



## **CLARK COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE MEETING MINUTES**

**MARCH 16, 2021  
5:30 PM- 9PM**

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**CCABMW MEMBERS:**

(Chair) Paul Dixon

(Vice Chair) John Michael Reese

Molly DiBlasi

Therese Campbell

Jacob Thompson

Dave Talaga

Dan Gilbert

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- I. **Call to Order- Roll call of Board Members for determination of quorum:** If no quorum is present, meeting cannot begin and will be canceled.
  - The meeting was called to order by Chair Paul Dixon.
  - Roll call of board members was performed by Secretary Darlene Kretunski. A quorum was present, all seven board members were present.
  
- II. **Pledge of Allegiance**
  - Chair Paul Dixon led the CCABMW board members in the Pledge of Allegiance.
  
- III. **Public Comment (*Informational*) this is a period to comments by the general public about items on this agenda. No discussion, action, or vote may be taken on this Agenda item. You will be afforded the opportunity to speak on individual Public Hearing items at the time they are presented. If you wish to speak to the Clark County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife about items within the 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 and address and please spell your last name for the record. If any member of the Clark County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife wishes to extend the length of a presentation, this will be done by the Chairperson or the Clark County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife by majority vote.**

- Chair Paul Dixon introduced this topic.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised that the section is informational and before getting started on public comments he wanted explain the process of tonight’s meeting. He advised that members of the public can unmute themselves and ask questions or speak during public comment.
- Chair Dixon advised that he understands that the topic could or may entail emotional responses from individuals of the public as well as CAB board members, but ask to please make sure that it is understood, that both members of the public and the CAB board members and when voicing their comments they must do so in a respectful manner.
- Chair Paul Dixon asked everyone to please allow individuals to speak and voice their comments without interruption, he stated if at any time he felt that anyone was being disrespectful, he would stop individuals or interject during the meeting to make sure to maintain a degree of decorum.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised for members of the public who would like to give public comment at the beginning of the meeting before Agenda items are read to remember that public comment is given after each Agenda item, after the CAB board members addressed it on the board level.
- Chair Paul Dixon asked if any members of the public at this time would like to speak they may do so.
- Public Comment: (Steven Taylor): 1) He advised that he supports the use of hounds to bear hunt, and feels it is a successful practice and using the bears and using the hound between the bear is the proper way to go about hunting of a bear. 2) He stated that the Clark County Commission Nevada Hunting standards stinks. 3) He advised that the Water Fowl Season as proposed seems pretty reasonable, same as last year and last year was a good year for us. 4) He advised that The Predator Management Plan for 2022, should be approved and he likes it feels it is a good plan. He advised that is all he has at this time.
- Public Comment: (Game Warden Lt. Christopher Walter of Southern Region): he advised that he is in attendance and will be taking notes for the law enforcement division.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised to Game Warden Lt. Christopher Walter of the Southern Region that he appreciates his attendance in tonight’s meeting.
- Chair Paul Dixon asked if there are any other public comments at this time.
- Public Comments: (Russell Woolstenhume, Game Division Biologist for NDOW): he advised he is in attendance and will answer questions if needed.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised that he appreciates his attendance for The Water Fowl Season and that it is nice to have NDOW lead on the phone for our meeting.

- **Chair Paul Dixon asked for any other public comment, hearing no public comment at this time, he advised that this item is hereby closed.**

**IV. Approval of Minutes for January 26, 2021 CCABMW meeting (*For Possible Action*)**

- Chair Paul Dixon introduced this topic.
- Chair Paul Dixon asked for board comments at this time.
- Vice Chair John Michael Reese advised to Secretary Darlene Kretunski that he absolutely loves the method she is using to do meeting minutes, using bullet points to list items, he stated that previously it was not done in the same manner. He advised that this method makes it very clear and concise to capture all the points and he appreciates her effort in doing so.
- Vice Chair John Michael Reese went on to state that a correction is needed, in the discussion on Chronic Wasting, he advised that Secretary Darlene Kretunski has it listed as Chronic Waste Disease; this is incorrect and it is actually called Chronic Wasting Disease instead. He stated therefore a change is needed to reflect from Chronic Waste Disease to Chronic Wasting Disease. He advised to Secretary Darlene Kretunski that as she continues to work in her position, she will start to get more familiar with the terminology used. He stated that besides that, her meeting minutes were very well done.
- Secretary Darlene Kretunski thanked Vice Chair John Michael Reese for his comments and stated that Chair Paul Dixon helped in a major way with the meeting minutes as well.
- Public Comments: None
- Vice Chair John Michael Reese advised for a motion to approve the minutes as presented for the January 26, 2021 CAB meeting.
- Board member Jacob Thompson seconds the motion.
- **Motion passes 7-0.**

**V. Approval of the Agenda for January 26, 2021 (*For Possible Action*) unless otherwise stated, items may be taken out of order presented on the Agenda and two or more items may be combined for consideration. The board may also remove an item from the Agenda or delay discussion relating to an item at any time.**

- Chair Paul Dixon introduced this topic.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised that he is making a note to himself and to Vice Chair John Michael Reese that board member Therese Campbell sent note advising Item #9D, which is the second draft of the fiscal year of The Predation Management Plan should be 2022. Chair Paul Dixon advised there is a mistake on the Commission Wildlife Agenda. He stated that he did not realize this when he cut and pasted and gave his apology for this error. He advised for this correction to be made.

- Chair Paul Dixon asked for public comment at this time.
- Public Comment: None
- Board Comment: None
- Vice Chair John Michael Reese advised for a motion to approve the Agenda for January 26, 2021 as presented.
- Board member Molly DiBlasi seconds the motion.
- **Motion passes 7-0.**

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

- Chair Paul Dixon introduced this topic.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised that if there is any correspondence that relates to action items, he advised he doesn't think it needs discussion at this time, but if there is any item that is not on the Agenda or the CAB board members received correspondence on and would like to discuss, the discussion can be done now.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised he will now go around to each board member separately to see if they have received correspondence and if so, would the board members like to discuss the correspondence that has been received or sent.
- Board member Therese Campbell: (None)
- Board member Dave Talaga: (None)
- Vice Chair John Michael Reese: (None)
- Board Member Molly DiBlasi: (None)
- Board member Dan Gilbert: (None)
- Board member Jacob Thompson: (None)
- **Chair Paul Dixon advised that this item is hereby closed.**

**VII. Recap of the January 29, 2021 Commission Virtual Meeting by Chair Paul Dixon *(Informational)***

- Chair Paul Dixon introduced this topic.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised on the use of hounds with bear hunts, this item is back on tonight's Agenda for further discussion due to the petition from Cathy Smith. He advised that there was some discussion of this but there was a delay, when they introduced this petition for all CAB board members to review.
- Chair Paul Dixon stated that the Draft 22 Predation Management Plan that the CAB board members commented on this plan and there were some changes that were suggested by the Commission. The recommendation by the CAB too help the public identify lion predation sites for Project 37, was rejected. The administration costs for managing the program, Chair Paul Dixon was informed that the Commission would get back to him on that and the CAB board members has not heard anything back yet.

