



**Clark County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife
Government Center
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Las Vegas, NV 89155
September 19, 2023 (5:30 PM)
Minutes**

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I. Call to Order-Roll call of Board Members determination of a quorum:

If no quorum is present, meeting cannot begin and will be canceled.

- Chair Paul Dixon advised that there is a quorum with four board members: (Chair Paul Dixon, Board members John Hiatt, Alexander Harper, and Dave Talaga). Board member Jacob Thompson will be arriving late. (Absent- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert & Board member Brian Patterson).
- A quorum was determined.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

- Chair Paul Dixon led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Public Comment- This is a period devoted to comments by the public about items on this agenda. No discussion, action, or 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 CCABMW about items within its jurisdiction but not appearing on this agenda, you must wait until the “Comments by the General Public” period listed at the end of this agenda. Comments will be limited to three (3) minutes. Please clearly state your name, address, and please spell your first and last name for the record. If any member of the CCABMW wishes to extend the length of the presentation, this will be done by the Chair or the CCABMW by majority vote.

- Chair Paul Dixon introduced this topic.
- Chair Paul Dixon gave brief explanation on what this section means, he stated this section is for members of the public who are not going to stay for the entire meeting and would like for their voice to be heard and give their comments on an action item due to time constraints which prevent the individual from staying for the entire meeting.
- Chair Paul Dixon asked the public if anyone had a comment they would like to address in tonight's meeting.
- Public Comment: (None)
- **Chair Paul Dixon advised that this item is hereby closed.**

IV. Approval of Minutes from the August 8, 2023, CCABMW Meeting (*For possible action*).

- Chair Paul Dixon introduced this topic.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised that Secretary Darlene Kretunski did a great job on the meeting minutes for August 8, 2023, and stated it was around 35 pages or more and is lengthy but does give complete analysis of what was stated at the meeting.
- Board member John Hiatt stated that on item VI. (Approval of the Agenda for August 8, 2023): He stated that motion to approve the agenda, he advised that it states that he Board member John Hiatt advised a motion to approve the meeting minutes for the CCABMW Agenda for August 8, 2023. He stated this does not make any sense and he moved to approve the agenda not the meeting minutes.
- Chair Paul Dixon stated that on item VI. (Approval of the Agenda for August 8, 2023) on bullet number five Secretary Darlene Kretunski needs to make a change to reflect the following language: motion to approve the agenda for the CAB August 8, 2023, meeting instead.
- Secretary Darlene Kretunski stated yes.
- Board member Alexander Harper asked Chair Paul Dixon a question and asked if he was not at the last meeting on August 8, 2023, should he simply sustain his vote.
- Chair Paul Dixon stated to board member Alexander Harper that he can always go back and read the meeting minutes for the August 8, 2023, meeting for himself but generally the CAB does not do carryover of items from meeting to meeting.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised that at the last meeting on August 8, 2023, the CAB approved not only the June 20, 2023, meeting minutes but also the revised meeting minutes for May 2, 2023.
- Chair Paul Dixon asked the members of the public if they read the meeting minutes and asked for input on if they felt it was the correct level of detail.
- Public Comments: (*Jana Wright, member of the public*): She stated she was

not in attendance of the last meeting and had no comment.

- **Chair Paul Dixon advised that the item is hereby closed.**

V. Approval of the Agenda for September 19, 2023. Agenda items may be Held, Combined, or Deleted. (For possible action).

- Chair Paul Dixon introduced this topic.
- Board member Jacob Thompson just arrived during this time.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised that after viewing the Agenda, there are corrections needed, and stated that both Action Items (h) and (i) are basically stating the same thing, but in the description for Action Item (h) it is advising that it should have different header, it is stating the following on the Agenda Action Item (h) Commission General Regulation 511, Fisheries & Action Item (i) Commission General Regulations 512, Fisheries. **He stated the following corrections are needed for tonight's Agenda: Action Item Corrections: (h) Wildlife Management Area Regulations NAC 504 & Action Item (i) Commission General Regulation 512 Fisheries.**
- Public Comments: (None)
- Board member John Hiatt advised a motion to approve the Agenda as corrected.
- Board member Alexander Harper seconds this motion.
- **Motion passes 5-0.**

VI. CABMW 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 at this time will go to each member of the CAB and asked if they have any announcements, or discuss any correspondence sent or received.
- Board member Jacob Thompson: **(No)**
- Board member Dave Talaga: **(No)**
- Board member John Hiatt: **(No)**
- Board member Alexander Harper: **(No)**
- Chair Paul Dixon asked board member Dave Talaga if he would look up information that was sent out by Commissioner Mike Reese (Proclamation signed by Governor Joe Lombardo).
- Board member Dave Talaga located the email and stated his apologies, he did not have the image and read the following: From Commissioner Reese email that came from Lindsey from Governor Lombardo office, A Proclamation is all set and ready to go for fishing day, we sent the Proclamation to your office by email, the Proclamation will

appear on the Governor's website on September 23, 2023.

- FYI- Signed by Governor Lombardo on 9/19/2023 the (Governor stated hereby proclaim September 23, 2023, as a day in honor of Hunting and Fishing Day in Nevada).
- FYI- To view this Proclamation please go to this link:
https://gov.nv.gov/Newsroom/Proclamations/2023/Sep/A_Day_in_Honor_of_Hunting_And_Fishing_Day_in_Nevada/
- **Chair Paul Dixon advised that this matter is hereby closed.**

VII. Recap of the August 11, 2023 & August 12, 2023, Board of Wildlife Commissioners Meeting by CAB member Dave Talaga (Informational) (For possible action).

- Chair Paul Dixon introduced this topic.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised that board member Dave Talaga attended Commission Meeting in Fallon, Nevada and took this drive just for his CAB members and he would speak on what he learned at this meeting.
- Board member Dave Talaga advised that there were many interesting topics discussed but he would like to narrow it down to only three items.
- Board member Dave Talaga stated the first item would be the Winecup Presentation. He advised that this presentation was informational only. He stated there was a representative for the Winecup by the name of (*Wyatt Anthony, Land Manager Winecup Gamble Ranch, Kroenke Ranches*).
- Board member Dave Talaga advised he found it interesting that there were two primary individuals on this did not show up at the meeting on this matter, and he felt that they should have been there, he advised he did not remember these two individuals' names. He stated he had a discussion with the (*Land Manager Wyatt Anthony*) who oversees the properties for the Winecup encompassing over 3.2 million acres between Nevada going to Montana.
- Board member John Hiatt asked board member Dave Talaga, the question was it in Montana also.
- Board member Dave Talaga advised to board member John Hiatt that the property was from Nevada up to the state of Montana.
- Board member John Hiatt again asked board member Dave Talaga about his statement previously stating from Nevada to Montana and stated continuous all the way to Montana.
- Board member Dave Talaga stated to board member John Hiatt no not continuous all the way to Montana, the Winecup properties have properties through these states, around 3.2 billion acres. He stated the owner of Winecup (*Paul Fireman*) did this similar thing with properties in Wyoming last year and advised that this is land grant and not a purchase.
- Board member Dave Talaga advised that this must go through Congressional and has been in the works now for two years. He stated that this means two-year strategy tactics which he felt was evident in the presentation. He reiterated that the two individuals who should have been there were not, and he felt this was a strategic strategy and he seen no reasonings behind why they were not present.
- Board member Dave Talaga stated unfortunately this was informational and lots of public comments were made. He stated he did receive a commitment from (*Wyatt Anthony, Land Manager for Winecup Gamble Ranch, Kroenke Ranches*) that he would be interested in visiting the CCABMW but with priority to the Elko CAB.
- Board member Dae Talaga advised that he did let Commissioner Mike Reese know about this and was given permission by Wyatt Anthony to have his phone number passed around, and he advised that Commissioner Mike Reese did indeed contact him but was unaware of how

successful that conversation was.

- Chair Paul Dixon stated to board member Dave Talaga that when he stated in his discussion Land Grant, he was advising that Congress would bypass procedures and grant the Winecup the land.
- Board member Dave Talaga stated to Chair Paul Dixon yes.
- Chair Paul Dixon asked board member Dave Talaga if (*Wyatt Anthony, Land Manager for Winecup Gamble Ranch, Kroenke Ranches*) explained in his presentation of how Nevada would have any benefits from this, rather than Winecup.
- Board member Dave Talaga advised yes, he did, and stated this is simply a three for one swap. The land's value is based upon what is given to the state of Nevada. He stated there would be a portion of the land meaning a portion of ground of very nice wetlands that would be gifted to receive three portions of return from non wetlands. He stated the idea is the commercial value worth of this property of the wetland's property versus the commercial value of the three portions of non wetlands thus guarantee of receiving more from this deal by receiving property that is thought to be necessary for their efficiency. He stated it was said that the sole purpose for this deal is to make the ranch more efficient and operational.
- Chair Paul Dixon asked board member Dave Talaga the question that if the land is being leased, is there not already a continuous block.
- Board member Dave Talaga stated to Chair Paul Dixon that he had a great question but unfortunately in this discussion period, sadly the Commission had similar questions. He stated he felt the line of questions given by Commission were softball.
- Chair Paul Dixon asked board member Dave Talaga if he felt this has the support of the Commission independent of the counties.
- Board member Dave Talaga stated to Chair Paul Dixon that again is a great question and stated he feels in his opinion is in the timeframe of two and half years working on this project, the lobbyist have been lined up and petitions have been given to Congress therefore this was only released to feel the right momentum to make this project a success.
- Board member John Hiatt stated to board member Dave Talaga that one does not simply petition Congress, he stated one must find specific members of Congress to get these individuals to introduce the legislation, and asked board member Dave Talaga was it mentioned who the lead Congressional member is on this. He stated he did not feel it was an individual from the state of Nevada.
- Board member Dave Talaga advised that he concurs. He stated to board member John Hiatt that none of this was discussed and that again he talked to (*Wyatt Anthony, Land Manager Winecup Gamble Ranch, Kroenke Ranches*) offline and unfortunately, he did not have this information. He stated he felt that Wyatt Anthony was sent purposely because he is an underground guy, meaning nuts and bolts, he simply fixes bridges basically, as opposed to the individuals who he stated previously who were higher in command and did not attend the meeting and not around to discuss anything. He stated he agrees and feels this will be pushed through with a mass bill therefore done without any notice.
- Board member John Hiatt stated to board member Dave Talaga that if so, this would pose a problem to Nevada Congressional delegates if a major land transfer took place without any of their needed votes and were opposed to this.
- Board member Dave Talaga stated to board member John Hiatt that is if the Nevada Congressional delegates were all opposed to this.
- Chair Paul Dixon stated he could not see either Senators Mike Lee, Jackie Rosen or Catherine Cortez Masto supporting this based on the positions they have taken in this state previously.
- Board member John Hiatt stated to Chair Paul Dixon that Elko County is already opposed to

this.

- Chair Paul Dixon agreed with board member John Hiatt and repeated that Elko County is indeed opposed to this and advised that he does not think that he has seen where any of the counties in support of what this offers. He stated that this does not offer any mineral resources and it is simply a trade offer for wetlands to trade to receive other wetlands.
- Board member Dave Talaga advised to Chair Paul Dixon that there is no trade of wetland to wetlands, this was his example to show example of swap, and stated Winecup has a map to show where the proposed swaps are.
- Chair Paul Dixon stated to board member Dave Talaga he realized that was his example but stated in the end if this receives up to \$4,000 dollars then the property swapped is going to be extremely valuable but as of current, we have not even reached the \$2,000 dollar mark as of last year.
- Board John Hiatt stated that there is no answer heard yet in the purpose of this acquisition considering the strategy of the owner or potential owner, he advised he does not know if they own it or not yet and in reference to how other properties they have are being handled as well in other states. He stated therefore once again what is the purpose of this exercise, since these are the largest owners in the country.
- Board member Dave Talaga stated to board member John Hiatt that the purpose as previously stated is efficiency.
- Board member John Hiatt advised that efficiency is a cattle ranch.
- Board member Dave Talaga stated to board member John Hiatt indeed.
- Board member John Hiatt stated to board member Dave Talaga if an explanation of the way that it is much more efficient.
- Board member Dave Talaga stated to board member John Hiatt to some extend, it is by maintaining roads, trails, bridges, infrastructures, moving feed that sort of things.
- Chair Paul Dixon stated to board member Dave Talaga if land is being leased from BLM (*Bureau of Land Management*).
- Chair Paul Dixon stated to board member Dave Talaga if he was insinuating that once one is leasing land from BLM (*Bureau of Land Management*) one cannot maintain the roads therefore when one receives a BLM lot, the roads become unmaintainable.
- Board member John Hiatt stated to Chair Paul Dixon that in all actuality BLM (*Bureau of Land Management*) maintains their own roads.
- Chair Paul Dixon stated to board member John Hiatt that BLM (*Bureau of Land Management*) maintains their own road very well.
- Board member Dave Talaga stated the problem in this situation is that the CAB is asking great questions but, in the meeting, the same occurred with no great answers due to the gentlemen who was there presenting the presentation was not the correct level to have the strategic answers to these questions. He stated the gentlemen (*Wyatt Anthony, Land Manager for Winecup, Gamble Ranch, Kroenke Ranches*) looked great and was very articulate in speaking but his conversation was based on the ranch and the hands-on usage of the land from cattle rancher viewpoint.
- Chair Paul Dixon stated to board member Dave Talaga if the Commission asked the question of what hunting opportunities will be lost with this.
- Board member Dave Talaga stated to Chair Paul Dixon no.
- Chair Paul Dixon stated are the Commission hands tied because these questions he agreed with board member Dave Talaga previous statement where indeed softball questions. He stated if this is about giving one and taking away three looking at Area 6 and Area 7 and what we have for our elk and deer herds in these areas, this is not a trivial amount of area to take

away from hunters.

