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MEMORANDUM:

Monday April 15, 2024

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

From: Kailey Musso, Management Analyst 3, Director's Office

Title: **Commission Policy 12**

Description: Commission Policy 12 has been updated following TAAHC discussions.

Summary:

*The formatting of every policy will be updated, as they are passed, so that it is consistent in each policy.

Policy 12 was last reviewed at the March TAAHC Meeting. The policy has been developed to reflect legislative changes surrounding the three-dollar big game application fee ("predator fee"). Policy 12 has been drafted solely to address the habitat, research, and management of nonpredatory game species.

Recommendation:

Move to adoption hearing at June Meeting.

**STATE OF NEVADA
BOARD OF WILDLIFE COMMISSIONERS**

Commission Policy Number 12

Number: P-12

Title: Fee for Habitat, Research, and Management

Reference: NRS 501.100, 501.181, 502.253,
Effective Date: 2024

PURPOSE

To inform the public and guide the Nevada Department of Wildlife (Department) in actions relating to the Board of Wildlife Commissioners' (Commission) review and approval of expenditures of the \$3 fee in accordance with NRS 502.253(1)(b).

Pursuant to NRS 502.253(1) a fee of \$3 is charged for processing each application for a game tag to be used by the Department, at the direction of the applicant, for costs related to developing and implementing an annual program for the:

- (a) Lethal removal of predatory wildlife; or
- (b) Improvement of wildlife habitat and research or management activities beneficial to nonpredatory game species.

Pursuant to NRS 502.253(1)(b), the Department is authorized to expend funds directed for the use of improvement of wildlife habitat and research or management activities beneficial to nonpredatory game species. Unlike the Heritage projects, all funds collected in the previous year are eligible for expenditure.

POLICY

If selected pursuant to NRS 502.253(1)(b), it is the policy of the Board of Wildlife Commissioners (Commission) to make awards from the \$3 fee for activities for the improvement of wildlife habitat and research or management activities beneficial to nonpredatory game species. All awards shall be made in the form of grant awards through the Wildlife Heritage Committee following the same process as prescribed by the Department's Heritage Program Grant Manual. Proposals must be submitted between January 1 and March 1 of each calendar year to receive consideration for annual allocations. Department applicants should submit projects through the Habitat Conservation Framework Project Portal (HCFPP). For more information, applicants should consult the HCFPP User Manual.

PROCEDURE

The Department shall administer the funds for projects awarded during the Wildlife Heritage Committee process and ensure its compliance with all applicable state rules

and regulations. The Department will rank and score project proposals based on project viability and resource enhancement potential. Projects funded through paragraph (b), will be ranked and scored separately from Heritage Program Projects, but will be scored and evaluated in the same manner. As a condition for accepting any award, project proponents must agree to the terms and conditions of the Heritage Program Grant Manual. The Heritage Grant Manual is posted on the Department's website as part of the Wildlife Heritage Program.

This policy shall remain in effect until amended, repealed or superseded by the Board of Wildlife Commissioners.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF WILDLIFE COMMISSIONERS IN REGULAR SESSION, XXXX 2024.

Chairman Tommy Caviglia
Board of Wildlife Commissioners

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