- He stated that the CAB voted (5-1-1) on putting together a bounty program and unanimously, every Commissioner strongly opposed to this content and plan. He advised it was the strongest outpouring by the Commission thus showing their desire to not support something of this nature. He advised the Commission had zero appetite to entertain anything pertaining to a bounty hunting program for coyote hunting.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised the next matter was The Big Game Season which overall were minor changes, but in line with the recommendations of the CAB board members therefore he did not feel there was anything specific on this matter that needed to be captured on record.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised that Black Bear season and Mountain Lion season were both approved as is. He stated that that Non Restricted Non Resident Guide Mule Deer Seasons and Quotas were accepted as presented.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised that Heritage Tags, Silver State Tags, Partnership and Wildlife Tags, Dream Tags were all accepted as presented. He stated that Big Game Application Deadlines was also accepted as presented as well as Heritage Auction Tags.
- Chair Dixon advised that License Simplifications had a fair amount of discussion going back and forth with some minor wording changes back and forth and the CAB board members did not have any recommendations on any of the License Simplifications therefore the minor wording changes made did not have any impact on the things the CAB board members did not decide to give comments on.
- Chair Paul Dixon stated that was a general overall synopsis of the January 2021 Wildlife Commission meeting.
- Board member Jacob Thompson asked Chair Paul Dixon to briefly summarize the rationale for the opposition to retire the bounty hunt from the Commission, and if there are any trends?
- Chair Paul Dixon stated that his viewpoint from the coyote bounty hunting by the Commission, is that they feel that it is a public hot button issue at this moment with strong emotions surrounding a bounty hunt and the if the CAB board members were to bring up this matter, the Commission felt it would be distracting and would not leave the sportsmen in a good place should the Commission try to bring this matter forward.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised that with the current atmospheres sensitivity which surrounds certain issues involving wildlife that CAB board members are dealing with even in tonight's Agenda, he advised that these things weighed in and he felt in his own words "that the view was not worth the climb" for the Commissioners.
- Chair Paul Dixon asked board member Jacob Thompson if his explanation given was enough clarification.
- Board member Jacob Thompson stated that it helped to clarify his question and thanked Chair Paul Dixon.
- Board member Therese Campbell advised that she was having some technical difficulties with her computer and could only see Chair Paul Dixon's face and none of the other board members on her screen at this time.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised that she should go to Layout and this would help her to

change her screen to have the option of either seeing all of the CAB board members on top of the screen or on the side.

- Board member Therese Campbell advised that she had a visual of all board members previously on her screen but she no longer has it, she advised that as long as she had the ability to hear everyone then this would be fine at this moment.
- Board comments: None
- **Chair Paul Dixon advised that since this is informational item and there is no board comments at this time, then this item is hereby closed.**

**VIII. Mule Deer Enhancement Program Update (*Informational*) Vice Chair John Michael Reese will update The Clark County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife on progress occurring in the Nevada Mule Deer Enhancement Program.**

- Chair Paul Dixon introduced this topic.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised that he would turn this section over to Vice Chair John Michael Reese at this time.
- Vice Chair John Michael Reese advised that at this time there is no updates, however this item is on the Agenda for the State Wildlife Commission and has to confirm to The Open Meeting Law where each time the members of the committee meet, it has to be dually noted. He advised that there has been no calls to meet, and he hopes to learn more of what Mike Scott (Chief, Game Division NDOW) has to say at the big wildlife meeting; as far as when it truly is going to kick off on this matter.
- Vice Chair John Michael Reese advised that all the committee members have been picked and are waiting for someone to say go and the committee members will receive their direction thereafter.
- Chair John Michael Reese advised that after the next meeting with the State Wildlife Commission he will have updates.
- Board Comment: None
- **Chair Paul Dixon advised this item is hereby closed.**

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

**Discuss & make recommendations regarding the following Action Items from The Board of Wildlife Commissioners March 19/20, 2021 meeting Agenda, as well as additional items brought forth to the CCABMW from public for discussion. CCABMW Agenda & support materials are available upon request to Darlene Kretunski (702) 455-1402 or email her at [Darlene.Kretunski@ClarkCountyNV.gov](mailto:Darlene.Kretunski@ClarkCountyNV.gov). The final Commission Agenda & support at <http://www.ndow.org/PublicMeetings/Commission/Agenda/>.**

- A) **Commission General Regulation 498, NAC 503.147-Ms. Cathy Smith- Petition Bear Hounds(*For Possible Action*)** The CCABMW Board will review, discuss and make recommendations to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners about petition Ms. Smith has submitted to change language in NAC 503.147 to withdraw dogs from bear hunts. The Commission accepted the petition during the November 6, 2020 Commission meeting.

- Chair Paul Dixon introduced this topic.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised that Ms. Cathy Smith has put in a petition to remove from NAC 503.147, Commission General Regulation 498, for the use of hounds for black bear hunting.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised that at this time he opens the floor to CAB board member's comments and for board members that have received correspondence, this can also be discussed as well. He advised that he has also sent to all CAB board members correspondence from the following individuals as public comments: (Annoula Wylderich, Stephanie Myers. He stated that he knows each member of the CAB received the correspondence related to usage of hounds.
- Secretary Darlene Kretunski stated to Chair Paul Dixon that the CAB members have also received correspondence by Jana Wright which Secretary Darlene Kretunski stated she had submitted to each CAB board member as well.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised that at this time he will open the floor to comments from the CAB board members.
- Board member Therese Campbell stated that according to 2018 Nevada Wildlife Value Survey only 30% of respondents approve of Nevada's bear hunt, with 49% disapproving and the remainder with no opinion. On the question of using hounds to hunt bears, only 13% approve while 63% disapprove. She stated that she must reiterate that Nevada bear hunt is "trophy hunt" an activity the ethics at which is questionable at best and indefensible at worst. Trophy hunting is not based on science, sound management practices or conservation therefore as a CAB member tasks with representing the interest of the general public, I am requesting that NBWC (Nevada Board of Wildlife Commission) cancel the 2021 bear hunt.
- Chair Paul Dixon asked board member Dave Talaga on his comments.
- Board member Dave Talaga advised that he looked over The Nevada Wildlife Value Report Survey and as stated by board member Therese Campbell, in the significant weighing of the mutualist viewpoint, they have actually the over taken the traditionalist viewpoint in the last roughly 4 to 5 years. The mutualist are concentrated in both Clark and Washoe County, which indicates that the people who have moved in, have brought with them the viewpoint on wildlife management hunting that is anti-traditionalist according to this chart. He stated there are many potential reasons of why this is the case, and basically one can only speculate of why this is done, basically one can only speculate of why this is done, but in the report it discusses about people not having any interest in wildlife outside the confinements of their observable area. He advised that this is discussed a little more in depth in the coyote predation. He stated that the bottom line is, there is shift in values in Nevada now, and the urban area values have now extended into the hunting rural areas of the state. He advised that he doesn't see where the shift makes all of sudden certain hunts, particularly bear hunts bad. He feels by using hyperbole such as "trophy hunt" or stating comments such as losing family members when referencing when a bear is shot, this does not help the situation. He stated that except for the shift that nothing has changed in Nevada, the hunting will go on as usual and be careful that in the case the rule of the mases does not overrule what is good for the environment but also in game management.
- Board member Jacob Thompson that he disagrees with the characterization of black bear hunting using the hounds as a "trophy hunt". He agrees with board member Dave Talaga which majority of not hyperbolic, individuals who hunt black bears, many certainly eat black bear. He advised who is to say what reason people hunt and do not, is based on regular hunting rationale that people use to justify their hunt. He advised that we regulate it based it on management needs and the recreational values toward Nevadans and folks that hunt. He advised that it is important to point out that the use of hounds in bear hunting has gone on for quite some time, and as board member Dave Talaga indicated that it is traditional use. He



advised, it is also a use that supports fair chase and supports the selection of large boars instead of females or smaller bears as well. He advised generally he doesn't see rationale in eliminating the use of hounds in hunting and as board member Dave Talaga stated it could become case of the wishes of the rights of a majority who are largely likely uninformed about the intricacies of hunting could override the rights of the minority and bear hunting is not as popular as many other forms of hunting and he feels the importance of respecting the rights of the minority in this case who wish to hunt bear using hounds knowing that it is a sound historical practice that aids in fair chase.