- Public Comments: (*Joe Bennett Jr., Supervisor NDOW, Southern Region*): He stated no it is not and stated it goes beyond that, if you go from this checkerboard property this will have implications on management of these herds, with the elk incentive program, the damage program. He stated he is hopeful that with this possible action these questions will be addressed that the CAB is addressing now in today's meeting. He stated he would be surprised if the Commission would be with a blanket support of this. He stated do not quote him on this.
- Chair Paul Dixon stated that he sees that nobody would benefit from this other than the ranch therefore he feels the state of Nevada is receiving the short end of the stick on this one.
- Board member Dave Talaga stated to Chair Paul Dixon and this is without even getting into the reasoning of why this land is being taken. He advised that he talked to members of the public at the meeting, and they agree and there was talk that this land is going to be utilized for potential soil and wind farms.
- Public Comments: (*Joe Bennett Jr., Supervisor, NDOW, Southern Region*): He stated to board member Dave Talaga that he has heard this same talk as well. He stated that if anyone has spent time in Area 7 attempting to access the higher elevation mountains behind this property, will have implications that if ranchers own these acres, they are not required to give permission to that property.
- Board member Dave Talaga advised that in the presentation it was stressed their desire to work with hunters and members of the public.
- Chair Paul Dixon stated that he worked with Ken Wellington on the PX Ranch and this ranch landlocked close to 100,000 acres, using this for private hunting reserve. He stated this ranch would not allow anyone on the land and would accept incentive tags. He stated he worked with (*Jack Robb, Tony Wasley, Ken Wellington*) for over three years until they had them give access to this property. He stated this was strange because in theory even if this property has incentive tags, they are not required to give access, therefore it's a gentlemen's agreement and if NDOW does not push this issue or enforce taking away things to push access then it will not be done. He stated he fears that the same thing will happen here, and the land will be landlocked and due to the massive amount of land that is also BLM (*Bureau of Land Management*) after they landlock all the lower levels to access the only access will be as previously stated by (*Joe Bennett Jr., Supervisor, NDOW, Southern Region*) the higher elevation mountains that is behind this property.
- Board member Dave Talaga stated to Chair Paul Dixon that it was clear that these types of questions were not allowed during the presentation. He stated even after the presentation when speaking to (*Wyatt Anthony, Land Manager for Winecup, Gamble Ranche, Kroenke Ranches*) it was obvious that he was not the correct individual to answer these types of questions. He reiterated that the individuals who could answer these questions were not present. He stated he felt even if these individuals were present, they would have passed the buck and he felt the presentation was focus on how much that Winecup cares for members of the public and about the efficiency this has for the ranch in general.
- Chair Paul Dixon stated this is reminding him of a well-known movie in which the Governor tips his hat and side steps the issue hence this is what he is hearing from this.
- Board member Dave Talaga stated that this issue was cracked open for everyone in the first Commission meeting in which Winecup decided to make their first presentation therefore we will have to see what happens with Congress on this matter.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised that the discussion on this later tonight's Agenda, it is listed on Action Item (b) Winecup Gamble Land Exchange Discussion as well as on Action Item (c) Winecup Gamble Land Exchange CCABMW Position Letter. He stated Vice Chair Dan

Gilbert who owns land in Elko, he purchased a ranch in this location, and he wanted to draft a letter on this.

- Board member Dave Talaga stated to Chair Paul Dixon he believed there were 30 to 40 members of the public who attended the meeting and left immediately after viewing the presentation of the Winecup therefore showing the large amount of public support against this.
- Chair Paul Dixon stated to board member Dave Talaga that the public support could be there but unless there are more members of the public to press this issue this will be passed in the back portion of a large bill and most people will not realize this until after the fact.
- Board member John Hiatt advised that this does happen.
- Chair Paul Dixon stated that is how these things are getting through when you have political clout. He stated there would not be a surprise to him if Congressional staff would not be interested in this.
- FYI- To view this presentation at the Commission Meeting 8/11/2023-8/12/2023 (Fallon, NV) please go to this link: <https://www.ndow.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/06/11-Winecup-Gamble-Land-Exchange.pdf>
- Board member Dave Talaga stated secondly, he stated he found interesting was the Carson Lake Conservation Area. He stated to *(Joe Bennett Jr., Supervisor, NDOW, Southern Region)* he was not certain how familiar he was on this matter and stated it was impressive.
- Chair Paul Dixon asked board member Dave Talaga if he was referring to Carson or Mason Valley.
- Public Comments: *(Joe Bennett Jr., Supervisor, NDOW, Southern Region)*: He stated to Chair Paul Dixon that Carson was the new, it has been called Carson Lake since last year.
- Board member Dave Talaga stated that he spoke to a gentleman who works for NDOW and cannot remember his name.
- Public Comments: *(Joe Bennett Jr., Supervisor, NDOW, Southern Region)*: He stated to board member Dave Talaga that he was probably referring to James who works at Carson Valley.
- Board member Dave Talaga stated that this gentleman has equipment such as road grader, backhoe and is attempting to rearrange dikes for water control of some 12,000 acres. He stated that this was indeed very impressive as well as his discussion with a gentleman who was a retiree for the Water Authority. He stated this gentleman the retiree along with NDOW manages the property there. The discussion was advising everyone of the amount of waterfall they receive and in the mist of the conversation he asked this gentleman to define drought. The gentleman stated it would be lack of snowfall. He stated the snowfall is the water source at this location. He stated the Water Authority from this location takes the water from when the snow melts therefore dividing this water up and prioritizing it out. He stated the priority is the ranchers and growers in the area and when it reaches Carson Lake, they have barely a small percent of water as it is used up prior to arriving to this location. He stated the ranchers could receive 100 percent of their allotment leaving zero for the conservation efforts at Carson Lake. He stated when speaking to the gentlemen he gave him a history lesson speaking about 100 years ago on Carson Lake and stated he may be incorrect on this fact, but he believes it was told to him that the water level is 130 feet below now then it was previously when the water source was coming from a river that was allowed to flow into Carson Lake and now that river is gone.
- Board member John Hiatt stated to board member Dave Talaga if he was certain that he was not referring to Walker Lake.
- Board member Dave Talaga stated to board member John Hiatt that he was discussing Carson Lake not Walker Lake.

- Board member John Hiatt stated to board member Dave Talaga that it makes no sense since Carson Lake is not that deep.
- Board member Dave Talaga agreed with board member John Hiatt and stated that when the river that flows in there.
- Board member John Hiatt stated to board member Dave Talaga that Carson River is what river that flows in there.
- Board member Dave Talaga looked it up on his phone while talking to board member John Hiatt and stated Carson River who would have known, he continued to advise when Carson River was eradicated by the irrigation system.
- Chair Paul Dixon stated to board members that he thought it was Walker Lake working with farmers to receive more allocation to receive more water to add to Walker Lake.
- Board member John Hiatt stated that Walker Lake has been completely diverted solely to agriculture, and no water level is going down and supports fish therefore there is a major attempt to purchase water rights and the question is how to get these water rights down stream down to the lake. He explained with ground water pumping this is pulling in water out of the river hence if a person purchased water rights does not mean that the water will be able to get to the river which is maybe 50 miles away. He stated there is a major effort to attempt to get more water into Walker Lake and this year the only reason that Walker Lake has gone up to about 15 feet is due to flooding coming out of the Sierra. There is a water management issue that in past water was given to ranchers and farmers with disregard to the wildlife, or Native Americans, witness Pyramid Lake which got little water. He stated that in the 1990 due to Senator Harry Reid that the Truckee River was rediverted to Pyramid Lake done in part to endangered fish.
- Chair Paul Dixon stated to board member John Hiatt which was trout.
- Board member John Hiatt stated to Chair Paul Dixon that it was cui-ui.
- Board member Dave Talaga advised that the gentlemen told him in his history lesson that Walker Lake and Carson Lake are fed by two different river systems. He stated Carson Lake receive shaft of water after what is left from the ranchers. The gentlemen explained to board member Dave Talaga that the amount varies that is received therefore by water management of what is received, the overflow which is water that is run through the irrigation system or rainstorm will come into the Carson Lake watershed bypassing the irrigation system. He stated he found it interesting that Carson Lake has been disregarded for agriculture and with one good winter it created massive amount of water for the lake thus expanding the shoreline by miles. He stated he was amazed after hearing the history of the Carson Lake and the obstacles that NDOW faced with the wildlife habitat after all the water was diverted into agriculture.
- Board member Dave Talaga stated lastly, he would like to discuss the new NDOW office. He stated the office is very well done with exquisite touches throughout the office, he joked and stated that is where the hunters tag money is going.
- Chair Paul Dixon thanked board member Dave Talaga and explained that he wants all board members to experience these meetings in different locations and stated it is hard to explain certain things but when a board member goes in person to represent the CAB they get to see and hear for themselves what the Chair does at these meetings.
- **Chair Paul Dixon advised that this item is hereby closed.**

VIII. Discussion and CAB Recommendation to NDOW on the use of Blood Tracking Dogs in Nevada (*For possible action*).

- Chair Paul Dixon introduced this topic.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised to board member Jacob Thompson that he feels that at this point the CCABMW will have to file a petition on blood tracking dogs with the Commission. He advised that he has asked the Commission if they would like to come back to this action item and some events seem to always get in the way.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised that the CAB should do this with a wildlife organization or individual petition about blood tracking dogs and present it to the Commission. He stated to board member Jacob Thompson that with the background that he has on this issue, this can be done in November Commission meeting or moved to present in January 2024. He stated it does not have to be done today but he feels this petition should be submitted and put in to get action on this by getting it on the Commission Agenda.
- Board member Jacob Thompson asked Chair Paul Dixon if this was recommended to him by a member or members on the Commission.
- Chair Paul Dixon stated to board member Jacob Thompson that he talked to NDOW on the best method to get this going, and why was he not receiving more traction on this. He was advised that if he would put in a petition, it receives more attention and would go quicker and receive more attention. He stated he will not disclose any names, but he went up the ladder to obtain this information from NDOW. He stated he feels that NDOW would like to take on this topic but unfortunately as reiterated previously the topic is overshadowed by events.
- Board member Jacob Thompson stated that this is not an urgent topic.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised that this is not an urgent topic but the way to get this addressed will be to file a petition. He stated it will not be that difficult and advised board member Jacob Thompson to find sportsman organization to pair up for this petition.
- Board member Jacob Thompson asked if Chair Paul Dixon knew if the petitioner must be a citizen of the state of Nevada or not.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised since this state allows out of state hunting, non-resident hunting, he is not sure if the petitioner would need to be instate, but advised board member Jacob Thompson that he may want to get a instate sponsor an individual that is instate being part of the petition, he stated he was not for certain but stated that before doing so they

would ask. He stated he does not think this individual needs to be a resident of the state of Nevada, regarding a hunter issue like this one. He stated when it pertains to the state of Nevada issuing non-hunting license therefore if it impacts the ability of a non-resident to hunt then these residents should be able to put in a petition.

