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MEMORANDUM

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To: Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners, County Advisory Boards to Manage Wildlife, and Interested Publics

From: Brian Wakeling, Administrator, Game Division 

Title: Commission Regulation 486, Veteran and Active Military Waterfowl Season, LCB File 4027-19 – For Possible Action

Description: The Commission will hold a workshop to consider a regulation relating to amending Chapter 502 of the Nevada Administrative Code (NAC). Federal statute was adopted in 2019 enabling a veterans and active military waterfowl hunting season. Federal frameworks would allow for veterans and active military to exclusively hunt waterfowl for a period of two days within the existing season. If adopted, this regulation would allow the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners to establish such a season.

Presenter: Game Division Administrator Brian F. Wakeling

Summary:

Federal statute was adopted in 2019 enabling a veterans and active military waterfowl hunting season. To implement such a season, Nevada Administrative Code must be amended to allow the Commission to enact one. The Nevada Department of Wildlife is recommending an amendment that would enable the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners the authority to establish a season for veterans and active military to hunt waterfowl. Federal frameworks currently allow for a veterans and active military season to exclusively hunt waterfowl for a period of two days, but this amendment to NAC is needed in order for the Commission to implement this season. The amended NAC would not require that the Commission establish a season for veterans and active military, but it would allow them to do so if desired. If established, such a season would not alter any other aspect of the hunting season except that the maximum number of hunting days for the overall

season could not exceed the maximum total days for all seasons combined, similar to how youth seasons are addressed currently.

Recommendation:

The Department recommends that the **COMMISSION PROVIDE DIRECTION TO THE DEPARTMENT ON AMENDING EXISTING NAC TO ADDRESS THIS POTENTIAL SEASON STRUCTURE.**

“Veteran and active military waterfowl hunt” defined. “Veteran and active military waterfowl hunt” means a waterfowl hunt authorized by a regulation of the Commission which is limited to an individual who:

1. Possesses a Nevada hunting license or a combination license;
2. Possesses a valid Federal Migratory Game Bird Hunting Stamp (when required);
3. Is a veteran (as defined by NRS 417.005) or active member of the Armed Forces, including members of the National Guard and Reserves active duty (other than for reserve status training).