- Board member Molly DiBlasi advised she agrees with board member Jacob Thompson and board member Dave Talaga that the fact that the majority doesn't always get to say what the minority gets to do or not do. She stated that especially if they are not interested or involved in wildlife she doesn't feel that these individuals should have a lot of say on what goes on, it is slippery slope when you start to let a majority of people who may or may not be involved with the actual matter that you are discussing choose what the minority can or can't do.
- Board member Dan Gilbert advised regardless of the emotional aspects of it, as board member Dave Talaga has pointed out the potential individuals and their opinions who are moving to the state, he advised he thinks that sound science should rule more than anything else. The Department of Wildlife has done a great job of in putting forth proper harvest criteria and numbers and in addition to all of this, not only are we able to properly manage wildlife for carrying capacity and predator prey population, we are doing everything possible to harvest mature animals that are near the end of their life span so that harvest will allow for more younger population to be out in the wild. As far as the usage of hounds, he feels it is necessary to be able to help in a mature animal harvest and he supports this and this item not being taken up as law of the land.
- Vice Chair John Michael Reese advised that he looks at polls, he stated he just bought a new jeep, it tells one the type of gas mileage one can get but that depends on how one drives. True numbers are how many people applied for tags, this last hunting season there were 3,472 people who applied for tags. As a business person, you look at how much product you have and people who want this product, here in Nevada the case is we have more customers than we do product. There never has been a time when bear tags go unsold, we very seldom have any tags go unsold. He stated he is all for keeping the bear hunt alive and thriving, if that means doing so by the usage of hounds, he is in favor of this. These hounds have been around for decades and centuries using these hounds for hunting. The hounds are man's best friends, and there are hunters that are out there trying to do this on their own and it was very tough therefore they hired someone to assist with the use of hounds and they were very successful and able to harvest what they wanted to harvest. He stated he is in favor of keeping this alive.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised he wanted each CAB board member to recognize that he was deliberate in asking each member of the CAB their opinion to speak on the record to capture their opinion. He advised he would like to open the floor to general board discussion on the opinions, he will allow CAB board members to go back if needed and state additional things they would like to say. He realizes that these issues are going to be emotional and asks everyone to be respectful with their comments.
- Board member Dan Gilbert advised that he wanted to reiterate what was stated in the last meeting, the quota has not yet once been reached which is set up by the Division of Wildlife and to limit the use of hounds will reduce the success rate we have of being able to reach management objective so that we can get prey population back into balance.
- Vice Chair John Michael Reese he advised he wanted to add that there is television program called *Field to grill* and there was an episode about cooking and consuming bear meat and instructions on how to properly cook the meat. He advised that there are a lot of people who choose to eat bear meat and it doesn't go to waste.

- Board member Dave Talaga asked Vice Chair John Michael Reese to repeat the amount he stated earlier on the number of applicants that actually applied for bear tags.
- Vice Chair John Michael Reese advised there were 50 tags available and 12 people withdrew from their applications, 3,472 applicants that actually applied.
- Board member Dave Talaga repeated this total 2,472 that applied. He then asked Vice Chair John Michael Reese the question of when do these applicants pay the money for the tags.
- Vice Chair John Michael Reese advised that applicants do not pay for the tags unless they are successful. He stated that these applicants have application fee and a \$3.00 dollar predator fee.
- Board member Dave Talaga repeated this total once again 3,472 applicants, he then stated that on the Wildlife Value Report of Nevada Page 3, Roman numeral I: they received 1,133 responses to the survey which is less than 1/3 of the people who applied for bear tags, this is significant. He advised if you take out amount of people who have responded to the survey, there is overwhelming amount of potential people who did not respond to the survey and if they did respond and they were from the general public, and that would alter the general public numbers significantly to the traditional side versus the mutual side. He then stated that he wanted to point out this because he felt this was significant when Vice Chair John Michael Reese talked about it.
- Board member Dave Talaga advised that it is really hard to frame a discussion here without having all points. We are surfacing the points as we go along but using board member Therese Campbell input on the public comment there was consistent usage of the terminology “trophy hunt” the way it is being used. Next the comment when as far as to state the bear hunting is unethical, so when having discussion with someone who is against bear hunting because it is “trophy hunt” how can one began to have a discussion about values or ethical use of hounds in that content, he feels we are at a disadvantage here due to this.
- Board member Therese Campbell asked the question of the number of people stated that have applied for bear tags, was that for 2020 hunt or the 2021 hunt?
- Chair Paul Dixon advised it was for 2020 hunt the 2021 hunt has not been done yet.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised that he has been on the board for thirteen years and watched bear hunting come into existence and when close friend of his Mike Macbeth was on the Commission at that time, the question was asked why are we having a bear hunt and he made himself very unpopular by responding with the statement “because we can”. He stated that when he meant to and what was ultimately said was it was deemed that we had population of bears in the state of Nevada that was growing and part of it was related to the fact of we had food sources in our urban area and we were bringing in bears from California, in which the bears had pressure because this was territory that bears had no spent a lot of time there in years past, there was more foliage for those areas where they did not have to compete as hard therefore bears came in this direction. He stated that when we started this very little was known about bears in state of Nevada years ago when we started the bear hunt eight years ago or so, and through issuance of tags and the discussions we had yearly, the Department of Wildlife has done amazing job on trying to learn about bears and bear management in the state of Nevada then they would have or ever done if there was no bear hunt. He stated that without the hunt there would not have been resources put in place to understand bear populations and where the bears were in the state and how these bears were being affected and no laws put into effect in certain municipalities about bear safe garbage cans and putting up trash and doing things to stop the urbanization of bears and also keeping them in the wild. All of this occurred due to the decision to have a bear hunt in this state, which meant that we are going to manage the species to make sure the bears were going to be here for productivity.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised that in his multiple years on the CCABMW, that he has seen the bear hunt has brought bears under management and NDOW (Nevada Department of Wildlife) has

full time scientists and biologist working the management. We have received a lot of comments and if you look at the hunting seasons, we have split up the hunting seasons, and created hunting zones. He stated when we first started we had bear hunts and it did not take long to go to zones saying that in certain areas we were not hunting bears because it was close to urban areas or places where people hiked or did fishing or close to urban areas which would by having hunters create a negative impact on experiences out there. He advised we also wanted to manage our bear population, he feels the department with the Wildlife Commission has done tremendous job basically trying and putting together a manageable bear hunt, where it allows us to have bears in the state for a long time to come, we may not be reducing all of the bear/human interactions that we want because we did not put bear safe containers in all neighborhoods, but we are getting better. He stated that as long as we have a hunt we will continue to bring light onto that subject and continue to make it a better place where the majority of the bears are living in the state, and you take the bear population to be 400 bears and harvest less than 40 out of it, that is less than 10% of that population, the majority of the bears are living better than in the past due to managing them in the state of Nevada.

- Chair Paul Dixon advised he wanted to give the board members his perspective from having watched this unfold. He stated that there is a lot of emotions on this subject, some people see bears like the cartoon Yogi Bear and Boo Boo, and they think of the bears as big and comfortable animals. He advised that every year at National parks or where Chair Paul Dixon is from, the state of Michigan; people are mauled or killed by bear attack because some people actually think of bears as pets. People need to know that bears are wild animals and if provoked like moose or bison, they will attack people. He stated that generally bears do not make human pray but when a bear is hungry and is in search of food and finds a town or area which is forging on waste and there is no waste available, then the bear will break into homes or cars or any area to obtain food. He advised that bears are powerful animals and when they are hungry and in search of food, there is little humans can do to stop the bear. He stated that he felt that being able to manage the numbers, and making people weary of bears and not accepting will only help the bears in the long run. He reiterated that these are his viewpoints.
- Chair Paul Dixon stated he would take this time to allow public comment, he asked to please state your comments at this time for the record.
- Public Comment: (Fred Voltz): He advised he wanted to respond to numerous comments made by the CAB board members, he advised the obligation of the CAB is to represent all people of the state therefore to presume all people are ignorant is not a good start for CAB members to have in making a decision to give recommendations to the Commissioners. He advised that less than 5% of the people hunts in this state, there is no game management with bear hounding, and it is simply hunter opportunity and convenience and success; that is what it boils down too. He stated there is no hunter skill involved, when technology is used (GPS callers, hounds, ATV vehicles, high power weapons, night vision) and we do not know accurate number for our bear population because NDOW (Nevada Department of Wildlife) has been all over the map with the numbers ranging from 400 to 800 bears in the state of Nevada. He stated these are guesstimates not science to come up with a harvest, terminology you like to call it, but a killing quota. He stated that slavery went on for a very long time until it didn't and bear hounding is just as antithetical supposedly the North American model for wildlife management, using technology and hounds. He stated that he would also suggest that the 3,472 applicants or just a little bit over 1% of the state's population, actually less than 1% and for CAB board members to say that the rest of the state doesn't matter more importantly the 73 or 75% of people in Clark County doesn't matter again does not represent the values. He stated that he is not concerned at all that the Wildlife Values Survey was in any way unrepresentative of the state, it was put together very scientifically put together by actually someone who hunts, Mr. Chase among other researchers. We still have major problem with wildlife and trash that NDOW