- Board member Jacob Thompson asked Chair Paul Dixon did he feel that the non-profit organizations would be interested in signing or co-signing the petition, he advised he was not certain.
- Chair Paul Dixon stated to board member Jacob Thompson that this does not need to be acted upon at this time thus giving the CAB time to investigate to find answers to these questions. He stated it is not as if we have a certain window of time for this and advised there is more time to discuss this at the CAB meeting held in (2024) January, February, March and May, he stated the CAB will have four meetings over five months giving the CAB opportunity to file this petition after the New Year.
- Chair Paul Dixon stated to board member Jacob Thompson that if the CAB needs to make sure that all the information is correct prior to petitioning by discussing this with the Deputy Director to view the permit thus making sure to dot the I's and cross the T's.
- Board member Jacob Thompson asked the question to Chair Paul Dixon, should the discussion with the CAB about this issue be done in the light of day in public, or here.
- Chair Paul Dixon stated to board member Jacob Thompson that he will put together this petition with the sportsman organization first, then it will be presented to the CAB thereafter. He stated the CAB does not have to give an endorsement to this petition, he stated to board member Jacob Thompson that if he would like to make this process more public than it can be held in the meeting forum instead, but advised as a petitioner, there is not a need for the petitioner to go through the CAB process. He reiterated again to board member Jacob Thompson that if he would like to have an open forum and public input into the discussion giving it a greater support level, then he highly gives recommendation to bring this discussion before the CAB and get public input on this matter.
- Board member Jacob Thompson stated to Chair Paul Dixon that his comments were fair.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised to board member Jacob Thompson that it does not hurt. He stated the more people you have does not hurt but is a benefit to getting this approved, ultimately getting support public and eventually support

from non-hunting public.

- Board member Jacob Thompson stated to Chair Paul Dixon that he feels that individuals in the conservation period should be in favor of.
- Chair Paul Dixon stated to board member Jacob Thompson that since Nevada has a 10 hour non waste regulation, he stated there are individuals who still want to waste therefore this is a good drive for this regulation.
- Chair Paul Dixon stated he was not aware if there was a need to take any board action on this at this time.
- Board member John Hiatt stated he would like to take a moment and ask Jacob Thompson to give explanation on what defines a blood tracking dog and how common are the dogs.
- Board member Jacob Thompson stated to board member John Hiatt that he is not an expert on this but advised based upon the previous research that he has done, it is legal to have blood tracking dog in about 43 to 44 states. He stated in places where blood tracking dogs are legal it is usually in places where there is high regulation and usage of control dogs(leashed). This is only done by professional certified or licensed handlers and these handlers can found in organizations such as (*UBT*) United Blood Trackers and there are many other organizations as well. He stated this is done per request of hunters who have injured or lost their game species.
- Board member Jacob Thompson advised that (*UBT*) United Blood Trackers that this organization keep records of all the staff in their organizations, species retrieved yearly, and how many requests for tracking they have received to assist hunters. He stated the numbers are impressive.
- Board member Jacob Thompson stated blood tracking dogs may or may not be legal in this state, and that a state officer may not ticket someone who is doing this because of clarification. He stated the fact that this is not legal in this state has a chilling effect on having it in future exist here. He stated if they do it and its not legal then no one is excited to have risk of their potential licensure or having their blood tracking dogs seized your dog or taken away or losing a firearm or jeopardizing their licensure in another state.
- Board member John Hiatt asked board member Jacob Thompson if hunter shoots a deer and the deer goes away from the hunter, then the hunter calls then the organization sends someone or it's an individual person, how long does it take them to come out (next day, two days later) with the blood tracking dog and they search until they find the game species.

- Board member Jacob Thompson stated to board member John Hiatt that he would have to state that it is done quicker than that at the point of two days later the meat could be spoiled.
- Board member Dave Talaga stated to board member John Hiatt that he can give an example of his nephew who uses the service. He stated his nephew lives in Michigan and he had a wounded deer and tracked the deer to a certain range due to it getting dark and there are coyotes. He stated his nephew did not want the deer to sit out for too long therefore he contacted the service to assist. He stated this gentleman is licensed by the state he presumes, and he brought out his blood tracking dogs, and they track the deer which at that point had died and they end before the Predation. He stated that his nephew has used this service three time already. He stated that his nephew stated that the service was a success, and the deer was found within a matter of hours as well as in some instances have scared the coyotes off. He stated that is the premise and in Michigan he heard from his nephew that this is popular.
- Board member John Hiatt advised to board member Dave Talaga that he wondered how that service would work in this state since it is so vast. He stated would the service have an individual that is 300 miles away.
- Board member Jacob Thompson advised that the market would figure these questions out he feels when it becomes legal in Nevada. He stated he is under the assumption that individuals both hunters and the blood tracking services would start in area where there are heavy big game species. He stated at the same time he is certain that there will be individuals from those organizations who will be willing to drive those distances to assist as well but he advised these individuals will probably charge fee for the long distance. He stated this is all determined on how much of a desire to find the mule deer, or elk that they have lost.
- Board member Dave Talaga stated or if they are hunting ram.
- Board member Jacob Thompson advised that whatever type of species they are hunting whatever the case.
- Chair Paul Dixon stated to board member John Hiatt that he is certain that individuals would be smart enough to contact the service and let them know that they are in the area and give them directions of where that area is and ask if they would be available in case, they needed their service.
- Board member Jacob Thompson stated that these organizations that provide this service might be open 24 hours and be prepared for all case scenarios. He stated he is

unaware of the economics of it all but knows that there are many entrepreneurs out in the world who would be available most of the time to provide this service. He stated he would think that the state would have an approved list and one could look on the state site to find a service and calls, agree to a price.

- Public Comments: (*Annoula Wylderich, member of the public*): She stated she thinks her one question has been answered already but she stated these dogs are trained specifically to find wounded animals unlike the hound hunting where the dogs are chasing the wounded animals and when found tear them all apart.
- Board member Jacob Thompson stated to (*Annoula Wylderich, member of the public*) that these dogs are tracking a blood trail to wounded animal and advised that he is under the assumption that in that regulation it would make it illegal to dog dispatching anything wounded as well.
- Public Comments: (*Annoula Wylderich, member of the public*): She stated that she thinks that the leash laws apply to hunting too.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised yes; these dogs would be on a leash.
- Public Comments: (*Annoula Wylderich, member of the public*): She stated the hunters only would utilize this specific service or can obtain their own dogs and train the dogs for this service as well.
- Board member Jacob Thompson stated to (*Annoula Wylderich, member of the public*) that anyone could.
- Chair Paul Dixon stated anyone could be certified to do this. He stated one could obtain certification for themselves. He stated this does not mean that individuals must use this service it simply means that if they did not, they would have to go and get certification if they wanted to do this.
- Board member Jacob Thompson stated to (*Annoula Wylderich, member of the public*) that the dogs would be leashed and depending on the regulations by the state or NDOW one would have to be licensed through either the state or with NDOW and pay fees for license and for renewals. He stated the state might be fine with having these individuals approved through the organizations for their staff or contracted staff and he stated these details could be worked out.
- Public Comments: (*Annoula Wylderich, member of the public*): She advised to board member Jacob Thompson that she is wondering if these details could be an issue for the Game Wardens in our state to monitor that activity.
- Chair Paul Dixon stated to (*Annoula Wylderich, member of*

- the public) what she meant by monitoring in what method.
- Public Comments: (*Annoula Wylderich, member of the public*): She stated to Chair Paul Dixon monitoring to make sure these individuals are keeping their dogs on leash, and that these individuals are indeed licensed.
 - Chair Paul Dixon stated to (*Annoula Wylderich, member of the public*) that it would be like checking a person to see if they have their hunting license on hand. He stated in the field the Game Warden's for NDOW they use their cellphone a lot, that way when individuals state they were not doing certain things they can look on their cellphones to show they have them doing these things.
 - Board member Jacob Thompson stated to (*Annoula Wylderich, member of the public*) that any time there is increase in the number of people in the field thus creating additional work for Game Warden's then this is valid to ask these questions. He stated he does not imagine that in this state it will be large amount of people having blood tracking dogs. He stated and the last thing he wanted to state about the monitoring is he feels that individuals who have employment of some sort in wildlife conservation are often involved in making sure that the wildlife conservation laws are being respected and followed therefore if you have employment involved with working around the wildlife then these individuals are less likely to do things that would catch the attention of a Game Warden.
 - Chair Paul Dixon stated to board member Jacob Thompson that the incentive to do these things outside of the law is less likely.
 - Board member Dave Talaga discussed his nephew who he spoke about previously and advised that the gentlemen who his nephew uses in that scenario his dogs are licensed as well therefore if law enforcement shows up, he must show license for himself, and his dogs and it is very tightly controlled.
 - Public Comments: (*Annoula Wylderich, member of the public*): She stated to board member Dave Talaga thank you.
 - Chair Paul Dixon stated to board member Jacob Thompson that the CAB will work with him on this matter, and they should start the process for this to be done correctly, and stated there is no rush.
 - Board member Jacob Thompson asked the question to the public their opinion if this service would be something that they have interest in doing.
 - Public Comments: (*David Hawkins, member of the public*): He stated he did not know why the hunter would like the animal to suffer after putting in one's due diligence to hunt the species properly and the animal got away especially

going up North where there is thick impression in those parts it is the honorable thing to do.

- Chair Paul Dixon stated to board member Jacob Thompson that if hunters draw a mountain tag or a ram tag in this state then most rams or elk are shot in the afternoon therefore the hunter should try to find the animal quickly due to the hardship in finding the animal at night.
- Public Comment: (*Nick Gulli, member of the public*): He advised he thinks it was a good idea and as hunter who goes out to hunt for meat, he wants to find the animal he hunted, and it is a benefit so he can feed his family and would use the service. He stated he has used his dogs to during duck hunting since there are no laws in place to state he cannot. He stated his dogs are used to the smell of blood and has had to track two animals with his hunting dogs to find harvested animals. He stated he would like to see this service regulated much more and advised leash are being used had to track with the GPS technology to control the dogs is a benefit to him and the state and would bring in extra money from the companies that are coming to the state for this opportunity.
- Public Comments: (*Mark Transue, member of the public*): He stated he would use this service and advised he has lost what he hunted and advised that by the time he came across these animals he was hunting the meat was not good.
- Public Comments: (*Nick Gulli, member of the public*): He advised that there is nothing like not having a good night sleep due to not knowing where the animal you hunted was lost.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised that the CAB would work with board member Jacob Thompson on this and it.
- **Chair Paul Dixon advised that this item is hereby closed.**

IX. 2024 & 2025 Meeting Schedule for the CCABMW. (*For possible action*). The CCABMW board will review, discuss, and vote on the CCABMW Meeting dates for CY 2024 and CY 2025.

- Chair Paul Dixon introduced this topic.
- Chair Paul Dixon stated that the CAB's meetings have always been scheduled for the Tuesday before the Commission Meetings.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised that in previous years if the CAB runs into a problem with conflicts in dates, the CAB has adjusted the meeting dates, he advised this is rare, but it has been done. He stated the dates work for the CAB around 90 to 95 percent of the time but as advised if not then as previously done in past not often, the CAB can adjust the dates.
- Public Comments: (*Mark Transue, member of the public*): He advised that when viewing the next website, he noticed that the next meeting date in October is on Halloween.

- Secretary Darlene Kretunski agreed with (*Mark Transue, member of the public*) and advised it was since the Commission Meeting was coming up the first week of November therefore the Tuesday before would be on Halloween. She stated I think it was because Nevada day was the week before, so we had to do it on that Tuesday.
- Board member John Hiatt advised that Nevada Day is always on Friday.
- Chair Paul Dixon agreed with John Hiatt and stated yes Nevada Day is always on Friday.
- Secretary Darlene Kretunski advised that the CAB agreed on this date already.
- Public Comments: (*Mark Transue, member of the public*): He stated the CAB should leave it on October 31, 2023, which happened to fall on Tuesday.
- Secretary Darlene Kretunski advised to the CAB that they already agreed upon this date since the Commission Meeting is in the first week of November. She reiterated that all CAB members agreed to this.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised he had no issue with the next meeting taking place on Halloween, Tuesday, October 31, 2023.
- Board member John Hiatt stated to Chair Paul Dixon if he was done trick or treating by then.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised that he leaves his wife to do all the Halloween things like passing out candy.
- Board member Jacob Thompson stated that Chair Paul Dixon will be showing up in his costume.
- Chair Paul Dixon asked the CAB if they would like to move the meeting to Monday the day before, then he does not have an issue with that.
- Public Comments: (*Nick Gulli, member of the public*): He stated that maybe that would be a good idea considering that most people are going to be traveling and it is a three-day weekend for most families.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised to (*Nick Gulli, member of the public*) that it cannot be on Wednesday, November 1, 2023 because this does not leave enough time for the Commission to read the CCABMW Action Report Form he has to submit to the Commission the day after the CAB meeting and if we move it to Wednesday that is less than 2 days and not enough time to give the Commission to view the recommendations of the CAB on the action items therefore that would require for Chair Paul Dixon to give verbal input even though he is turning in the CCABMW Action Report Form.
- Secretary Darlene Kretunski stated to Chair Paul Dixon if he is asking to change this date to Monday October 30, 2023, instead. She reiterated that the CAB when voting on the meeting dates for 2023 knew that the Tuesday Meeting for the CAB would fall on Halloween and said yes to this. She stated that the Commission Meeting that followed would be in November the first week this is the reason we had to do our CAB meeting on Halloween because it was the Tuesday before.
- Chair Paul Dixon stated he wanted to view when the Commission Meeting was in November 2023. She stated she thought it was on the second but stated she was looking right now.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised the Commission meeting was on November 3, 2023, and November 4, 2023.
- Public Comments: (*Nick Gulli, member of the public*): He stated if the CAB could hold their meeting on the week before on Tuesday, October 24, 2023, this way it does not effect individuals or families that are traveling whether it be Friday, Saturday, Sunday, Monday and then taking their children out on Halloween and does not effect the CAB by

