the classification of fish species (NAC 503.060-065).

- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert introduced this topic.
- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert read the following from the supporting material:  
(SUMMARY): Commission General Regulation 528 includes various amendments to NAC 488.470 through 503.583 to set motor restrictions and revise bait regulations at various waters, update scientific names in the classification of fish species within the NAC, establish a mandatory catch and kill regulation for Northern Pike, amend the ice hole size restriction to allow for larger sized holes for spear/bowfishing at Comins Lake. Proposed changes to each section of NAC 488 and 503 are described in detail.
- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert advised a motion to approve Commission General regulation 528, Motor Restrictions and Revisions Related to Fisheries. LCB File No. R053-25 as presented.
- Public Comments: (*Therese Campbell, member of the public*): She asked if Northern Pike were native to Nevada.
- John Hiatt advised they are not.
- Board Member Alexander Harper stated that they are native to Midwest and Great Lake areas.
- Board Member John Hiatt advised a motion for the CAB to give their previous motion on Commission General Regulation 528-Motor Restrictions and Revisions

Related to Fisheries, with no changes.

- Board Member Alexander Harper seconded the motion.
- **Motion passes 4-0.**

**F. Commission General Regulation 525- Coyote Hunting Contests (*For possible action*).** The Clark County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife Board will review, discuss, and make recommendations to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners about a regulation amending Chapter 503 of the Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) to provide for season and licensing requirements for participants of coyote hunting contests.

- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert introduced this topic.
- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert read the following from the supporting material provided:  
**(SUMMARY):** The Commission approved the draft regulation language to address season dates and license requirements for coyote hunting contests at a workshop at the June Commission meeting. This regulation defines what a coyote hunting contest is, requires a Nevada hunting or Nevada trapping license to participate and establishes a season for the contest to be September 1 - March 31.
- Board Member Annoula Wylderich advised that she has a hard time with this and has weighed both the pros and cons of this action item. She advised if looking at tracking and controlling these contests, it is difficult to do this in rural areas, due to many of these contests taking place on private lands and the coyotes are already an unprotected species. She explained this is creating a strain on time and resources to do these contests with enforcement costs outweighing the cost of licensing revenue therefore creating zero trust by the public. She stated these contests are questionable conservation value and ineffective management practice contrary to fair chase. She stated this is her stance on this and stated she does not think it is a good idea.
- Board Member Alexander Harper stated that his views align with the views of Board Member Annoula Wylderich.
- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert stated that the basic idea is that by placing a regulation you are essentially approving this.
- Board Member John Hiatt stated to Vice Chair Dan Gilbert that this is exactly what it would do.
- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert stated this is counterintuitive in his opinion with this, having a desire to go into this and eliminate something that is occurring but not wanting to have regulations on this if it doesn't. He explained this goes back to Non-commercial collection on amphibians and does not have any regulations.
- Board Member John Hiatt stated to Vice Chair Dan Gilbert that basically the argument of applying the population with the division of those in favor of the coyote contest and those who are not in favor of the coyote contest. He stated that the Commission will make a move on this and it will take care of this but not solving the morale issue in the minds of people, if this is a valid activity in this state. He stated that is the real argument for this and reiterated the previous statement asking if this is a valid activity. He stated the Commission has slid by this issue and stated that maybe something else can be done and not deal with the question of whether this should be done or not. He stated that psychologists call this a displacement activity. He stated meaning, making the statement of "I don't know what to do, therefore we will do yes or not, but we will do this instead."
- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert advised this is called misdirection.
- Board Member Annoula Wylderich advised that this is simply an ineffective measure of

practice and NDOW is about management correct, and how would we enforce this.