- (Nevada Department of Wildlife) and California equivalent and local jurisdictions have done effectively nothing with state incline village, a hunt doesn't help this. He stated that bears killed by vehicles in addition to the ones killed by NDOW (Nevada Department of Wildlife) that are deemed nuisances, along with the hunters more than doubled the number of bear deaths in a year. He stated we are actually losing population when we are losing 40 or so bears in a year and if the latest population estimate of 400 is correct in our state.
- Chair Paul Dixon thanked Mr. Fred Voltz for his comments and for staying within the three minute window coming in at 2:50 seconds. He advised that he appreciates him staying within that timeframe.
  - Public Comment: (Steven Taylor): He stated that he wanted to comment on the last comment, he advised if it is 400 bears and you stated 40 were killed by vehicle accidents, that at least seems like a huge amount because you are saying that the science exact that there is 400 bears and the state population is not unknown. He stated we do know that there are 400 bears. It doesn't seem that is.... (Pause). I don't know I am at a loss of words here. He stated yeah I am going to quite on that, I do not see this as an argument for not having a bear hunt. Thank you.
  - Chair Paul Dixon asked gentlemen to please repeat his name again for the record, he stated he didn't think that Secretary Darlene Kretunski could hear it when he gave his public comment. The gentlemen stated that his name is Steven Taylor.
  - Public Comment: (John Hyatt): He advised John Hyatt with comment for usage of dogs for hunting bears. He stated that one of the things that he has seen a number of times is people exercising their dogs. He advised that they don't just take them out during hunting season, they exercise their dogs many times a year. The way they do this is basically by turning dogs loose to chase wildlife and that is really wildlife harassment. He stated if we are going to have people using dogs to hunt wildlife then there needs to be some regulations on how the dogs are trained and what they are doing to those dogs during non-bear hunting season and how that does or might affect wildlife harassment. He stated this is not known by everyone due to not being seen very often because this is being done at night with their dogs, their hounds, but it certainly is an issue that needs to be addressed. He stated on how these people train their dogs and how they are used for non-hunting purposes but involved in harassment of wildlife.
  - Chair Paul Dixon thanked John Hyatt for his comment and stated it was a good comment.
  - Public Comment: (Joseph Terry): He stated he was in favor of the bear hunt and feels that hounds should be allowed to be used for this purpose. He stated that the CAB board members mentioned 3,472 applicants and last year he was one of the applicants and he has applied for multiple years. He stated hopefully he will draw a tag soon or in the near future. He stated that he does plan on eating the meat and he thinks that when people think of it as simply a "trophy hunt" and think that the meat will be left and not all eaten, but a lot of people do eat bear meat as well as elk, and deer. He stated that is all.
  - Chair Paul Dixon thanked Joseph Terry for his comment.
  - Public Comment: (Bryan Bures): He stated he is in favor of keeping the bear hunt with dogs and stated that he commends most CAB board members for using science versus emotions. He stated when talking about science and he advised he heard the opposition stating science, science, however there is no science to back up for what their saying. He stated the science is actually done by NDOW (Nevada Department of Wildlife), which is funded by the hunters which is those bear hunters putting into that funding source, the bear hunters are actually supporting the science and showing the science. He stated that NDOW (Nevada Department of Wildlife) also does very good job of placing those tags where there are bear nuisance issues, we talked about nuisance issue of bears eating in the garbage yet at the same time we talk about ending the bear hunt, which will only increase the problem tenfold. He stated that Clark County

already has an issue, they are not basically and essentially outlawing trapping around and we have huge explosion of nuisance animals coming into Las Vegas thus causing the state of Nevada money. He stated if we do not control this population we are going to be using money that the state doesn't have to support the removal of the nuisance issue where the hunters right now are paying for that privilege. He stated that he encourages the CAB to recommend approval of the bear hunt with dogs as purposed. Thank you very much.

- Chair Paul Dixon advised at this time, he would be closing public comments. Chair Paul Dixon stated he wanted to reiterate that CAB board members received public comments from the following individuals: (Annoula Wylderich, Jana Wright, Stephanie Myers), he asked the CAB board members the question, did all members see this correspondence or did he have to read any of the correspondence into the record.
- Board member Therese Campbell advised she did not have a chance to look over this correspondence but advised she will look later and if she did not receive it, she will email Chair Paul Dixon later to advise if she did not receive it.
- Secretary Darlene Kretunski advised to Chair Paul Dixon that all CAB board members were emailed this correspondence at the same time.
- Chair Paul Dixon asked the board members have any comments for further decision or for a motion to be made at this time.
- Board member Therese Campbell advised that she understands about the science of biology because she majored in biology in college. She advised that she does not think that she has any warm and fuzzy unrealistic ideas of what bears or other predatory animals are or how they survive and that one can pet them or that they are cute and harmless things, she would just like to reiterate that we would like our wildlife wild and alive.
- Board member Molly DiBlasi advised she wanted to respond to the comment that was made in public comment about CAB board members reflecting on the desire of the majority. She advised one of the things that government is supposed to do is too protect the rights of the majority thus if only 5% of Nevada are hunters, then that makes hunters the minority and their rights need to be protected. She stated that this is something that board members are called to do.
- Board member Jacob Thompson advised to make one last comment, he asked Chair Paul Dixon if he could make his comment, but no response. He asked the board if we lost Chair Paul Dixon.
- Secretary Darlene Kretunski called Chair Paul Dixon's name but his signal was lost.
- Vice Chair John Michael Reese advised that maybe Chair Paul Dixon may have pushed the wrong button.
- Secretary Darlene Kretunski asked Vice Chair John Michael Reese if he would take over the meeting until Chair Paul Dixon signed back on again.
- Vice Chair John Michael Reese advised yes, and asked board member Jacob Thompson to continue with his statement.
- Board member Jacob Thompson advised the alternative to hunting for bear population control in Nevada by wildlife services is hunters who largely use hounds to eradicate bears, which as noted earlier in public comments cost the state money often resulting in exact same level of bear kill as seen in a control hunt. He stated people are paying for the right and privilege to do this, therefore his opinion is that he sees this as science based predator control approach valuable for the state of Nevada providing important resource for hunters.
- Vice Chair John Michael Reese asked for more board comments before a motion is made.
- Chair Paul Dixon signed back in as board member Dave Talaga was about to make a comment.
- Board member Dave Talaga advised he wanted to make point from public comment in

reference of statement stating that NDOW (Nevada Department of Wildlife) not knowing what the total of the bear population is, he advised that in the last commission meeting he attended, the gentlemen in charge of counting the bear population advised that there is need to do more to come up with a more accurate count. He advised that he would encourage in the CAB's motion that it is encouraged to add language to add in this request. He advised if the count is 400 great, if the count is 700, then that is even greater but if the count is 300 bears then we do not want to put CAB board members behind the eight ball and argue about this, he advised he just wanted to make that point.