- having a meeting on Halloween.
- Secretary Darlene Kretunski reiterated again that the reasoning behind keeping it on Tuesday before the CAB meeting and that it would have to be on Halloween is due to the Commission Meeting in November, and it has always been this way meaning the CAB meetings held the Tuesday before the Commission Meetings in past.
 - Chair Paul Dixon advised that up until the last two Commission Meetings, generally the Commission admin would provide the information by at least the 20th of the month, that would be on the Commission meeting for the CAB to set their Agenda therefore Chair Paul Dixon advised that there is not adequate time for him to have to get the Agenda out if they have the meeting on October 24, 2023 due to the possibility of delay of the information from the Commission Admin timely in order to set CAB's Agenda.
 - Public Comments: (Nick Gulli, member of the public): He stated to Chair Paul Dixon okay.
 - Chair Paul Dixon stated this is the reasoning of having the CAB meetings the Tuesday before the Commission Meetings to have adequate time to complete the Agenda just in case information needed is delayed, and advised in some instances there are still challenges of delay to get the Agenda set for the Tuesday before the Commission Meeting.
 - Secretary Darlene Kretunski stated that the previous joke was that the CAB would come in costume.
 - Chair Paul Dixon advised that some of us are already in costume, and you just did not realize it now.
 - Secretary Darlene Kretunski advised that October 31, 2023 (Tuesday) will be the CAB's last meeting for the year of 2023.
 - Chair Paul Dixon advised that the CAB would have their meetings the Tuesday before the Commission Meeting for 2025 as well.
 - The following dates are for the calendar year of 2024: *(Tuesday, January 23, 2024) (Tuesday, March 5, 2024) (Tuesday, April 30, 2024) (Tuesday, June 25, 2024) (Tuesday, August 13, 2024) (Tuesday, September 24, 2024) (Tuesday, November 5, 2024).*
 - *All dates listed will be at the Government Center, 500 Grand Central Parkway (Pueblo Room) Las Vegas, NV 89155 in the Pueblo Room except on Tuesday, March 5, 2024, this meeting will be held in the ODC 1 Room:* The Elections Department is using the Pueblo Room, and no one is permitted in this room after hours on that day.
 - The following dates are for the calendar year of 2025: *(Tuesday, January 21, 2025) (Tuesday, March 4, 2025) (Tuesday, May 1, 2025) (Tuesday, June 17, 2025) (Tuesday, August 12, 2025) (Tuesday, September 23, 2025) (Tuesday, November 4, 2025)*
 - Chair Paul Dixon advised motion to continue to have the CCABMW meetings for 2024 & 2025 on the Tuesday before the scheduled Wildlife Commission Meetings.
 - Board member John Hiatt seconds the motion.
 - **Motion passes 5-0.**

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

Discuss & make recommendations regarding the following Action Items from the Board of Wildlife Commissioners September 22, 2023 & September 23, 2023, meeting agenda, as well as additional items brought forth to the CCABMW from the public for discussion. CCABMW agenda & support materials are available upon request to Darlene Kretunski at (702) 455-1402 or you may email Darlene Kretunski darlene.kretunski@clarkcountynv.gov. The final commission agenda & support at: http://www.ndow.org/Public_Meeting/Commission/Agenda/

a. **Commission Regulation 23-15, Fishing Seasons and Regulations for January 1, 2024, through December 31, 2025(For possible action).** The CCABMW Board will review, discuss, and make recommendations to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners about Commission Regulation 23-15, Fishing Seasons and Regulations for January 1, 2024, through December 31, 2025.

- Chair Paul Dixon introduced this topic.
- Chair Paul Dixon stated that the Commission is adopting Commission Regulation 23-15 to establish Fishing and Regulations for the two-year period January 1, 2024, through December 31, 2025.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised that the Commission is proposing the following changes: **1) Allow possession limits to be implemented for all waters statewide including general regulation waters and special regulation waters. The possession limit would be 2 times the daily limit of the water being fished.** Chair Paul Dixon advised that possession limits; he gave example that if limit law is 2 fish, then the possession limit would be no more than 4 fish. He gave another example if it is 5 fish then the possession limit would be no more than 10 fish. He advised that the Commission wants to make this statewide so that it is very clear across the board for entire state.
- Chair Paul Dixon read the following: **2) More simplified regional general fishing regulations. Each Region (Eastern, Southern, Western) will have one general regulation for all counties within their respective Regions.** Chair Paul Dixon advised that this means that general fishing regulations will be regional therefore all counties within that region will abide by the regional set of rules. He stated rather than having multiple rules in different counties there is just regional rules instead.
- Chair Paul Dixon read the following: **3) Eliminate the seasonal closure on Big Springs Reservoir, Onion Valley Reservoir, Blue Lakes (Humboldt County) and Catnip Reservoir (Washoe County) making them all open year around.** Chair Paul Dixon advised that means these waters will not have a seasonal closure therefore these waters will be open yearly.
- Chair Paul Dixon read the following: **4) Eliminate the seasonal closure and size restriction for trout on Knott Creek Reservoir (Humboldt County)**
- Chair Paul Dixon read the following: **5) Propose limits on our newest urban ponds, Mountain View Park Pond (Douglas County) and Battle Born Pond (Washoe County) to be consistent with all other urban ponds (3 game fish).** Chair Paul Dixon advises that these two urban ponds have opened, and the Commission simply wants for the regulation to be the same for all urban ponds.
- Chair Paul Dixon read the following: **6) Propose changes to Hobart Reservoir (Washoe County) to extend the season until October 31, eliminate the size restriction, and limit the number of tiger trout anglers can reduce to possession.**

- Chair Paul Dixon advised that the sentence did not make any sense, and asked (*Joe Bennett Jr., Supervisor, NDOW, Southern Region*) if he knew what exactly that sentence was attempting to state.
- Public Comments: (*Joe Bennett Jr., Supervisor, NDOW, Southern Region*): He stated he would like to turn that question over to (*Brandon Senger, Supervisory Fisheries Biologist, NDOW*)
- Chair Paul Dixon stated to (*Brandon Senger, Supervisory Fisheries Biologist*) that he did not realize that he was in attendance tonight, his apologies. He stated we are looking at Hobart Reservoir (Washoe County) and extending the season with elimination to size restrictions with limitation to tiger trout thus reduction to possession.
- Public Comments: (*Brandon Senger, Supervisory Fisheries Biologist*): He stated what that means is the reduction in harvesting.
- Chair Paul Dixon stated he was attempting to figure out what this was.
- Board member Dave Talaga stated he thinks the explanation is located on the next page, third box down (Western Region Regulations-Carson City, Churchill, Douglas, Humboldt, Lyon, Mineral, Pershing, Storey and Washoe counties. He stated sorry that is not it.
- Public Comments: (*Brandon Senger, Supervisory Fisheries Biologist, NDOW*): He stated the information can be found on Page 11 (Washoe County) Description and Rationale: (Hobart Reservoir and tributaries and Franktown Creek downstream from Hobart Reservoir to Red House) under Proposed Regulations: Daily 5 trout of which not more than 2 may be tiger trout. Possession: 10 trout of which not more than 4 may be tiger trout.
- Chair Paul Dixon stated it has been reduced to a total of 2.
- Public Comments: (*Brandon Senger, Supervisory Fisheries Biologist, NDOW*): He stated to Chair Paul Dixon that the 2 is in reference to tiger trout.
- Chair Paul Dixon stated to (*Brandon Senger, Supervisory Fisheries Biologist, NDOW*) that basically there is restriction on the number of trout that one can take but only two can be tiger trout.
- Public Comments: (*Bradon Senger, Supervisory Fisheries Biologist, NDOW*): He stated that is correct.
- Chair Paul Dixon read the following: **7) Reduce the limit of trout on Twelve-mile Creek (Washoe County) to be consistent with Oregon fishing regulations.** Chair Paul Dixon asked (*Brandon Senger, Supervisory Fisheries Biologist, NDOW*) is the reasoning behind this because Twelve Mile Creek originates in Oregon and flows into Washoe County.
- Public Comments: (*Brandon Senger, Supervisory Fisheries Biologist, NDOW*): He stated to Chair Paul Dixon that they both share interstate waters.
- Chair Paul Dixon stated to (*Brandon Senter, Supervisory Fisheries Biologist, NDOW*) that they share interstate waters like what we do with interstate law for deer hunts.
- Public Comments: (*Brandon, Senger, Supervisory Fisheries Biologist, NDOW*): He stated to Chair Paul Dixon that Lake Mohave, Lake Mead as well with similar regulations to Arizona for easier to be enforced.
- Chair Paul Dixon read the following: **8) Eliminate the seasonal closure on black bass at Eagle Valkley Reservoir (Lincoln County).**
- Chair Paul Dixon read the following: **9) Allow for unlimited possession of bullheads at Nesbitt Lake (Lincoln County) and all waters on the Kirch WMA, including Tule and Dacey reservoirs (Nye County).** Chair Paul Dixon stated if anyone likes bullheads then it is unlimited there.
- Chair Paul Dixon read the following: **10) Several daily limit and size restrictions changes that are a result of simplification of the general regulations and efforts to reduce the number of special regulation waters throughout the State.**

- Chair Paul Dixon stated the CAB could go through each change individually but feels that the CAB will discuss the Southern Region of Clark County right now.
- Chair Paul Dixon read the following: the Southern Region (*Lincoln County-Nesbitt Lake*)- Open year-round except portion above the old fence line as posted, it is closed to trespass February 15 through August 15 and closed to fishing during the waterfowl season) Daily Limit- 15 warmwater game fish of which not more than 10 may be black bass, with no limit on bullheads which have unlimited possession. Possession Limits: 30 warmwater game fish of which not more than 20 may be black bass. This proposed change allows unlimited harvest of bullheads at Nesbitt Lake within Key Pittman Wildlife Management Area.
- Chair Paul Dixon read the following: (*Lincoln County- Eagle Valley Reservoir and Meadow Valley Wash above the reservoir*): Open year-round, Daily Limit- 5 trout and 15 warmwater game fish and not more than 10 may be black bass. Possession Limit- 10 trout and 30 warmwater game fish which not more than 20 may be black bass. The proposed change will remove the seasonal catch and release regulation which went into effect in 2015 and was intended to protect large black bass that spawn in the shallow waters.
- Chair Paul Dixon read the following: (*Nye County*): ***Kirch Wildlife Management Area***- Open year-round except the upper portions of Adams-McGill, Cold Springs and Haymeadow reservoirs closed to trespass February 15 through August 15 as posted. A 100- yard areas as posted around the inflow from Hot Creek to Adams-McGill Reservoir is closed to fishing January 1 through April 1. Daily Limit 5 trout and 15 warmwater game fish of which not more than 10 may be black bass. No limit on bullheads with unlimited possession. Limit is 5 black bass from April 1 though June 30. Possession Limit- 10 trout and 30 warmwater game fish of which 20 may be black bass.
- Chair Paul Dixon read the following: (*Nye County*) *Tule Reservoir*- Open August 16 through February 14. Daily Limit- 5 trout and 15 warmwater game fish of which not more than 10 may be black bass. No limit on bullheads with unlimited possession. Possession Limit- 10 trout and 30 warmwater game fish of which not more than 20 may be black bear.
- Chair Paul Dixon read the following: (*Nye County*) *Dacey Reservoir*- Open year-round except the upper portions of Dacey Reservoir closed to trespass February 15 through August 15 as posted. A 100- yard area as posted around the inflow from Hot Creek to Dacey Reservoir is closed to fishing January 1 through April 1. Daily Limit- 1 trout and 15 warmwater game fish of which not more than 10 may be black bass. No limit on bullheads with unlimited possession. Limit is zero black bass (*catch and release only*) from April 1 through June 30. Possession Limit- 2 trout and 30 warmwater game fish of which not more than 20 may be black bass.
- Chair Paul Dixon asked the CAB and NDOW staff if there was anything specific for Clark County.
- Public Comments: (*Bradon Senger, Supervisory Fisheries Biologist, NDOW*): He stated there is not anything specific for Clark County only for Lincoln County and Nye County.
- Public Comments: (*Brandon Senger, Supervisory Fisheries Biologist, NDOW*): He stated to Chair Paul Dixon reiterating in Lincoln County Eagle Valley Reservoir and Meadow Valley Wash above the reservoir, there is removal of zero black bass catch and release only from April 1 through June 30.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised he is having discussion on these counties because most fish in these areas.
- Board John Hiatt to Chair Paul Dixon that if he were an ignorant fisherman and read all of the regulations and felt that he could be in compliance he stated he does not see anything reflecting introduction of any new types of fish from one body of water to another which accomplishes introductions of new fish into different areas and gave example Walleye Pike of

being introduced into Cummins Lake. He stated individuals have the idea that they have one type of fish in one body of water and want that same type of fish in another body of water and move them. He stated this is a huge issue of transplantation of fish from one place to another. He stated he feels that this needs to be clarified in the regulations that this is illegal.

