

Action Report CABMW recommendations for the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners Meeting on: September 19, 2022.

County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife Submitted by Chairman: Mitch McVicars.

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CABMW Members Present: Mitch McVicars, Steve Marquez, Ray Sawyer Adam Ruesch and Jake Rosevear

Others: Heath Korell (NDOW),

Commission Agenda Action Items:

7A.* Commission Policy 24- Appeals – Hunting Opportunities Among Various Weapons Classes and Hunter Groups-Second Reading- For Possible Action

Recommendation in Support _____ In Opposition X See comment below _____ Other comments, including a dissenting viewpoint (different than the majority) or issue brought up during discussion:

Board member Marquez stated that the youth junior hunt would be split into two hunts. Board member Sawyer confirmed that that the youth could put in for any legal weapon/rifle tag or a muzzleloader/archery tag. Both members Sawyer and Marquez believe that this would give the youth a better opportunity especially with the number of juniors that apply. Board member Marquez disagreed with the wording on c. Juniors can apply for five years and be awarded three tags before the age of 18. Marquez voiced that it may cause confusion in the sense that the youth would be guaranteed three tags before the age of 18, when the wording should state that it is a draw and can only be awarded three tags if drawn before the age of 18. The Board discussed an appropriate way to word the policy for less confusion. Board Member Sawyer recommended that the word “May” in the policy. Chairman McVicars stated that before the weapon classes for the junior hunt was separated, he would like to see statistics and data, as he feels it could be a disadvantage to some youth. Board member Ruesch agreed with McVicars statement and would also like to see data. **The Board would like to recommend changes to State Commission agenda item 7A Commission Policy 24, under mule deer- allocation of projected harvest by weapon group, 3,A.) Would like to be provided with data, and statistics for splitting weapon classes and change the wording to 3,C.) in the policy to clarify that juniors “may” be award no more than three tags before the age of 18 .**

7B.* Commission Policy 25- Wildlife Damage Management-Third Reading- For Possible Action

Recommendation In Support In Opposition _____ See comment below _____ Other comments, including a dissenting viewpoint (different than the majority) or issue brought up during discussion:

12A.* Commission Regulation 21-15 Amendment #1. Fishing Seasons and Regulations for January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2023.-For Possible Action.

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13A.* Commission General Regulation 502, Junior Hunt and Turkey Program-For Possible Action

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13B.* Commission General Regulation 508, Antler Points and Spike Elk Defined-For Possible Action.

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Board member Sawyer disagrees with how the definition of a spike elk is written in the regulation. Sawyer stated that three antlered points goes outside the criteria of a “spike” and could lead sports man to harvest potential bulls, defeating the purpose of decreasing the number of young true “spiked” elk. Board member Marques stated that brow tines or points below the ear has caused confusion in the past for the definition. Chairman McVicars recommended looking at other state’s definition. Board member Sawyer recalled seeing a 4/5year old bull with a with a branched point near the top of the main beam that should not be classified as a “spike”. Chairman McVicars read aloud another state’s definition that he is more in agreeance on. The Board discussed a better way to define a “spike” elk.

The Board would like to recommend changes to State Commission agenda item 13B. Commission Regulation 508.’s definition of a “Spike” elk to read, A “Spike” elk means an elk with at least one antler with a single unbranched beam.