- Chair Paul Dixon asked for any additional board comments, there were no additional comments therefore he asked Vice Chair John Michael Reese to make a motion at this time.
- Vice Chair John Michael Reese advised he would like to make motion that Commission Regulation 498, NAC 503.147 Ms. Cathy Smith- Petition Bear Hounds that CAB rejects the petition and keep the bear hunt with the hounds as CAB has in the past.
- Board member Molly DiBlasi seconds the motion.
- **In a split 6-1 vote, dissenting vote is against bear hunting and believes it to be a “trophy hunt”. This board member feels the use of hounds violates fair chase.**

**B) Petition-Mr. Perry “Rob” Pierce-Special Hunt Season for Disabled Persons (*For Possible Action*) The CCABMW Board will review, discuss and make recommendations to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners about a petition Mr. Pierce has submitted requesting a special hunt season be available to disabled persons.**

- Chair Paul Dixon introduced this topic.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised that he did not find any back supporting information and asked Vice Chair John Michael Reese if he had received any information on this item.
- Vice Chair John Michael Reese advised he was going to mention that he had not received any backup information to this item.
- Secretary Darlene Kretunski advised she was unable to find any backup information on this item either.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised that this item needs to be tabled at this time due to not having the supporting material needed to research this matter for recommendation. He advised the CAB would not be able to know what Mr. Perry is asking for in details to have discussion which would be semi fruitless, he advised because if the Commission decides to go forward on this matter the CAB will see a NAC change and this matter will once again come before the CAB for their recommendations.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised for a motion of recommendation to table this item until the CAB receives information.
- Vice Chair John Michael Reese seconds the motion.
- **Motion passes 7-0**

**C) Commission Regulation 21-13, Migratory Game Bird Seasons, Bag Limits and Special Regulations for Waterfowl and Web less Migratory Game Birds; Public hunting limited on Wildlife Management Areas and Designated State Lands-2021-2022 Season (*For Possible Action*) The CCABMW Board will review, discuss and make recommendations to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners about seasons, bag limits and special regulations for migratory game birds for the 2021-2022 seasons. Adopt regulations consistent with proposed regulations framework for the 2021-2022 hunting seasons on certain migratory game birds established by the U.S. fish and Wildlife Service. The Commission Regulation will also consider rules regulating public hunting on Wildlife Management areas and designated state lands.**

- Chair Paul Dixon introduced this topic.
- Chair Paul Dixon asked if Russell Woolstenhulme (Game Biologist) would like to give the CAB overview synopsis for this year 2021.
- Comment (General Board) Per Chair Paul Dixon: (Russell Woolstenhulme, Game Division Biologist): He advised that he wanted to point out in the regulations that there is change to the waterfowl zones for 2021 as well as adopted by the Commission as of June of last year. He stated that this is seen in the south zones which includes Esmeralda, Lincoln, Nye and Clark County inclusively and there is also change in the regulation in the second half of the regulation which discusses public hunting limited on wildlife management areas and designated state lands (first section) there is addition which includes Caron Lake & Pasture which the state is within days of finalizing and obtaining that property in Churchill County. He stated that Vice Chair John Michael Reese pointed out to him that there is a mission in the special youth waterfowl section under daily bag limits it currently reads: ***the bag limit is the same as for the general season for ducks, mergansers, geese, coots and moorhens.*** He advised that he will bring up this matter with the Commission. He stated it also includes *scaup, and snipe*, otherwise this regulation remains unchanged.
- ***Chair Paul Dixon advised general board comments with the Migratory Game Bird Seasons change are noted by (Russell Woolstenhulme, Game Division Biologist)***
- Vice Chair John Michael Reese advised that he made call to Russell Woolsenhulme (Game Division Biologist) and what prompted him to do so was if viewing the season openers, most where October 30, 2021 in the southern zone and some of it in Lincoln County was for October 16, 2021 for duck season, and as you get down to scaup, it did not open until the weekend after. He stated that he worried because he didn't want to see criminals mad out of law abiding water fowlers.
- Comment (General Board) Per Chair Paul Dixon: (Russell Woolstenhulme, Game Division Biologist) explained to Vice Chair John Michael Reese that in federal framework of the different species that it is short season on scaup. He stated because he knows there are local water fowlers in tonight's meeting and he wanted them to be aware of the changes. When duck season opens one can shot the pintails, mallards, redheads, camas backs, but cannot hunt scaup until the second weekend.
- Chair Paul Dixon asked for any additional board comments at this time and reminded them that they need to use this opportunity to ask their questions since they had the Game Biologist in tonight's meeting ready to answer any questions they may have about the seasons. He advised it is nice that the southern zone has expanded.
- Public Comment: (None)
- Chair Paul Dixon advised for board member Jacob Thompson to make a motion.
- **Board member Jacob Thompson made motion Commission Regulation 21-13, Migratory Game Bird Seasons, Bag Limits and Special Regulations for Waterfowls and Web less Migratory Game Birds, Public hunting limited on Wildlife Management Areas and Designated Lands 2021-2022 Season as written.**
- **Vice Chair John Michael Reese advised that if Russell Woolstenhulme (Game Division Biologist) will take this before the statewide wildlife board for youth and want to include in the opener that they can harvest snipe and scaup therefore he would like motion to reflect that if this is adopted the CAB is in favor of this.**
- **Board member Jacob Thompson advised that he accepts this friendly amendment to the motion.**
- **Vice Chair John Michael Reese seconds the motion.**
- **Motion Passes 7-0**
- Chair Paul Dixon asked the question that snipe and scaup come under where in the Commission Regulation?
- Vice Chair John Michael Reese advised that right now it is listed in the Commission

Regulation, Russell Woolstenhulme (Game Division Biologist) will be bringing it up before the statewide wildlife board and once they vote on it and it is accepted, it will go under that section, he stated that the CAB will be covered because they are putting in the amendment that if it is passed they have included it in their motion.

- Chair Paul Dixon asked what page is this information on for the Commission Regulation.
- Vice Chair John Michael Reese advised it is on page 2, he stated you have the special youth waterfowl hunt and it reads: *the daily bag limits is the same as for that of the general season for ducks, mergansers, coots, and moorhens*, he advised that Russell Wilson Humme is bringing up this matter at the statewide wildlife meeting to ask that this should include *snipe and scaup as well*.
- Chair Paul Dixon thanked Russell Woolstenhulme (Game Division Biologist) for this time and help in informing the CAB on this matter.
- Russell Woolstenhulme (Game Division Biologist) thanked the CAB for the opportunity.

**D) Second Draft Fiscal Year 2021 Predation Management Plan (For Possible Action) The CCABMW Board will review, discuss and make recommendations to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners about the second draft of the Fiscal Year 2021 Predation Management Plan.**

- Chair Paul Dixon introduced this topic.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised that the last time around the CAB had asked for the public to help identify predation sites for Project 37 and administrative costs, and the CAB was shut down in reference to having coyote bounty by the Commission, not just NDOW (Nevada Department of Wildlife) but every commissioner. He advised he would go around to each CAB board member for general comments.
- Board member Therese Campbell advised as a CAB member tasks with recommending the interest of the general public, she strongly to NBWC (Nevada Board of Wildlife Commission) NDOW (Nevada Department of Wildlife) Predation Management Plan particularly and specifically as it applies to mountain lions. She stated that although Nevada's mountain lion population is nominally classified as quote "big game", it is the only quote "big game" species which is subjected to 24/7 365 open hunting season. She stated in addition lions also face lethal pressures due to the provisions of the Predation Management Plan which stipulates that lions can be killed at any time due to their unwanted predation on other quote "big game" species such as elk, mule deer etc. The policies and procedures effectively constitute which appears to be mountain lion eradication program rather than mountain lion management program. She stated furthermore, on behalf of the general public I object specifically to NDOW (Nevada Department of Wildlife) and BLM (Bureau of Land Management) ongoing joint project of quote "Pinion Jupiter Woodland Removal". This project of which the stated goal is to enhance grassland habitats for the expansion of bighorn sheep population while simultaneously making these areas inhospitable for mountain lions potentially causing even more disturbance of previously degraded habitat, removing Pinion Jupiter Woodlands destroys the trees and scrubs upon which varies native bird species including nuthatches and pinions jays depend for survival. Cheat grass which is invasive unpalatable non-native plant is often one of the first species to colonize the disturbed and or burned area. She stated therefore one might wonder if cheat grass would become even more of a problem due to the removal of Pinion Jupiter Woodland. Since cattle often directly compete with native herbivore for available foliage the question asked about the population of cattle being raised partially on public lands. She advised this concludes her comments on that particular Agenda item.
- Vice Chair John Michael Reese in regards of Project 41, he advised that state is putting ton of money on ravens, he advised he would like to know how much money has been used for raven studies and lethal control. Ravens are the biggest predators, he stated when he came



on board the number was less than 100,000 ravens and today a decade later that total is 200,000. He stated to receive recap of how much money is spent in the last ten years including Pittman Robertson funds for both raven control and raven studies. He is aware that DWL is attempting to get amount to get rid of ravens total higher than the 5,000 ravens a year and he would like to know the status of this total.