- Chair Paul Dixon asked (*Brandon Senger, Supervisory Fisheries Biologist, NDOW*) if it is clear in the regulations that it is illegal to do any transplantation of fish, is that correct.
- Public Comments: (*Brandon Senger, Supervisory Fisheries Biologist, NDOW*): He stated to Chair Paul Dixon that it is not worded in the regulations but there are existing Nevada Code of Regulations addressing that it is illegal, and stated again it is already illegal for transplantation of fish.
- Board John Hiatt agreed but stated to (*Bradon Senger, Supervisory Fisheries Biologist, NDOW*) but stated that you are saying that it is in another area, but a regular person is simply going to read this and not know that there is a Nevada Code of Regulations already in place and it is illegal.
- Public Comments: (*Brandon Senger, Supervisory Fisheries Biologist, NDOW*): He stated to board member John Hiatt that in NDOW's Nevada Fishing Regulations book there is section specifically covering game fish transplantation and NDOW has the expectation that anglers will read through to find out the regulations required.
- Board member John Hiatt stated to (*Brandon Senger, Supervisory Fisheries Biologist, NDOW*) that this is a major deal, and it can be costly in damages and money for fisheries and habitat of other non fish species as well. He stated that the regulations should specify not just general word "fish" but "aquatic species" instead, which could include certain species of snails which can be very detrimental. He stated the snails did well in his aquarium he liked them.
- Chair Paul Dixon stated that he remembers when crayfish were transplanted into Lake Tahoe thus creating a problem.
- Board member John Hiatt stated there is a new species of crayfish from Australia introduced into the waters at Wetlands Park and now they are attempting to get rid of this crayfish and it grows up to 18 inches long.
- Board member Jacob Thompson stated to board member John Hiatt that it sounds delicious.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised to Board member John Hiatt that if the crayfish is indeed that size it will probably eat everything in its path.
- Board member John Hiatt stated yes it does.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised to board member John Hiatt that the motion should include his thoughts on transplantation of fish.
- Board member John Hiatt stated that he would like it to state the following: *Cautionary notes about introduction of nonnative aquatic species entering Nevada waters. He then stated this wording is not correct and wanted it changed to the following: Transplanting any aquatic species into Nevada waters is not permitted except by authorized personnel.*
- **FYI-** Board John Hiatt advised about crayfish from Australia that has taken over Wetland Park: *it is called a Australian Red Claw Crayfish- species of freshwater crustacean native to the northern and eastern regions of Australia, which can reach the size of 9.8 inches and can reproduce very rapidly, causing issues for local ecosystems.*
- **FYI-** "Daily Limit" *means the maximum number of game fish that may be lawfully taken and reduced to possession by a person in one day.*
- **FYI-** "Possession Limit" *is two times the daily limit for the water in which the fish were caught. A daily possession limit includes fish caught in Nevada which have been processed or preserved and are stored at any location. Fish that are caught and immediately released back to the water alive are not considered to be reduced to possession or part of the limit.*
- **FYI-** *A person shall not reduce game fish to possession if he already has the number of that*

fish in possession which equals or exceeds the possession limit of the water being fished.

- **FYI-** *General limits are listed by region. Exceptions to general limits are included as “special regulations” and are listed by individual water.*
- Chair Paul Dixon advised to board member John Hiatt that he would include his concerns into the motion and advised he captured board member John Hiatt’s recommendation as the following: to clarify to the fishing public there should be a reference to cautionary notes about introduction of nonnative aquatic species entering Nevada waters except by authorized personnel.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised a motion to accept Commission Regulation 23-15, Fishing Seasons and Regulations for January 1, 2024, through December 31, 2025, as presented with the recommendation that in these regulations there is a cautionary note placement that warns anglers that transplant of any aquatic species into Nevada waterway is illegal except by authorized personnel.
- Board member Jacob Thompson seconds the motion.
- **Motion passes 5-0.**

b. Winecup Gamble Land Exchange Discussion (*For possible action*) The CCABMW Board will review, discuss, and make recommendations to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners about the Winecup Gamble Land Exchange.

- Chair Paul Dixon introduced this topic.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised that this discussion was already done previously when board member Dave Talaga had his informational discussion on the previous Commission Meeting and his findings.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised that since this item is an Action Item that he is asking if the public has any concerns or comments to voice. He reiterated any concerns or comments about the potential Land Grant not Land Exchange that would need Congress would give to Winecup.
- Board member John Hiatt advised that this is a Land Transfer, and that Land Grant is an obsolete term he feels.
- Chair Paul Dixon stated to board member John Hiatt just Land Transfer then.
- Board member John Hiatt stated there is often confusion of Land Grant colleges and stated this is an exchange because a land grant does not involve any exchange.
- Chair Paul Dixon stated that the word exchange defines equality, and that is not what the word exchange means. He stated this is a Land Transfer with bated breath.
- Public Comments: (*Mark Transue, member of the public*): He stated if Winecup wants the land and want to place it in portions for access then he stated he is against this. He advised they have enough land up there now and that there is a large amount of land up there now.
- Chair Paul Dixon stated agreed.
- Public Comments: (*Mark Transue, member of the public*): He stated the only reason Winecup wants the land is to avoid payment of

grazing fees or not to have to graze on the BLM land. He reiterated he is totally against this.

- Board member John Hiatt stated that the Winecup also does not have to allow access.
- Public Comments: (*Nick Gulli, member of the public*): He stated we all have concerns about landlocking for everyone. He stated as conservationist we will lose funds paid out of our own pocket on guzzlers that are in this area. He stated everyone worked hard to get those guzzlers in those areas. He stated he agrees with board member John Hiatt when he stated that Winecup does not have to allow access and as history has shown in the past, we know how in some cases it was stated that access would be granted, and it was not, and he opposes this. He stated water rights and mineral rights have not been discussed. He stated who will receive this or will we just hand it over to Winecup thus coming back with a solar farm or energy building and we will be losing all those rights. He stated we need to view all aspects before deciding.
- Public Comments: (*Annoula Wylderich*): She stated she is opposed as well. She stated for all the reasons stated.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised that so far, he is amazed that he has not heard anyone who thinks this is a great idea.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised that no action is needed only to give recommendation or bold statement on the CAB's position. He stated it should state that we want to maintain access to hunting areas, and do not want to landlock areas to prevent public access and do not want to lose access to water developments and want to know what will happen to mineral rights and solar rights as these rights benefit the citizens of Nevada.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised when we discuss mineral rights that is referring lithium which is mined in various locations of the state.
- Board member Dave Talaga stated to Chair Paul Dixon a suggestion that Chair Paul Dixon stop stating specific things for this recommendation.
- Public Comments: (*Lt. Chris Walthers, Game Warden, NDOW, Southern Region*): He stated that this is a large exchange in Elko.
- Public Comments: (*Brandon Senger, Supervisory Fisheries Biologist, NDOW*): He stated that comment was made by (*Lt. Chris Walthers, Game Warden NDOW*) and that he is having technical issues.
- Board member Dave Talaga stated to Chair Paul Dixon that the intentions of Winecup are not known.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised yes; it is called pure American Greed and if you think that it is anything other than that it is a lie.
- Board member Dave Talaga advised to Chair Paul Dixon that when you are having discussions with Winecup regarding this you must be very careful of how you approach this.
- Chair Paul Dixon stated to board member Dave Talaga that this is not Manifest Destiny anymore.

- Board member Dave Talaga stated to Chair Paul Dixon that Winecup has given us little information on purpose giving areas broader terms when speaking on locations. He advised he thinks that if it is stated to Winecup that there is little information and not good information coming from this. He stated giving Winecup the reasons we oppose this until more information is given.
- Board John Hiatt stated that he would like a full Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) with public scoping and can be either Administrating or Legislating making it available to the public for review prior to any action being taken.
- Board member stated to board member John Hiatt that if this is for the purpose of pursuing a Land Exchange then they do not have to do this.
- Board member John Hiatt stated to board member Dave Talaga that if this is an exchange, and it is administrative then there is requirement to have a (EIS) Environmental Impact Statement.
- Board member Dave Talaga stated to board member John Hiatt that he agreed.
- Board member John Hiatt stated to board member Dave Talaga that if it is legislative then there still is a provision of a legislative (EIS) Environmental Impact Statement. He stated the government or congress does not have to pay attention to this but there still is a provision for a legislative (EIS) Environmental Impact Statement. He stated if it is legislative then we will ask for (EIS) and for this to made available to the public with public scoping for this.
- Board member Dave Talaga stated to board member John Hiatt that what he is saying is demanding transparency with what exactly Winecup is attempting to accomplish.
- Board member John Hiatt stated to board member Dave Talaga that he would not say that is transparency in what Winecup is attempting to accomplish, it is simply advising the pros and cons and what exactly the gain is for Winecup in this and what the public would lose in this as well.
- Board member Jacob Thompson stated to Chair Paul Dixon that he has all the information that he needs to make his decision on this matter. He stated he does not care how much, or not enough information has been presented by Winecup and stated he feels this is a terrible idea. He stated if you ask the question about solar farm or if public access is going to be taking away then Winecup would simply say they would not, we all just have to say that the CAB does not agree on this, and all members oppose this and feel it is a crime.
- Board member John Hiatt stated to board member Jacob Thompson to add that this is not of the public interest.
- Board member Jacob Thompson agreed and stated yes, it is not of the public interest. He stated keeping this recommendation short sweet and not giving anything more preventing Winecup from having excuses or promises. He stated maybe using all caps and in bold with underlines throughout.

- Chair Paul Dixon advised he would state Clark County CAB and all public who are present.
- Board member Jacob Thompson stated to Chair Paul Dixon to include that every member of the CAB is opposed.
- Board member John Hiatt stated it is interesting of the number of out of state and out of the country landowners in Elko County.
- Board member Jacob Thompson advised a motion that the CCABMW opposes Winecup Land Exchange and recommend that a (EIS) Environmental Impact Statement should be done and made available for the public with public scoping.
- Board member Alexander Harper seconds the motion.
- **Motion passes 5-0.**

c. **Winecup Gamble Land Exchange CCABMW Position Letter (*For possible action*)** The CCABMW Board will develop a position letter on the Winecup Gamble Land Exchange to submit BLM and our State Congressional representatives.

- Chair Paul Dixon introduced this topic.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised that Vice Chair Dan Gilbert as well as the (*Elko CAB Chair Jim Cooney*) if the CCABMW would write a letter to convey that an attempt was made to reach out to our Congressional members for the state of Nevada, Governor Lombardo, and rural plant management documenting that the CCABMW oppose this Land Transfer by Winecup. He stated Vice Chair Dan Gilbert is willing to write this letter on behalf of the CAB unfortunately he was unable to accomplish this prior to this meeting for the CAB to review. He stated he is unaware of the time constraints for this letter but advised that this could be done prior to our next meeting on October 31, 2023. He stated he does not feel a decision will be made prior to our next meeting but he was not certain of this, he stated he will learn the time constraints when he attends the September 22, 2023 & September 23, 2023, Commission Meeting.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised he agrees with board member Dave Talaga that once cup after the next Commission meeting does another presentation then they will feel that they have given the public political skits to proceed without the public attempting to undermine this process any further. He advised that this process may be done quickly but that Congress is going to be delayed with possible government shutdown and will not be making decisions on matters anytime soon.
- Board member Dave Talaga advised that he feels in his opinion there is enough time for the CAB to draft this letter to present to the next Commission Meeting on November 3, 2023 & November 4, 2023.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised that if Vice Chair Dan Gilbert would have completed this drafted letter it could have been discussed in today's CAB meeting but with Vice Chair Dan Gilbert being a landowner in Elko County with a vested interest and he should be the Lead on this with the other board members giving their recommendations and input. He stated he thinks that this would not be a matter that would be stuck in Congress on a 30-day extension, instead it will be stuck in legislation that will take place next year at the beginning of the year.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised that he like the letter to capture the things that the CAB worries about meaning the highest level to them and he feels that not having public access is a

major concern and we would be losing prime real estate with a large amount of wildlife diversity in it and lost to things every citizen can enjoy and not just hunters.