- (*Lt. Chris Walthers, Game Warden NDOW, Southern Region*): He stated to Board Member Annoula Wylderich, that law enforcement does not manage it.
- Board Member Annoula Wylderich stated that the coyotes are already an unprotected species therefore anyone can go out and shoot the coyotes all day long.
- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert stated to Board Member Annoula Wylderich that this is specific to contests with nothing to do with legal take of a single hunter going out alone or even with a group, it is unadvertised and non-incentivized. He stated this is still not part of what the state regulates, only if the event was advertised and incentivized and there were prizes.
- Board Member Annoula Wylderich asked Vice Chair Dan Gilbert how this would be enforced if the contests are held on private properties.
- (*Lt. Chris Walthers, Game Warden, NDOW Southern Region*): He advised it cannot be enforced unless law enforcement is invited onto these private properties.
- Board Member Alexander Harper asked (*Lt. Chris Walthers, Game Warden, NDOW Southern Region*) the question of what would be the repercussions of killing an animal within the guidelines if they are not protected species, what would occur if it were a violation.
- Board Member John Hiatt stated to Board Member Alexander Harper that the violation is not killing the animal, it is instead if the hunter has a license and permit, if not that is where the violation can occur. He advised this is establishment of a rule that if a contest is going to take place, then there needs to be a permit.
- (*Lt. Chris Walthers, Game Warden, NDOW Southern Region*): He stated you just need to have a license.
- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert read the following from the supporting material: LCB File No. R014-25 Section 1 (3): *As used in this section, “coyote hunting contest” means an organized or sponsored competition held for the purpose of harvesting a coyote for a prize.*
- Board Member John Hiatt advised he understands that all that is needed is to have a hunting license.
- (*Lt. Chris Walthers, Game Warden NDOW Southern Region*): He stated in past there were discussions on having these contests permitted through the agency.
- Board Member Alexander Harper stated he sees everyone's point with discussions on the validity of having licenses for certain activities and this topic has been ongoing in the state of Nevada as well as other states. He stated from an ethical standpoint he does not agree with allowance of this. He stated it is incongruent with what NDOW is trying to do especially with the way we manage everything else. He stated he feels this is only an issue with coyotes and would only be done for them and no other animal if they are affected or not and stated that the coyotes are predators in Nevada who cannot catch a break.
- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert stated that with the feral horse and burrows population and drought, the native ungulate cannot catch a break either.
- Board Member Alexander Harper stated to Vice Chair Dan Gilbert that wildlife is stressed for certain completely across the board.
- Public Comments: (*Stephanie Myers, member of the public*): She stated that science is clear and if you eradicate coyotes, they are adept therefore the female coyotes will amp up their reproduction therefore this does not work. She advised she would be reading the letter that she sent to the editor and was published in the Las Vegas Sun: *In an attempt to silence critics, when the (NDOW) Nevada Wildlife Commission is primed to cast meaningless rules for inhumane coyote killing contests at their meeting on Saturday in Reno. In these competitions under groups scour an area with calling devices and night vision goggles to*

*trick coyotes to emerge from hiding and shoot as many as they can and gather to distribute awards of cash, guns and belt buckles for those with the biggest, heaviest, or ugliest coyotes. Fair chase is not considered rotting carcasses decay in dumpsters. The proposed regulations are a sham, they require contest participants to observe seven-month season and hold a hunter or trapper license from the (NDOW) Nevada Department of Wildlife, profit for the department from viciously killing carnivores whose only crime is being born. Contests provide natural disease and pest control, livestock can be protected by non-lethal methods, because coyotes are still unprotected species in Nevada, hunters can continue killing them at will, no season or license is required. When product to solve this problem legislatively, politicians resist recklessly putting it back onto the Governor appointed Wildlife Commission, which is undemocratically composed almost exclusively of hunters., telling them to resolve it themselves and wildlife live advocates. These intended rules almost certain to pass our fear, they make it look like the Commission is doing something while in reality they do nothing to stop these brutal contests with sorted prices. Only a ban on the competition will do that. (She advised she ended it with a request for people to send in their comments)*

- *(Stephanie Myers, member of the public):* She stated that lastly to recall is the ethics of this and the perception. She stated it is just a black eye to ethical hunters. She stated that ethical hunters do not participate in this type of junk. She stated that you can simply see the pictures over all types of social media, and the normal everyday type of individual is disgusted that this is allowable in Nevada. She stated she is asking for everyone to say no to these regulations and for the NDOW to go back to the drawing board.
- *(Therese Campbell, member of the public):* She advised that she wants to echo on *(Stephanie Myers, member of the public)* comments. She stated that when this was brought up originally, she felt that it could possibly help the situation as far as helping encourage people to build togetherness and receive a prize, however she found herself agreeing that these regulations do give any benefit to wildlife or hunters. She agrees that if people want to regulate or even ban these contests then it is going to be done from starting over again. She advised she is uncertain from the way the regulations are written if they stand up to a legal challenge due to the animal of discussion (coyote) is unprotected species with no season. If one wants to go out and shoot a coyote, you can do so all the time.
- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert advised that there are so many ways to do a walk around the verbiage “contests” and gave example that individuals could gather and say the prize was given for gas money, or let’s gather at this location and see what comes up etc., he stated that he realizes there is desire to abolish this but unfortunately, the individuals who are participants in these contests are not going to walk away from doing this because the contests are monetary and incentivized. He stated it is like a rendezvous for the trappers. He stated it is not just a killing spree; it is more of a teaching and tactics therefore he advised that he will still be on the Omega alpha relationship of this. He stated the coyote’s population is controlled by available prey species with harshness of different conditions and different variations that the coyotes must deal with. He stated he would have to see comparative studies before he would agree to this.
- Board Member John Hiatt stated to Vice Chair Dan Gilbert that the issue is whether we agree to legitimize something of this caliber that most individuals in large numbers feel should not be legitimized. He gave example: What if one wanted to say let’s put a season on dog fights. He stated it is illegal right now, but if a season was put on this activity let’s say June-July, then it would be alright to do, therefore if an activity is illegal, then putting a season on it does not make this same activity legal. He stated that is what is being asked of