- Chair Paul Dixon advised he will make note of this as a side note to the recommendation as he does when the CAB has a dissenting opinion.
- Vice Chair John Michael Reese stated Project 38 that he is in favor of doing lethal control of coyotes, if the biologist are doing their job in all of the districts, it should be known where a large amount of the mule deer herds are located as well as the smaller herds. By doing so he stated we should know some of the tactical places where we should be able to do Predator control in the month of January and February on these areas. He stated why give a blank check be given to be used statewide, it is absurd and we are not given total of how many are being harvested. He feels not getting specifics of how many are being harvested or not knowing ahead of time where the location of the mule deer is, equals zero dollars.
- Board member Dave Talaga advised that he would like to second Vice Chair John Michael Reese on Project 41. He advised that in past the last time there was a research study done they spent in the amount of \$55,000 dollars was spent on stress test on ravens he advised wondering if they were experimenting with CBD oil on the ravens to keep their stress level down, regardless he stated he would like to see what good is this raven intensity study when nothing can be done about the ravens anyway as he has been told because they are migratory birds. He advised he seconds what Vice Chair John Michael Reese stated and feels that the CAB needs more information on the raven studies.
- Vice Chair John Michael Reese advised to Chair Paul Dixon that for the record in Project 41 with the Pittman Robertson funds money totals \$300,000 dollars. He advised that is \$870,500 coming out of the \$3.00 dollar predator fee.
- Board member Dan Gilbert asked is anyone from the CAB knows or does NDOW (Nevada Department of Wildlife) know, we had Fiscal Year 2020 Predator fee total \$797,287 dollars, he stated he would like to know if all of this money was used or is there any revenue left that we could apply to different projects?
- Vice Chair John Michael Reese advised that he brought up the fact in the last meeting that this is the reason we ask about administrative costs. He stated if you took the amount of applications for big game in 2019 which was around \$72,000 or something, it came out to close to \$974,000 dollars. With the \$947,000 dollars the department is saying you have \$797,287 to spend, his question at that time is how much were administrative costs because it totaled well over 100,000 dollars. In the year of 2020 we did 349,000 plus applications for big game tags at \$3.00 per one, this clearly shows that we are looking to have a million dollars in approximately 2021. He stated therefore he is questioning these figures because he feels there should be more revenue to spend. He stated if you look, it shows \$870,500 dollars coming from the Predators fee and then there is the PR funds which makes the basic Predator Program right now is \$1.25 million dollars.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised that if CAB goes to Page 34 of the Predation Predator Management Plan it does a breakdown of expected revenues with the beginning balance of Predator fees showing 2020 actuals and 2021 estimated and 2022 projected based on revenue and plan budgets; these amounts are coming from Predation Management fee, revenues is what we are expected and beginning balances. Look up above this information on Page 34 and you can see which projects received Pittman Robertson funds, in general we do not receive Pittman Robertson funds, it is not worth it due to the amount of time required to track the predators for the scientific aspect of it at the federal level.
- Board member Therese Campbell asked Chair Paul Dixon is the Predator fee is it tacked

onto a hunting tag or is part of that fee that one is paying, is it added on to become Predator fee where does the revenue come from?

- Chair Paul Dixon advised the revenue comes from legislature passed in order to do Predator control for every big game tag including turkey tag, there is a Predator fee attached to each tag when individual applies for it. He advised that individuals pay for application fee, predator fee and when you receive the tag you pay the tag fee. He stated example: of 3,472 people that applied for application, they all paid application of \$10.00 fee and \$3.00 predator fee for the application which is where the revenue comes from. He advised for every application for big game animal that is hunted or turkey there is \$3.00 fee per state legislature.
- Board member Therese Campbell thanked the Chair Paul Dixon.
- Public Comment: (Brian Buress): He stated he feels that predator management is one of the most important things we have, as a conservationist and hunter both across the board, with the mountain lion issue obviously someone on the CAB is adamantly opposed on any predator hunting whatsoever. He stated that there is a current issue with a single mountain lion in the Valley that has made news for the past two weeks and too have the idea that we should eliminate mountain lion hunting is the most audacious thing he has ever heard in his entire life. He stated that he would recommend the CAB board members to follow the science and push forward with the Predation Management Plan.
- Public Comment: (Game Warden Lt. Game Warden Chris Walter of the Southern Region): He advised he is responding regarding the mountain lion comment. He stated the ring doorbells and the inexpensive cameras have led to increase of lion sighting in the area. He stated that the lions have been living in the Las Vegas Valley for many years and it is only due to the fact that technology has increased that the lion sighting have increased. He advised that the Game Wardens are well aware that there is more than one lion, there are multiple lions and law enforcement (Game Wardens) are currently deciding the method they are going to use to deal with them. He advised he wanted to respond to the last comment and let them know that the Game Wardens are aware of this. He stated thank you very much.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised that in California where his sister lives, they have two collard lions that they have tracked regularly and they also do studies to see what they are consuming. He asked the Game Warden Lt. Chris Walter of the Southern Region, are they looking at collaring and tracking the multiple lions in the Valley or is this still under decision?
- Public Comment: (Game Warden Lt. Chris Walter of the Southern Region): He advised that at this point it is still under decision and they are formulating a way that it can be managed effectively that is right for both the residents that do hunt and for the residents that do not hunt.
- Board members Therese Campbell stated she wondered if part of the reason for the lion sighting is due to explosive growth of the Las Vegas urban areas and urban sprawl which more neighborhoods and homes are approaching into what was open land and these animals are large and need a lot of land to support them. She stated they cannot live on small portion of land like a smaller animal such as a coyote. She stated she is wondering just how much the urban sprawl of Las Vegas is impacting the mountain lion populations.
- Public Comment: (Game Warden Lt. Chris Walter of the Southern Region) advised it is difficult to predict the urban sprawl impact on mountain lions population but from what he has seen in the field, there is very little impact on land populations, lions are very adaptable animals and can adapt to any environment. He advised there have been mountain lion sightings at Lake Mead, Lake Mohave, Mt. Charleston, they are adaptable and will move and live and thrive in any environment.
- Public Comment: (Steven Taylor): He stated that our city continues on encroaching on lion

habitat and he understands that but it doesn't mean necessarily that the mountain lions habitat needs to be protected, but our habitat needs to be protected. He stated he doesn't really see where humans encroaching on lions habitat, it's a lion, a predator a creature that can move on and get their own business done in other places that we do not need to stop development for their needs. That is it he stated.