- Board member Dave Talaga stated to Chair Paul Dixon that this is worth the time to prepare this letter.
- Board member Jacob Thompson stated that if Vice Chair Dan Gilbert would like to write the letter that would be great, and he gave input into the letter prepared by (Elko CAB) and felt that might be guide for Vice Chair Dan Gilbert to use if he liked to do so. He stated he would recommend that Dan Gilbert check out the BHA Letter and stated he has seen around four copies of this letter circulating.
- Board member John Hiatt advised that he feels it is alright to prepare the details for this letter but inevitably this is loss of public land therefore offering no benefits to the public.
- Board member Jacob Thompson stated he agreed with board member John Hiatt and advised the deal is terrible for the public.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised that there was land variance that gave away lots of land previously many years ago and to see the exact thing happening again in the present seems insane and would have thought that everyone would have wised up from the past.
- **Chair Paul Dixon advised that this action item is hereby tabled and will be discussed again in the next CCABMW Meeting on October 31, 2023, with full public discussion and the letter will be distributed as part of the supporting material for the public to review and at that time give comments.**

d. **Commission Policy 23-Predation Management, Third Reading- (For possible action)** The CCABMW Board will review, discuss, and make recommendations to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners about Commission Policy 23-Predation Management.

- Chair Paul Dixon introduced this topic.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised that there were no additional changes on this.
- Board member Jacob Thompson stated there are not any changes within the document itself.
- Public Comments: (*Jana Wright, member of the public*): She stated that she felt there are significant changes on this from August Agenda. She stated there were significant changes and advised that on Page 1(Commission Policy 23 under *Purpose*: (Department applicants should submit projects through the Habitat Conservation Framework Project Portal (HCFPP) here: <https://ndow-beta.appgeo.com/>). She stated when she clicked onto this site it was very confusing and stated she did not understand where the user manual is. She stated on Page 3 under Predation Management Plan and Report Procedures: that letter U was eliminated from this section and stated on October 20, 2022, that the APRP Committee added language letting public know how long the committees are going and gave (example of species raven and it advises how much money was spent for each of these projects and what is the end game on this). She stated she does not have the exact language with her she did not bring material to show this information. She stated she would like to see letter U brought back under this section.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised that he could not defend why letter U was taken out of this section but stated each year that there is summary that is placed out for public to view of what has been done (Predation Plan and results of the previous year by (*Pat Jackson Wildlife Staff Specialist Game Management, NDOW, Western Region*) and state in exist which is summarized document that shows the last ten years, and now every year there is

document that details what the results are and what the end game is that they were attempting to do and gave this example: (there were 2500 eggs put out for ravens and 2500 eggs were put out and basically less predation was seen on the west).

- Public Comments: (*Jana Wright, member of the public*): She stated that she would like to continue and advised that the Committee was looking at the policies and added this letter U and each time this version has been brought forth before the Commission and even in August Commission Meeting at Fallon, NV there still was the letter U in this policy.
- Board member Jacob Thompson asked (*Jana Wright, member of the public*) what was letter U.
- Public Comments: (*Jana Wright, member of the public*): She reiterated that she does not have the exact language with her in tonight's meeting, but it would state for each project the amount of time the project would go for, money spent, end game for this project.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised that he had brought some information from the previous meeting and hoped he still had this with him tonight.
- Board member Jacob Thompson stated that he had the information, and that this information was also in the last CCABMW meeting on August 8, 2023.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised he had the information and read the following: (U) A status update of the previous year's Plan, by project, cost expenditures, amount left, how many years it has been ongoing, status of project over lifespan.
- Board member Jacob Thompson asked Chair Paul Dixon if there were also alphabet letters of (R) (S) & (T) or was it simply skipped to U.
- Chair Paul Dixon stated to board member Jacob Thompson that (S) Project Direction (T) Project Budget (U) Status Update. Chair Paul Dixon handed this information to board member Jacob Thompson for his review. He advised to (*Jana Wright, member of the public*) that the facts are that this information exist on a yearly basis with a summary of it overtime.
- Public Comments: (*Jana Wright, member of the public*): She stated to Chair Paul Dixon that she understands).
- Chair Paul Dixon stated to (*Jana Wright member of the public*) that he is wondering as well why (U) was taking out simply because it is not easy to
- Public Comments: (*Jana Wright, member of the public*): She stated to Chair Paul Dixon that it could be simply that the Commission just does not want to do it, adding that letter (U) is redundant and the other letters listed can cover letter (U). She stated that the subcommittee APRP specifically added in letter (U) therefore why is the Department removing it.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised to (*Jana Wright, member of the public*) this is due to the Commission not putting in the new version showing the striking out of certain languages within this packet. He stated he did not realize that this was taken out until after (*Jana Wright, member of the public*) just advised him of this. He reiterated that this is a clean version and does not indicate the stricken language.
- Board member Jacob Thompson stated he would still prefer if they kept stricken language in the clean version still.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised to board member Jacob Thompson that they are supposed to show the stricken language and advised that the previous version did so.
- Board member Jacob Thompson stated to Chair Paul Dixon that he was under the assumption that there were no changes until this discussion revealed there were.

- Chair Paul Dixon reiterated to board member Jacob Thompson and showed him that the previous version had red lines throughout showing the changes.
- Board member Jacob Thompson stated exactly.
- Board member Jacob Thompson advised that he felt there were not changes because the draft did not indicate these changes. He stated to *(Jana Wright, member of the public)* that she did a great job on catching this, and stated he would like to add that the website indicated previously <https://ndow-beta.appgeo.com/> he found very interesting and stated it shows list of the plan for the project, ongoing list of completed projects with a map with orange dots and when you click on each orange dot it tells you what each project is.
- Chair Paul Dixon asked board member Jacob Thompson would this website with all this information take the place of (U) that had been removed.
- Board member Jacob Thompson stated he did not know, perhaps.
- Chair Paul Dixon stated that is giving some information but not all the information in its entirety.
- Board member Jacob Thompson stated it has a log on and advised he does not have an account for this website. He stated he feels this is the place where individuals who have projects as well as NDOW will go to find information and upload information about their various projects. He reiterated that this website shows the projects and lets individuals enter their projects as well.
- Chair Paul Dixon stated the question to ask is if the new website taking over for (U).
- Public Comments: *(Joe Bennett Jr., Supervisor, NDOW, Southern Region)*: He stated this site is more specific to the 80/70 in which the application will have two boxes for two essential funds: (lethal or habitat) therefore this site is means in which NDOW applies more toward projects that are conducted more toward the habitat side thus independent of the discussion of (U), it is project summary. He stated this is a habitat summary and how the funds will be spent, with a new account like Heritage or Habitat Conservation accounts.
- Board member Jacob Thompson stated to *(Joe Bennett Jr., Supervisor, NDOW, Southern Region)* not to contradict you, but it is showing 437 ongoing projects for a total of 33 million plus dollars with 3 million plus acreage currently.
- Public Comments: *(Joe Bennett Jr., Supervisor, NDOW, Southern Region)*: He stated to board member Jacob Thompson that it is showing all the habitat projects.
- Board member Jacob Thompson stated to *(Joe Bennett Jr., Supervisor, NDOW, Southern Region)* that it is not just habitat projects, but the seeding projects will be added as well.
- Chair Paul Dixon stated that the Heritage Projects are on this website as well. He stated this is how you get that total based upon the seeding projects because it is matched dollar for dollar.
- Public Comments: *(Joe Bennett Jr., Supervisor, NDOW, Southern Region)*: He stated there is donation projects and any number of projects.
- Chair Paul Dixon stated to *(Joe Bennett Jr., Supervisor, NDOW, Southern Region)* that with (U) gone, then there is not any place to gather this information.
- Public Comments: *(Joe Bennett Jr., Supervisor, NDOW, Southern Region)*: He stated he is glad that they discussed (R)Staff Comment (S)Project Direction & (T) Project Budget, he stated he suspects that what has occurred is some of these were simply consolidated.
- Board member Dave Talaga stated that is correct, and stated if you read it over it reflects that there is basically a project program management plan and have consolidated Letters

(A through U) to make Q (Project Summary). He advised in the previous Predation Management Issued under Predation Management Plan Fiscal Year procedure and timeline on Paragraph 1, it stated the following: 1. The Department shall prepare a Draft Predation Management Plan (Draft Plan) outlining proposed actions needed for the protection, preservation, management, and restoration of wildlife populations. Descriptions of Control Projects, Research Projects, Habitat Management Activities and/or Education Programs shall include A through U; in the new Predation Management Plan under Predation Management Fiscal Year procedure and timeline on Paragraph 1, it stated the following: The Department shall prepare an annual Predation Management Plan. The Predation Management Plan shall identify and implement programs for the management and control of predatory wildlife for the benefit of other species of wildlife. He stated Paragraph 1 was cleaned up to identify on the actual focus and expanded it from A through Q. He stated not showing the stricken language is where the error was made, he felt. He stated regardless in reality everything mentioned in previous Predation Management is now in the current Predation Management material to include A through Q only. He stated that if you view Letter (N) Department Comments from the new Predator Management Report, and in the new Predation Management Plan it is equivalent in the old Predation Management Plan with Letter (U) A status update of the previous year's Plan, by project; cost expenditures, amount left, how many years it has been ongoing, status of project over lifespan. He stated that one would have to go to the old Predation Management Plan and pull out the information by looking through the new alphabets listed to find what was not in Letter (O) that was previously in Letter (U) and go through each letter, to find the similarities.

- Chair Paul Dixon asked (*Jana Wright, member of the public*) if she had the new Predation Management in front of her and he would be willing to take a five-minute break if needed for her to view and give her thoughts on the new Predation Management supporting material.
- Public Comments: (*Jana Wright, member of the public*): She stated she did not wish to have a break given for this purpose.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised that (*Jana Wright, member of the public*): She brought up an excellent point on this, but he had not looked at this material in that depth and stated he trusted board member Dave Talaga in his pointing out the reasonings in this situation of why (U) was removed.
- Public Comments: (*Jana Wright, member of the public*): She stated that she was just bringing up this to the CAB at this meeting and she is not concerned about this because she may address this issue at the Commission Meeting on September 22, 2023 & September 23, 2023 if she liked to do so, she stated she has spoken on this at this meeting and at this time she is done with this discussion.
- Chair Paul Dixon stated to (*Jana Wright, member of the public*), he stated it was fine and if there was value in doing anything else he was going to give her the opportunity to do so.
- Public Comments: (*Jana Wright, member of the public*): She stated thank you to Chair Paul Dixon.
- Secretary Darlene Kretunski asked board member Jacob Thompson to identify the website he was stating.
- Board member Jacob Thompson reiterated the previous website that he spoke about previously <https://ndow-beta.appgeo.com/>. He stated to Secretary Darlene Kretunski that

it is located on Page 1 of the Predation Management supporting material.

- Chair Paul Dixon asked (*Joe Bennett Jr., Supervisor, NDOW, Southern Region*) that this website indicated is in place simply to track improvements in habitat across the states for public viewing to see between Heritage and Predator fees all what is being done in habitat.
- Public Comments: (*Joe Bennett Jr., Supervisor, NDOW, Southern Region*): He stated it is relevant now to Predator fees because of the new 80/70.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised that the Predator fees have been brought into this but in past this would have been based solely on what was done in the Heritage funds correct.
- Public Comments: (*Joe Bennett Jr., Supervisor, NDOW, Southern Region*): He stated as he previously stated it would be from Habitat conservation, and other donations that are affiliated.
- Board member Dave Talaga advised a motion to accept Commission Policy 23-Predation Management as presented.
- Board member Jacob Thompson seconds the motion.
- Board member John Hiatt stated that to Chair Paul Dixon that he would like to have his time for discussion, he stated under Letter (P) Project Budget (\$3 Predator Fee, Pittman Robertson funding, private donations, etc., cumulative expense and remaining funds), he stated it mentions Pittman Robertson funding, but he stated there are restrictions on Pittman Robertson funding and advised these funds are not useful for everything. He stated they are using for predation management things and feels this is not truthful.
- Chair Paul Dixon stated to board member John Hiatt that if a plan is written then indeed Pittman Robertson funds can be used.
- Public Comments: (*Joe Bennett Jr., Supervisor, NDOW*): He stated if it is lethal removal then it cannot be used for Pittman and Robertson 3 TO 1 match. He advised this is simply showing overall project budget with determination on the expenditures going toward lethal removal and to Pittman Robertson therefore the clarification may be needed to explain this.
- Board member John Hiatt advised that he feels it would be worthwhile to use disclaimer on this so that everyone is aware of the restrictions on these funds.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised that each time we have talked about Heritage funds there is always this discussion about the match on these funds. He stated that the department is aware, but the question is still in this Predation Management plan if you have a plan on something that does not involve lethal removal can you still have usage of Pittman Robertson funds meaning the 3 to 1 match. He gave example: if the project budget may have predator fee in it and it might have zero Pittman Robertson money in it, but there are private donations.
- Public Comments: (*Joe Bennett Jr., Supervisor, NDOW, Southern Region*): He stated that a lot of these do have combinations.
- Board member John Hiatt stated that this is not what is implied and if you just read this, he advised it states money will come from Pittman Robertson, Predator Management, and private donations, and does not state that there are restrictions on this. He stated it should, he stated this is the Predation Management portion and there is not much non-lethal Predation Management that happens.
- Board member Dave Talaga advised to board member John Hiatt that this is a guideline.
- Board member John Hiatt stated to board member Dave Talaga that this is policy.