the CAB on this. He stated the question is, should we have these contests or should we not ultimately stating it is all alright if you own a license. He stated that ethics is involved in hunting and other activities. He stated that historically there were activities (*cockfighting, dog fighting and bull baiting*) in past that were allowed and ok but currently these same activities are not alright, nor will they be alright in the future ethically or morally acceptable and illegal. He stated that most states have stopped killing contests regarding wildlife with a thought process of how many can they kill. He stated that most people in Nevada if a poll were taken today, there would clearly be no question of what would happen regarding the general vote. He stated he felt this is a small subset of individuals who think it is ok and should be allowed to continue to do this and feels that just because others do not like it, they should continue to do this. He reiterated that he believes that most of the population feels that there is ethical and moral issue with this. He stated this outcome is something of a debate hindering with the Commission stating they will do something, but it never happened. He stated the population in general would really appreciate it if this was outlawed therefore, he advised he cannot support this, they are not addressing issue.

- Board Member Annoula Wylderich advised that she has many hunters in her family and all of them do not support this and advised she does not support this.
- Board Member Alexander Harper advised motion to reject Commission General Regulation 525-Coyote Hunting Contests. He asked if his motion was correct.
- Board Member John Hiatt advised to Board Member Alexander Harper that they should probably give a reason as to why they reject this Commission General Regulation in this motion.
- Board Member John Hiatt advised that the CAB is not in favor of this and reject this action because it does not get to the heart of the problem, the ethics of the activity.
- Board Member Alexander Harper advised a motion that the CAB is rejecting Commission General Regulation 525-Coyote Hunting Contests with the reason that it does not get to the heart of the problem, or the ethics of the activity.
- Board Member John Hiatt seconded the motion.
- **Motion passes 3-1 (Sustaining vote is for Vice Chair Dan Gilbert, he advised it is because true essence is to regulate sustainable harvest and anything else there in the regulation is good.**

**X. Comments by the general public-** This is a period devoted to comments by the members of the public **not on this agenda**. No discussion, action, or votes may be taken on this agenda item. The Chair, at his discretion, may agendize actionable items on future agenda. Comments will be limited to three (3) minutes. If any member of the Clark County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife wishes to extend the length of the presentation, this will be done by the Chair or the Clark County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife by majority vote.

- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert introduced this topic.
- Public Comments: (*Stephanie Myers, member of the public*): She advised it was a pleasure to work with Board Member Alexander Harper, and she wished him all the best.
- Public Comments: (*Therese Campbell, member of the public*): She advised her thanks for serving on the board and that she has enjoyed working with Board Member Alexander Harper. She stated thanks to everyone despite their differences in opinion they are all working toward common ground and care deeply for wildlife.
- **Vice Chair Dan Gilbert advised that this matter is hereby closed.**

**XI. Authorize the Chairman to prepare and submit any recommendations from today's meeting to the Wildlife Commission for its consideration at its Friday, November 7, 2025 & Saturday, November 8, 2025, meeting in Reno, NV (For possible action).**

- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert introduced this topic.
- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert advised a motion to authorize Chair Paul Dixon to prepare and submit any recommendations from tonight's CCABMW meeting to the Commission for consideration at its meeting dates of Friday, November 7, 2025 & Saturday, November 8, 2025, in Reno, Nevada.
- Board Member John Hiatt asked Vice Chair Dan Gilbet if he was going to prepare the recommendations for Chair Paul Dixon for the Commission meeting.
- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert advised he would give tonight's recommendations for the meeting and send them to Chair Paul Dixon to take to the Commission meeting.
- Board Member Annoula Wylderich seconded the motion.
- **Motion passes 4-0**

**XII. The next Clark County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife board meeting will be scheduled for **January 20, 2026**, in the Clark County Government Center (*Pueblo Room*) 500 S. Grand Central Parkway, Las Vegas, NV. The meeting will be in support of the Commission meeting on Friday, January 23, 2026 & Saturday, January 24, 2026, meeting in Reno, NV.**

**XIII. Adjournment.**

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