- Chair Paul Dixon advised that he would close public comment and go to board comments at this time.
- Board member Jacob Thompson advised that lion hunting was eliminated back in California a while ago and gave out 300 tags for lion hunting prior to the elimination. He stated that now the state of California mountain lion control strategy is to euthanize 300 mountain lions a year. He stated this is an expense to the state tax payers without the support of lion tags. He stated the end result of the mountain lion is the exact same, he stated he is in support of maintaining mountain lion seasons as a predator control based strategy in science and the North American level of conservation.
- Board member Molly DiBlasi advised she wanted to thank Jacob Thompson for his comment. She advised that predators will be managed one way or the other and either you are paying taxes to manage it or getting paid to manage it. The state is paid too so that hunters can hunt mountain lions.
- Chair Paul Dixon asked board member Dave Talaga to make a motion.
- Board member Dave Talaga made motion to accept second draft Predation Management Plan as is but with the comment we need to understand what the real benefit with the raven density studies are.
- Vice Chair John Michael Reese asked board member Dave Talaga to add friendly amendment to state what location, would it be statewide or where is the targeted location.
- Board member Dave Talaga advised that he would welcome the friendly amendment by Vice Chair John Michael Reese.
- Board member Dan Gilbert seconds the motion.
- **In split vote 6-1, the Clark CCABMW recommends supporting the Draft 2022 Predation Management Plan as presented with the following recommendations: A) The CCABMW recommends that the department show in their 2020-2021 yearend report how much predator fee funding has applied to raven control and studies over the past 10 years and what has been the results of those expenditures to date are having any impact. B) The CCABMW wants to know why Project 38 is for statewide coyote removal and not focused on areas with the highest at risk deer population?**
- **The dissenting view is because the board member disagrees with any mountain lion removal and with all Pinion and Juniper removal projects in the Predation Management Plan.**

**E) Commission General Regulation 496, NAC 503 Simplification(For Possible Action)The CCABMW Board will review, discuss and make recommendations to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners about adopting the 2021-2022 mountain lion hunting season open unit group, hunting hours and special regulations.**

- Chair Paul Dixon introduced this topic.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised what this Commission General Regulation comes after discussion with the regulation simplification committee. It defines the use terminology to define what is game animal or protected animal or fur bearing animal in this state, it talks about migratory birds that are hunted, endangered species, birds that are not classified as endangered. The hunting period for these species if any. He stated classification of game fish as well. He advised there is a lot of clean up and helps people to understand about the animals in our state.
- Board member Therese Campbell asked the question of what was the fee for a mountain lion

tag.

- Board member Jacob Thompson stated under NAC 503.147 Page 19 Rule 1: It is unlawful to hunt or chase or pursue any black bear or mountain lion with a dog except during hunting season in an open management area and under authority of a hunter's license. He advised that the comment that was made by a member of the public earlier about the need to regulate dog training and letting dogs chase the bears wantonly out of season as a method of training, he stated it seems like it would already be illegal in the present regulation.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised good comment by board member Jacob Thompson and stated he was going to state this as well.
- Public Comments: (None)
- Chair Paul Dixon asked for board member Therese Campbell to make a motion.
- Board member Therese Campbell made motion to accept Commission General Regulation 496, NAC 503 Simplification as presented.
- Board member Dave Talaga seconds the motion.
- **Motion passes 7-0**

**F) Wildlife Killing Contest (*For Possible Action*)The CCABMW will review, discuss and make recommendations to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners about adopting the 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 hunting seasons and quotas for restricted nonresident guided mule deer including hunt boundary restrictions.**

- Chair Paul Dixon introduced this topic.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised that this matter is being brought forth to the State Wildlife Commission based on resolution signed on by the Clark County Commission wanting to end Wildlife Killing Contest. He advised he feels that whenever you put the word killing, it carries negative condemnations to people that do not understand things, which causes emotions. He asked that with this action item that anyone who speaks board comments, public comments do so in a respectful manner with your comments and thoughts.
- Board member Dave Talaga favors the Wildlife Killing Contest, provided it is done with the appropriate control and understands it is very controversial. He would like to point out that in the Wildlife Value Report plan, there is increase in mutualist population over the traditional population and as a result this becomes more of a political pull. He stated the rise with the mutualist coincides with the pressure placed on our mule deer herd. The calling contest is a tool that can be used to control the population of coyotes. He advised this would benefit the mule deer herd. He state once again he understands the political aspect of this but we have the perfect storm of dissentience here and whether or not it goes through, he is still in support.
- Board member Molly DiBlasi agrees with board member Dave Talaga and stated that it is a terrible name for this, she stated she would have preferred it called a calling contest because it sounds better, but as long as it is controlled she is in favor and advised it helps out the coyote population which helps the mule deer's. She advised that generally she would be in favor of this.
- Board member Dan Gilbert advised that board member Dave Talaga was correct with the mule deer population, the primary issue in the state of Nevada, is management of wildlife due to the continuing decline of the mule deer population. He stated that the coyote are apex predators and have no predation expect hunters. He stated either the coyotes will die due to lack of foliage or will die by human conservation in order for their numbers to be balanced. He advised the incentives to have hunters in the field to control coyote population is very low in the state of Nevada. He stated as opposed to the state of Utah which has had increase in their deer population due to the ability to have bounty and put people in the field to further the population control of predators. He stated if managed

- properly there needs to be as many controls in place in the state base.
- Board member Therese Campbell stated on March 2, 2021 the Clark County Board of Commissioners voted unanimously in favor of resolution to recommend that any NBWC (Nevada Board Wildlife Commission) an active rule to ban killing contests in Nevada. Their action was in response to growing public pressure against these events, many sport hunters and wildlife management professionals have also voiced their opposition to killing contests. Several states including Arizona, California, Vermont, Washington, Massachusetts, and New Mexico have already outlaw killing contests. He advised Wildlife Killing Contest are cruel blood sport which have no basis in legitimate wildlife management practices. She stated target animals for example coyotes are lured within range and then shot, the only goal is to kill as many of that species as possible within a given time limit. Killing contest are simply not defensible and have no place in civilize society. I am respectfully asking that the CAB take action and advised NBWC (Nevada Board Wildlife Commission) to make a rule to prohibit killing contests within Nevada. She stated this concludes my comment on this Agenda item.
  - Board member Jacob Thompson advised he had couple of comments, he stated he has done his research and looked into this matter carefully and he is torn on this issue. For the record he advised that he would not want to be involved in this personally in a coyote killing contest. He stated it is not the right thing to do to eliminate others ability to do so. He feels that killing contest make people aware due to the campaign done by main society of the United States and organizations affiliated with this. He advised there is political push to outlaw these types of contests as well as predator hunting in general. He stated there is no difference than the status quo for the coyote or killing contest, they both equal the same amount for the coyote. He stated he does not see the value in removal of the killing contest for those who want to participate in this. He advised that this is issue that is a cultural touchstone and he is in favor of this.
  - Vice Chair John Michael Reese advised that as board member Jacob Thompson stated they are not trying to outlaw you with hunting, they are trying to outlaw you hunting with friends. He advised the way the hunt is conducted, a lot of times it is like a social gathering, people barbeque, get together with friends they have not seen in a while except at this type of event. He stated a lot of times they do not get anything in the hunt, and he feels the contest is ill based. He stated he feels that with the 1.25 million predator fund, we can pay for coyote control, it is skilled base.
  - Chair Paul Dixon advised in past poison was put out to kill the coyotes, now we use wildlife services in areas where there are ranchers, they hire services for these areas. He stated it will either be done by wildlife services or by hunters. He stated when you have too many of certain species that need to be controlled this killing contest is one method that is used. He stated whether removal of coyotes is done by hunters with friends or by wildlife services, it is humane way for removal of these species.
  - Public Comment: (Brian Buress): He stated it is called a killing contest, the job of the CAB is to 100% is to rule by science not by emotions, coyotes are one of the disseminated waterfowl population and he has a great passion for this population. He advised it is not a coyote calling contest ban, it is a wildlife contest and the wording is important because wildlife is any gaming animal you take out in the state of Nevada. He advised any contest should be canceled such as Jr. Fishing Contest etc. because by doing this any contest in the state of Nevada will be removed. He advised this is not science but also not intelligence. He advised the state of Nevada has tried to get the coyote population under control but it is not physically possible. He advised that Clark County does not have a calling contest, most of these contests are run by ranchers and farmers. He stated by doing this it will decrease the big game population and devastate our economy for ranchers and farmers.