- Board member Dave Talaga stated to board member John Hiatt that the individual who is writing up this formal project plan is using the policy to guide them and will have to go through hoops.
- Board member John Hiatt stated to board member Dave Talaga that the policy should be explicit.
- Board member Dave Talaga stated to board member John Hiatt that the problem he sees at this point is by making everything explicit in policy.
- Board member John Hiatt stated to board member Dave Talaga that the plan should not be explicit.
- Board member John Hiatt advised that he is not asking for everything to be explicit just this small part and advised that was his thoughts on this.
- Board member John Hiatt advised when looking at the Page 2 under Authority for Predation Management in the first paragraph: Pursuant to Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) 501.100 the Legislature has declared “wildlife in this State not domesticated and in its natural habitat is part of the natural resources belonging to the people of the State of Nevada. **The preservation, protection, management and restoration of wildlife within the State contribute immeasurably to the aesthetic, recreational, and economic aspects of these natural resources.** He stated that this portion does not apply to predators, and stated this is only applying to game animals. He stated he would like to add this as a comment.
- Board member Dave Talaga read on Page 1 under **Purpose**, the following: **The purpose of this policy is to inform the public and guide the Department in actions relating to the management of predatory wildlife. The Department’s predation management actions towards predatory wildlife will be directed by the Predation Management Plan.** He stated this means plan management, submit a plan and it goes through an approval process, and if there are things such as misappropriation of funds this will indeed be tracked and advised he suspects that individuals who are appointed to this task will have knowledge of how to use these funds, they would not place a nonexperience individual with this task. He stated if you would like to make the policy explicit then you could get individuals who would like lethal removal and they could write policy for days, but he advised, he feels it is covered in letters A through Q to develop detailed and accurate prorate level management plan. He stated how many people know what (*Joe Bennett Jr., Supervisor, NDOW, Southern Region*) stated previously about the usage of 3 to 1 match with the Pittman Robertson funds, he stated most of us do not know this, some might. He stated this is kind of details that the public does not necessarily have knowledge about and advised and probably should not know if you have a well working Department of Wildlife.
- Board member John Hiatt asked board member Dave Talaga why the public would not be privy to that information.
- Board member Dave Talaga stated to board member John Hiatt that the public is certainly privy to this information, but one does not have explanation of the public to write policy for Predatory Management plans. He stated there are no expectations that the public would have the knowledge or expertise to details for this level and would not have expectations of writing policy to make the public with the capabilities of producing this either, that would be highly inefficient. He stated Winecup rich.
- Board member Jacob Thompson stated currently, once Winecup acquires this they will be.
- Board member John Hiatt stated to Chair Paul Dixon that that there is a motion and

second on the floor currently.

- Chair Paul Dixon advised to board member John Hiatt that he was looking up information and stated to (*Jana Wright, member of the public*) that he would like to show her some information shortly.
- Public Comments: (*Jana Wright, member of the public*): She acknowledged Chair Paul Dixon's comment.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised that there is currently motion and second on the floor and asked for the vote. (2nd attempt to vote on this motion).
- Board member Dave Talaga advised motion to accept Commission Policy 23-Predation Management as presented, and usage of strikethrough is recommended when there are any changes.
- Board member Jacob Thompson seconds the motion.
- **Motion passes 3-2**
- Board member Jacob Thompson stated he would like to add in the motion that he would like to continue having the strikethrough versions to help with clarification.
- Board member John Hiatt asked board member Jacob Thompson to repeat what he stated.
- Board member Jacob Thompson stated to board member John Hiatt that he stated he would like the CAB to have strikethrough versions of the supporting materials presented if there are changes.
- Board member John Hiatt stated that he agrees on that as well.
- Board member Jacob Thompson reiterated to Chair Paul Dixon to add strikethrough version if there are changes.
- Board member John Hiatt stated to board member Jacob Thompson that what is deleted is just as important as what is added.
- Board member Jacob Thompson stated any changes deletions or additions. He advised when he states strikethrough, he means strikethrough plus additions with different colors.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised to board member Jacob Thompson that strikethrough will be usage of redlines throughout.
- Board member John Hiatt advised that there is need for track changes.
- Chair Paul Dixon reiterated board member John Hiatt's previous comments by stating just track changes.
- Board member Jacob Thompson stated that volunteer work is complicated enough without having to figure out what is needed between second and third reading.
- Chair Paul Dixon made additional comments to add to the original motion the motion is as follows: **(Final Motion)**
- Board member Dave Talaga advised a motion to accept Commission Policy 23-Predation Management as presented, and the CAB gives recommendation of usage of strikethrough to be used to reflect deletions and additions for clarification and a need to clarify if Pittman Robinson funding can be utilized for non-lethal projects.
- Board member Jacob Thompson seconds the motion.
- **Motion passes 3-2 (Dissenting opinions: Need clarification if Pittman Robinson funding can be used for non-lethal projects or not).**
- **FYI- Predation Management Plan and Report Procedures:** A) *Project Number and Title* B) *Justification (detailed description of the proposed project)* C) *Project Purpose (Lethal and/or nonlethal predator control.* D) *Project Manager* E) *Project Type (Implementation, Experimental Management).* F) *Potentially Affected Species* G)

Duration H) Project Area (Units (s), County or Statewide). I) Limiting Factor Statement, including why potential non-lethal methods would not be effective J) Response Variable (if applicable). K) Project Goals and measurable objectives, including the criteria to adjust, alter or end a project based off the response variable or other considerations. L) Habitat Conditions (whether such habitat is a migratory corridor, summer range, winter range, fawning, calving, nesting or brood-rearing habitat or a combination of any of the above). M) Methods and Timing. N) Department Comments from previous year's Predator Report. O) Project Direction ((Department Recommendation). P) Project Budget (\$3 Predator Fee, Pittman Robertson funding, private donations, etc., cumulative expenses and remaining funds). Q) Project Summary.

e. Commission Policy 65- Designation of Wildlife Management Areas

(For possible action) The CCABMW Board will review, discuss, and make recommendations to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners about Commission

- Chair Paul Dixon introduced this topic.
- Board member Dave Talaga stated that he notices that there is no strikethrough on this.
- Public Comments: *(Joe Bennett Jr., Supervisor, NDOW, Southern Region)*: He stated that on this action item it is straightforward therefore to regulate and enforce public access on these easements the Commission must first designate the area as a Cooperative Management Wildlife Areas. He stated this is for The Pole Canyon Conservation and Public Access Easements and Fort Churchill Cooling Pond.
- Chair Paul Dixon stated that there is clarification about shotguns and the use of the shells during the Snow and Ross' Geese season. He asked *(Joe Bennett Jr., Supervisor, NDOW, Southern Region)* is this since there is unlimited harvest on Snow and Ross' Geese here in the state.
- Public Comments: *(Joe Bennett Jr., Supervisor, NDOW, Southern Region)*: He stated to Chair Paul Dixon that he is not certain if it is seasonal but yes at times.
- Board member Jacob Thompson asked Chair Paul Dixon where this information is located on the supporting materials.
- Chair Paul Dixon showed board member Jacob Thompson that it was shown for the packet that was for the CAB that had more details.
- Public Comments: *(Joe Bennett Jr., Supervisor, NDOW, Southern Region)*: He stated it was in the secondary Commission packet he believes.
- Chair Paul Dixon stated to board member that this section is basically stating that there cannot be more than three shells used on wildlife management areas.
- Board member Dave Talaga asked *(Joe Bennett Jr., Supervisor, NDOW, Southern Region)* if this area is still under the management of NDOW.
- Public Comments: *(Joe Bennett Jr., Supervisor, NDOW, Southern Region)*: He stated essential yes, but they must be designated of WMA.
- Board member John Hiatt advised that on NAC 504.135 Restrictions on use of firearms and ammunition under item 4. The use or possession of shells for a shotgun containing shot that is toxic or larger than standard-size T is prohibited on the listed wildlife management areas. He asked the question if there were any other toxics other than lead that individual would find in shotguns.
- Board member John Hiatt stated that this is discussion on different item that is related to a different item on the agenda.

- Chair Paul Dixon asked (*Joe Bennett Jr., Supervisor, NDOW, Southern Region*) that the change is simply for administrative purposes.
- Public Comments: (*Joe Bennett Jr., Supervisor, NDOW, Southern Region*): he stated that is correct, for management purposes.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised that he was a bit tired, and he is coming into tonight's meeting from driving five hours straight from Phoenix to be here tonight and gave his apologies.
- Board member Dave Talaga stated for clarification he asked the question that what board member John Hiatt was speaking about is from Wildlife Management NAC 504.135.
- Chair Paul Dixon stated to board member Dave Talaga that is correct.
- Board member Dave Talaga advised to Chair Paul Dixon that this is supporting document to Commission Policy 65-Designation of Wildlife Management Areas.
- Board member Jacob Thompson advised that he did not see WMA NAC 504 Commission Policy 65 on tonight's agenda and stated it is simply supporting documentation with brief explanation of the required guidelines. He felt it is brief explanation first then next showing the supporting documentation letting everyone know that this is the action that will be taken.
- Public Comments: (*Joe Bennett Jr., Supervisor, NDOW, Southern Region*): He stated if he could give some clarification that there is a typo on item (h) on tonight's agenda which should have Wildlife Management Area Regulations NAC 504.
- FYI- prior to the vote to accept tonight's agenda by the board it was recognized that there was indeed a typo on this section and the CAB voted to accept this with the following correction: it should be changed from (h) Commission General Regulation 511, Fisheries TO (h) Wildlife Management Area Regulations NAC 504 instead. He stated the description on the action item is correct, but the header is the incorrect action item.
- Chair Paul Dixon stated to board member Jacob Thompson that it was not Commission General Regulation 511 Fisheries it is NAC 504.
- Board member Jacob Thompson stated to Chair Paul Dixon that he apologized and joked that this is the reason of why Chair Paul Dixon should show up on time.
- Board member Jacob Thompson advised a motion to accept Commission Policy 65- Designation of Wildlife Management Areas as accepted.
- Board member Dave Talaga second the motion.
- **Motion passes 5-0.**

FYI- NAC 504.135 Restrictions on use of firearms and ammunition (*NRS 501.105, 501.181, 501.150, 504.140, 504.143*) **3. The use of shotguns capable of holding more than three shells is prohibited on all wildlife management areas owned or managed by this State unless the shotgun is plugged with a one-piece filler, incapable of removal without disassembling the gun, so that the total capacity of the shotgun does not exceed three shells.** this is shown in blue ink with strikethrough stating the following: *The use of a shotgun capable of holding more than three shells is permissible on all wildlife management areas owned or managed by this State during the Snow and Ross' Geese season during such time as all other waterfowl seasons are closed.*

- f. **Commission General Regulation 509, License and Vessel Product Refunds, LCB File No. R037-23 (For possible action)** The CCABMW Board will review, discuss, and make recommendations to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners about Commission General Regulation 509, License and Vessel Product Refunds, LCB File No. R037-23, regarding Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) 502 and 488 to allow the Department authority to provide refunds on licenses and vessel products.
- Chair Paul Dixon introduced this topic.
 - Chair Paul Dixon read under **Purpose:** *The Commission will hold a workshop to consider amending Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) 502 and 488 to allow the Department authority to provide refunds on license and vessel products.*
 - Board member Jacob Thompson asked Chair Paul Dixon had the CAB viewed this previously.
 - Board member John Hiatt advised to board member Jacob Thompson that the board had indeed viewed this action item previously.
 - Board member Jacob Thompson stated he feels this action item is familiar.
 - Board member John Hiatt reiterated to board member Jacob Thompson that the CAB has indeed had previous discussions on this action item.
 - Chair Paul Dixon advised to the CAB that there was some clean up done on this action item seen with the strikethrough.
 - Public Comments: *(Joe Bennett Jr., Supervisor, NDOW, Southern Region):* He stated that this is being brought forward due to our new Governor Lombardo moratorium in which Governor Lombardo advised that due to the moratorium that certain action items would not be acted upon to help take off something off the docket that could wait to be acted upon.
 - Board member Jacob Thompson agreed with *(Joe Bennett Jr., Supervisor, NDOW, Southern Region)* and advised that the CAB did have discussion on but did not act upon it due to this factor.
 - Chair Paul Dixon read from **NAC 502.199 Application for initial issuance of licensing document; required information and statement. (NRS 501.105, 501.181) 4.** *The Department may return all, or a portion of any fee collected from a person pursuant to the provisions of this section, In accordance with NRS 353.1465.*
 - Board member Jacob Thompson stated that at any time when government or state is asking for refund, he is not excited about this.
 - Board member Dave Talaga advised a motion to accept Commission General Regulation 509, License and Vessel Product Refunds, LCB File No. R038-23 as presented.
 - Board member Jacob Thompson seconds the motion.
 - **Motion passes 5-0.**
 - **FYI- This action item based upon Governor Lombardo moratorium was not to be acted upon until further notice, the CAB voted on the CAB's January 24, 2023, meeting to have this item stricken from the agenda and no vote was taken on this item.**

g. **Commission General Regulation 510, FCFS Exchange to Obtain a Tag, LCB File No. R038-23***(For possible action)* The CCABMW Board will review, discuss, and make recommendations to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners about amending Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) 502 that would include any money, goods, or services exchanged for procurement of a tag through the First Come, First Serve (FCFS) program as grounds for suspension from the program. Commission General Regulation 510 is currently a temporary regulation that is set to expire on November 1, 2023.