- Public Comment: (Joseph Terry): He advised that he has seen multiple coyotes in Las Vegas and they are issue and when you contact NDOW (Nevada Department of Wildlife) they get upset and people's cats and dogs get eaten. He advised he does not like the name, it should be labeled differently and advised the coyotes are part of the dog family and they have big impact on the wildlife.
- Public Comment: (Steven Taylor): He advised that he agrees with the other two public comments and it doesn't need to be discussed any further.
- Public Comment: (Fred Voltz): He advised that CAB seems to be dismissing to the people who appointed you in which is the Clark County Commission and it seems that the CAB should have been present when the resolution was passed but none of the CAB bothered to appear. He advised that 9,000 mule deer are killed regardless of the fact that there is decline of mule deer. He advised that farmers and ranchers need to spend their own money to make sure that there animals are protected from predators and urban areas need to make sure to keep food in proper areas.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised he did not attend the Clark County Commission meeting due to COVID-19 and having elderly parents and not wanting to be around others and risk his parent's health.
- Board member Dan Gilbert asked if the Commission has this on the Agenda to take action.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised that it is on the Agenda for discussion and he would recommend that we take no action at this time.
- Board member Therese Campbell she feels a vote should be taken to let CAB go on record to send recommendation to NBWC, she is not in favor of tabling this item and would be willing to make a motion at this time, she feel it is not good optics and it looks as if the CAB is passing the buck if they decide to table this item. She advised the motion should state that she would like the CAB to vote on motion to agree with the Clark County Commission and recommend to NBWC and NDOW know that they should outlaw these coyote killing contests or these killing contests or NBWC takes no action and the killing contests continue either way she advised she is wanting to get something on the record to show the CAB made some type of recommendation.
- Vice Chair John Michael Reese advised on the state wildlife Agenda Item #18, he advised this item is for possible action and Commissioner McNinch will be holding this and the state wildlife board is going to hear this item. He advised he is in agreeance with board member Therese Campbell and would like the state wildlife board to know what CAB's position is on this matter and he would like the CAB's position to be placed on record. He stated that he is not in favor of tabling this issue.
- Board member Jacob Thompson advised in reference to what board member Therese Campbell stated about optics he advised he doesn't want to hunt anything that he doesn't plan to eat and from his understanding coyotes are not good eating. He stated he doesn't want to be placed in a position of making something illegal that should be legal, and he would be surprised if the state commission does not act upon and table it. He advised if a member of the CAB could make a motion if they deem fit and it is not in the middle of public comment whether it is in support, reject or table.
- Board member Molly DiBlasi advised she feels that this item should not be tabled.
- Board member Dan Gilbert advised that this issue may or may not be taken up by the wildlife commission and he would be willing to make a motion for it to be tabled until the Wildlife Commission decides whether or not to take up this issue.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised for one of the CAB to at this time make a motion.
- Board member Therese Campbell advised a motion that the CAB vote to recommend and advise to NBWC that they follow with the Clark County Commission resolution to outlaw killing contests within Clark County.

- Board member wanted to make alternate motion.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised to board member that first there are two options to board member Therese Campbell's motion before any alternate motions can be presented. The options are: 1) second the motion or motion dies 2) do not receive a second motion and the motion dies.
- Chair Paul Dixon asked for a second to board member Therese Campbell's motion and received no second motion therefore the motion dies.
- Board member Dan Gilbert he stated he proposed motion to not eliminate coyote calling contests until at which time the NDOW can provide data of the reason for the reduction of the mule deer population in the state of Nevada and thereby eliminating the conservation control measure that the state of Nevada has put in place.
- Chair Paul Dixon asked for a second on this motion.
- Board member Jacob Thompson seconds the motion.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised if he could make a friendly amendment to Dan Gilbert's motion, he advised he thinks what board member Dan Gilbert is requesting (*to not eliminate coyote killing contest until we understand the impact that coyotes have on deer population decline*).
- Vice Chair John Michael Reese advised motion that he would like to see the state take no action on this coyote killing contest.
- Board member Dave Talaga advised that he agrees with Vice Chair Michael Reese, and that board member Dan Gilbert's motion opens the door to be problematic by putting a condition in the motion.
- Board member Dan Gilbert advised his intention is not to put condition on motion and to not bring issue up until there is discussion to understand the pressures that are coming from the mule deer population and how or what if any of this pressure is being applied by the coyote population.
- Vice Chair John Michael Reese advised that his message is not to give the Wildlife Commission the ability to put a protection on a unprotected species, giving the impression that this can be done in future if they deem necessary on any unprotected species thus opening up pandora's box. He simply would love to see a motion to say Wildlife Commission take no action.
- Board member Dave Talaga advises it should be withdraw of the motion by Dan Gilbert and for Vice Chair John Michael Reese to make a new motion leaving out the predator protection in the new motion.
- Board member Jacob Thompson advises that he withdraws his second to the previous motion.
- Board member Dan Gilbert advised he is withdrawing his previous motion.
- Vice Chair John Michael Reese advises that Clark County CCABMW recommends that the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commission take no action on the resolution by the Clark County Commission to ban coyote killing contests in the state of Nevada.
- The dissenting vote felt that the CCABMW should support the Clark County Commission resolution to ban coyote killing contests).
- Board member Jacob Thompson seconds the motion.
- **Motion passes split 6-1.**

**X. Comments by the General Public- A period devoted to comments by the general public about matters relevant to CCABMW's jurisdiction will be held. No vote may be taken on a matter not listed on posted agenda. Comments will be limited to three (3) minutes. If any member of the CCABMW wishes to extend the length of a presentation, this will be done by the Chair or the CCABMW by majority vote.**

- Chair Paul Dixon introduced this topic.
- Public Comment: (Brian Buress): He advised that a lot of hunters are being misrepresented by member on the board. He advised recently this item came before the Commission, he stated that it is important for elected officials on the board to represent their constituency and he feels that his public representation from the CAB board did not do this. He stated a lot of hunters are still members of this board. He advised a member of this board went before the Commission and stated her position and acting in her position as a member of this board for the reason she was making these statements, he advised this violates **Rule #7: in the CAB manual: Question: (May County Advisory Board members represent their County on wildlife issues, through such mechanisms as writing letters or attending hearings on the state or federal level) Answer:#7 (No, there is no authority provided to County Advisory Boards beyond advising the Wildlife Commission within their respective counties per NRS 501.297 “the boards shall solicit and evaluate local opinion and advise the Wildlife Commission on matter relating to the management of wildlife within their respective counties”.** ) and he respectfully asks for her resignation and asked that this matter be forwarded to the Attorney General’s office.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised that concerns had been brought to his attention and he has forwarded this matter to Acting Attorney Catherine Jorgenson to look into this matter further and will let CAB know the outcome based upon her findings.
- Public Comment: (Fred Voltz): He stated that someone trying to use mechanism to silence one person is not acceptable when there are six other people sitting on the board.
- Board member Therese Campbell stated as a CAB member task with representation as the views of the public and as a public citizen myself, she would have been giving views regardless. She stated that voicing her support toward a resolution put forth by Justin Jones of the Clark County Commission, and that she takes the role as public advocate seriously and she wanted it on the record.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised to board member Therese Campbell that it is his job as Chair of the CAB to send the matter to the District Attorney if there is concern on improper actions by a CAB board member.
- **Chair Paul Dixon advised this item is hereby closed.**

**XI. Authorize the Chair Paul Dixon to prepare and submit any recommendations from today’s meeting to the Wildlife Commission for its consideration at its March 19, 2021 & March 20, 2021 virtual meeting (For Possible Action)**

- Chair Paul Dixon introduced this topic.
- Public Comments: (None)
- Board Comment: (None)
- Chair Paul Dixon advised motion for Chair Paul Dixon to attend the meeting and submit recommendations from tonight’s meeting to the Wildlife Commission meeting.
- Vice Chair John Michael Reese seconds the motion.
- Motion Passes 7-0

**XII. The Next Advisory Board meeting is scheduled for May 4, 2021 (Teleconference) Las Vegas, Nevada. This meeting will be in support of the May 7, 2021 & May 8, 2021 Commission meeting scheduled to be in Las Vegas, Nevada.**

- Chair Paul Dixon advised he will be attending this meeting and urged other CABMW board members to attend as well if they have the opportunity to do so.
- Public Comments: (None)



- Board Comments: (None)
- Chair Paul Dixon advised this item is hereby closed.

## **I. Adjournment.**

### **POSTING LOCATIONS:**

Nevada Department of Wildlife, 3373 Pepper Lane, LV

<https://www.ndow.org>

<https://www.clarkcountynv.gov/airquality/Pages/default.aspx> (Division of Air Quality, Department of Environment and Sustainability)