- Chair Paul Dixon introduced this topic.
- Chair Paul Dixon stated that this is stating if an individual messes around with this system this is grounds for suspension therefore to avoid there is a desire to make this temporary regulation permanent. He stated there are indeed individuals who are messing with the program. These individuals are gaming the system because these individuals feel they just can. He stated this also states if an individual retains a tag, they cannot resale this tag for anything bartered goods or services, basically looking for tags that were sold to someone else. He stated that all parties involved in this exchange will be suspended. He advised if the individual is working with the NGO, then the NGO will also be suspended.
- Board member Jacob Thompson advised a motion Commission General Regulation 510, FCFS Exchange to Obtain a Tag, LCB File No. R038-23 as presented.
- Board member Dave Talaga seconds the motion.
- **Motion passes 5-0.**

h. **Wildlife Management Area Regulations NAC 504** *(For possible action)* The CCABMW Board will review, discuss, and make recommendations to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners about Wildlife Management Area Regulations, and Wildlife Management Area Designations.

- Chair Paul Dixon introduced this topic.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised the following changes to this regulation:
NAC 504.135 Restrictions on use of firearms and ammunition 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 6, the discharging of a rifle or pistol is prohibited on the following wildlife management areas: the following county has been added to the list: (f) Argenta in Lander County.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised the following changes to this regulation:
NAC 504.135 Restriction on use of firearms and ammunition 3. The use of shotguns capable of holding more than three shells is prohibited on all wildlife management areas owned or managed by this State unless the shotgun is plugged with a one-piece filler, incapable of removal without disassembling the gun, so that the total capacity of the shotgun does not exceed three shells. Added language: The use of a shotgun capable of holding more than three shells is permissible on all wildlife management areas owned or

managed by this State during the Snow and Ross' Geese season during such time as all other waterfowl seasons are closed.

- Chair Paul Dixon advised the following changes to this regulation:
NAC 504.135 Restrictions on use of firearms and ammunition. 4. The use or possession of shells for a shotgun containing shot that is toxic or larger than standard-size T is prohibited on the following wildlife management areas: *the following counties have been added to the list: (k) Carson Lake in Churchill County (l) Argenta in Lander County.*
- Chair Paul Dixon advised the following changes to this regulation:
NAC 504.140 Campfires and bonfires prohibited; exceptions. 2. Campfires are permitted in the: *Added language (g) Springtoe Valley Wildlife Management Area in those sites designated for camping.*
- Chair Paul Dixon advised the following changes to this regulation:
NAC 504.145 Restrictions on camping; building prohibited; restrictions on operation of certain devices. *Added language: (g) Steptoe Valley Wildlife Management area in those sites designated for camping.*
- Chair Paul Dixon advised the following changes to this regulation:
NAC 504.160 Construction and use of hunting blinds; use of decoys
1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 6, a person may construct a hunting blind on any wildlife management area if the Department has no obligation to protect a privately constructed blind or to arbitrate the use or priority of use of such a blind. A blind to be constructed must: *Added language: (d) In the Argenta Wildlife Management Area, turkey tag holders are limited to use of one portable blind on the WMA.*
- Public Comments: *(Joe Bennett Jr., Supervisor, NDOW, Southern Region)* He stated to Chair Paul Dixon that he left one regulation change out and it is located on the last page.
- **Chair Paul Dixon advised the following changes to regulation NAC 504.320 Pole Canyon Cooperative Wildlife Management Area (NRS 501.105, 501.181) Pole Canyon is a Wildlife Management Area established in cooperation with Ecotrust Forests III, LLC. The following activities are prohibited on this area:** *1) Overnight camping including the parking area 2) Motorized vehicles, electric or battery-assisted vehicles, or bicycles, and bicycles, except in the Franklin River Access parking area and only on the 1,340 feet of existing 2-track dirt road in the Horse Canyon (Horse Creek) Public Right of Way. 3) Animal assisted access, except for horses and mules. 4) Commercial guiding 5) Predator Hunting 6) Trapping 7) Campfires.*
- Board member John Hiatt stated that 1,340 feet.
- Chair Paul Dixon stated to board member John Hiatt that it is stating only on the 1,340 feet of existing 2-track dirt road, and stated clearly there is more than a quarter mile of dirt road.
- Board member John Hiatt stated so this is stating animal assisted

access except for horses and mules, therefore if an individual is blind and has a seeing eye dog, is that not legal.

- Chair Paul Dixon stated to board member John Hiatt that is what it states.
- Board member John Hiatt advised that he feels that they could get into trouble for this.
- Public Comments: (*Joe Bennett Jr., Supervisor, NDOW, Southern Region*): He stated he felt this law was for packs of goats etc.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised that this should state as well to include service animals.
- Board member John Hiatt advised it should state ADA compliance service animals.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised to board member John Hiatt that he is making a note because this is something that cannot fly. He stated when the regulations for no scope on muzzleloaders they made a zero-power scope for ADA reasons with zero magnifications placed for ADA restrictions to assist with individuals who have seeing issues to focus on the barrels with zero magnifications.
- Public Comments: (*Nicki Gulli, member of the public*): He stated there is slippery slope with the electronic bicycles. He stated there is already allowance of these electric bicycles on some WMA properties and for those handicap people using those electric bicycles and now as board member John Hiatt advised we will not allow seeing eye dogs but allow usage of electric bicycles at Pole Canyon. He stated there is new technology out here therefore they might want to clean up the language on this and there is going to be ADA issues because of this.
- Board member John Hiatt read the following under (*NAC 504.320 Pole Canyon Cooperative Wildlife Management Area 2. Motorized vehicles, electric or battery-assisted vehicles, or bicycles, and bicycles, and stated this can be condensed into all mechanical vehicles. He stated this would still give allowance for wheelchairs and access for handicap people to get there, therefore this does need to be checked to fit into ADA compliance.*
- Chair Paul Dixon advised he will make a note for *2) Motorized vehicles, electric or battery-assisted vehicles, or bicycles, and bicycles, except in Franklin River Access parking area and only on the 1,340 feet of existing 2-track dirt road in the Horse Canyon (Horse Creek) Public Right of Way.*
- Board member John Hiatt advised for both #2 & #3 to be in ADA compliance. *2) Motorized vehicles, electric or battery-assisted vehicles, or bicycles, and bicycles, except in the Franklin River Access parking area and only on the 1,340 feet of existing 2-track dirt road in the Horse Canyon (Horse Creek) Public Right of Way. 3) Animal assisted access, except for horses and mules.*
- Public Comments: (*Nick Gulli, member of the public*): He stated per NRS a vehicle is considered legal, but a bicycle is not, and one can pedal a bicycle all day long in the wilderness area, and asked for any

corrections on that if he was incorrect. He stated on WMA he can ride a bicycle all day long even an electric bike. He stated that NRS contradicts itself by stating an electric bike is a vehicle by law.

- Board member John Hiatt advised to (*Nicki Gulli, member of the public*) that was not incorrect, and stated under the federal Wilderness Act bicycles mechanized transport.
- Public Comments: (*Nicki Gulli, member of the public*): He stated this is where it is need of cleaning it up.
- Board member John Hiatt asked a question and wanted to go back to discuss ***NAC 504.135 Restrictions on use of firearms and ammunition 4) The use or possession of shells for a shotgun containing shot that is toxic or larger than standard-size T is prohibited on the listed WMA areas.*** He asked the question was there any other shells for a shotgun containing shot that is not lead available. He stated he is not aware of any and advised it should just state lead so people will have knowledge of what it is.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised there is bisma, lead oxide, tungsten.
- Board member John Hiatt advised those that you are naming to Chair Dixon are not toxic.
- Public Comments: (*Nick Gulli, member of the public*): He advised to Chair Paul Dixon non-toxic.
- Chair Paul Dixon that as a chemist eating bisma the same as eating lead and advised that oxidize bisma and lead placed in food has the same effect.
- Board member John Hiatt stated to Chair Paul Dixon that bisma is not as toxic as lead.
- Public Comments: (*Nicki Gulli, member of the public*): He stated that many companies are out here using lead.
- Chair Paul Dixon stated to board member John Hiatt that bisma and lead will still give an individual the same neurological disorders. He stated read the (*MSDS*) Material Safety Data Sheet on bisma oxidize which advises it is not good for you.
- Board John Hiatt advised if this is the case then it needs to have parenthesis advise meaning and stated when an individual buys a box of target shells it does not have any advisement to reflect toxic or “non-toxic”. He stated this would not be advertised on what it is toxic so individuals cannot later state that it did not say it was toxic.
- Board member John Hiatt advised motion to approve Wildlife Management Area Regulations NAC 504 as presented with the following points regarding: (NAC 504.135 Restrictions on use of firearms and ammunition #4 reflecting that the toxic is lead and not just state toxic and NAC 504.320 (Pole Canyon Cooperative Wildlife Management Area) for Items #2 & #3 that these two provisions follow under ADA compliance.
- Chair Paul Dixon seconds the motion.
- **Motion passes 5-0.**

(i) **Commission General Regulation 512, Fisheries (For possible action)** The CCABMW Board will review, discuss, and make recommendations to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners about Commission General Regulation 512, Fisheries.

- Chair Paul Dixon introduced this topic.
- Board member Jacob Thompson advised that all changes seem to be procedural with small changes.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised he agrees with board member Jacob Thompson that most of the changes fall under administrative.
- Board member Jacob Thompson advised motion to accept Commission General Regulation 512, Fisheries as presented.
- Board member Dave Talaga seconds the motion.
- **Motion passes 5-0.**

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

- Chair Paul Dixon introduced this topic.
- Public Comments: (None)
- **Chair Paul Dixon advised that this item is hereby closed at this time.**

XII. Authorize Chair Paul Dixon to prepare and submit any recommendations from today's meeting to the Wildlife Commission for its consideration at its September 22, 2023 & September 23, 2023, meeting in Las Vegas, Nevada (For possible action).

- Chair Paul Dixon introduced this topic.
- **Chair Paul Dixon advised a motion for Chair Paul Dixon to prepare and submit action report with recommendations from today's meeting to the Wildlife Commission meeting for its consideration on September 22, 2023 & September 23, 2023.**

XIII. The next CCABMW Board meeting will be scheduled for October 31, 2023, in the Clark County Government Center (Pueblo Room) Address: 500 S. Grand Central Parkway, Las Vegas, NV 89155. The meeting will be in support of the November 3, 2023 & November 4, 2023, Commission meeting in Las Vegas, Nevada.

XIV. Adjournment.

(POSTING) The agenda for this meeting was legally noticed and posted at the following locations:

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- Clark County Government Center: 500 Grand Central Parkway, Las Vegas, NV 89108
- City of Henderson: Henderson City Clerk: 240 S. Water Street, Henderson, NV 89015
- Laughlin Regional Government Center: 101 Civic Way, Laughlin, NV 89028
- Moapa Valley Community Center: 320 North Moapa Valley Road, Overton, NV 89040
- Mesquite City Hall: 10 East Mesquite Boulevard, Mesquite, NV 89027
- Boulder City: Boulder City Hall, 401 California Avenue, Boulder City, NV 89005

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