



**Clark County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife
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September 24, 2024 (5:30 PM)
Meeting Minutes**

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- I. **Call to Order-Roll call of Board Members determination of a quorum:**
If quorum is not present, meeting cannot begin and will be canceled.
 - Present: Chair Paul Dixon, Vice Chair Dan Gilbert, Board member Brian Patterson, Alexander Harper, John Hiatt, Jacob Thompson, Dave Talaga.
 - **A quorum was established.**
- II. **Pledge of Allegiance.**
 - **Chair Paul Dixon led in 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.
- Public Comments: (None)
- **Chair Paul Dixon advised this item is hereby closed.**

IV. Approval of Minutes for August 13, 2024, CCABMW Meeting (*For possible action*).

- Chair Paul Dixon introduced this topic.
- Board member John Hiatt advised a motion to approve the minutes for August 13, 2024, as presented.
- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert seconds the motion.
- **Motion passes 7-0.**

V. Approval of the Agenda for September 24, 2024. Agenda items may be Held, Combined, or Deleted (*For possible action*).

- Chair Paul Dixon introduced this topic.
- Board member John Hiatt advised a motion to approve the agenda for September 24, 2024, as presented.
- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert seconds the motion.
- **Motion passes 7-0.**

VI. CCABMW Member Items/Announcements/Correspondence:

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

- Chair Paul Dixon introduced this topic.
- Chair Paul Dixon asked each board member if they had anything to discuss or sent or received, or a discussion on a topic.
- Board member Brian Patterson: **(Yes)**: He stated that there is a lot of Wildlife banquets to attend, and he thinks there is one this month.
- Board member Jacob Thompson: **(No)**
- Board member John Hiatt: **(No)**
- Board member Dave Talaga: **(No)**
- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert: **(No)**

- Chair Paul Dixon: **(Yes)**: He stated that there will be the first ever meeting for the Contest Committee on Thursday, October 31, 2024, at the Nevada Legislature Office Building in Room 165 (7230 Amigo Street, Las Vegas, NV 89119 @ 6PM). He stated the meeting will be held by the Committee Chairman David McNich. He recommended that the public and board may attend in person, or they may call in and advised to find the information on NDOWs website under Committee Meetings. He stated that the CAB will have their discussion on this action item under (d) Discussion and Recommendation of proposed legislative language for “Coyote Calling and other Contests Involving Wildlife” proposed by Coalition for Nevada’s Wildlife. He advised that if the public has continued energy on this that they should attend and give their input to the Committee. He stated he feels that the committee will meet another three to five times total before returning with a recommendation is given to the Wildlife Commission. He advised that there are already sportsmen groups weighing in on this already prior to the meeting He stated that many members of the public as well as sportsman groups have already started to weigh in on this issue. He reiterated that there is a link that members of the public can call to attend the meeting.
- Board member Alexander Harper: **(Yes)**: He stated he wanted everyone to think to themselves and answer the question of what they are attempting to gain from the wildlife meaning what their personal growth affirmation regarding the wildlife is. He advised that he like to discuss the issues that are challenging to the wildlife in Nevada discussing the wildlife that has an interest to oneself, and the wildlife for all the active hunters, anglers. He stated impending new solar developments pose risk to land mammals, especially those who need to travel across large territories. He stated in Nevada alone there is twelve million acres, room for utility steel development coverage over the next few years filling up large number of basins that connect mountain regions and critical weapon where all wildlife will have connection and reliance by some degree. He stated he felt there is not enough due diligence being done in thought process of factoring where these places will be built rather than too places that have an importance to wildlife. He stated this is limitations on the end of this process due to not having the capacity.
- Board member Alexander Harper: He stated another issue is the intensity and frequency of the eco-fires which are putting strain and stress on western forest including Pinyon Juniper communities Aspen, Pine, White Fern, Bristolecone, Lemon Pine, which are where many birds spend their time through spring and summer as well as members of the public who study birds and ungulates are spending their summertime. He stated he looked at multiple reports on the bird population coming from organizations such as Great Basin Birds Observatory, and data on occurrences of few mammals in Spring Mountain from UNLV thus showing ecological decay in which a large amount of our ecosystem are showing signs of stress from drought. He stated it is not just in Nevada but throughout the West. He stated this is from the

Rocky Mountain to the Sierra Mountains. He stated also included is the competition for water sources with availability of water sources for migratory birds, reptiles, and advised he sees the stress and it is tough to see that. He stated the carrying capacity is slowly diminishing and advised this is in addition to large areas which will be cut off from many populations due to these challenges including utility steel developments which attempting to recover with be expensive and time consuming. He advised that in his thinking of philosophy his concern is attempting to play defense in the recovery. He advised that he has a big way of thinking about this situation from examples such as: Wolves and Dall Sheep in Alaska and Wolves and Doe. He uses these types of examples to achieve a clear answer of what is the best methods to achieve challenges here in Nevada for the wildlife. He stated if he is successful in this, then individuals using the same method will be as well. He advised that in his outcome he is helping Mule Deer and Bighorn Sheep populations. He stated he simply wants to get members of the public on thinking about these challenges and the ecosystem and wildlife with these big picture goals.

- **FYI- Wolves and Dall Sheep** are both found in Alaska, and wolves are a major predator of Dall sheep in which sheep population fluctuates due to predation, weather, and other environmental factors.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised he wanted to give board member Alexander Harper an opportunity to discuss these challenges and wanted to give clarification to individuals who in past and present have asked Chair Dixon what it meant to be a board member who is put in place to represent the public and their views. Board member Alexander Harper is board member who was placed in that position to represent the interest of the public on wildlife but formulates views from anglers, hunters, trappers, and board and other members of the public and puts all aspects of their views and bundles it together and includes his experience to give the best result for the wildlife. He stated to board member Alexander Harper that he felt that his input for valuable.
- **Chair Paul Dixon advised that this item is hereby closed.**

VII. Recap of the August 16, 2024 & August 17, 2024, Board of Wildlife Commissioners Meeting by Vice-Chair Dan Gilbert (*Informational*).

- Chair Paul Dixon introduced this topic.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised that Vice Chair Dan Gilbert give details on the Recap of the Commission Meeting of Friday, August 16, 2024 & Saturday, August 17, 2024.
- **Pole Canyon Ranch Conservation Easement**-Vice Chair Dan Gilbert thanked Chair Paul Dixon for the opportunity to attend the Commission meeting on his behalf. He stated that it was far more fulfilling than he expected and went beyond his expectations with the discussions at the meetings. He advised that the meeting consists of agenda items that were quickly discussed, appointments were made and there was a field trip. He advised he went to four different locations for the field trip.

- **(1st Location of Field Trip on Friday, August 16, 2024) Pole Canyon Ranch Conservation Easement**- He stated that the contact person was (*Caleb McAddo, Eastern Region Habitat Supervisor, NDOW*) and the land has gone through multiple land ownerships and there is public access that is in perpetuity with forever attachment to this private land. He advised the land is 12,000 acres with conservation management stating no development is to be done on this land until it is decided on the purpose of the land's existence. He stated there was a lot of back-and-forth discussion on the way the Heritage funds should be utilized for compensation of the landowner. He stated the location is in the southern portion of the Humboldt Range with amazing access. He stated he was impressed with the partnerships.
- **FYI- (Pole Canyon Ranch Conservation Easement)**- The measurable outcomes of this project will be the finalization of the conservation and public access deeds into county record, This property is in Hunt Unit 101 which is the ninth of the hunt units which make up Management 10, one of the State of Nevada priority mule deer herds. This property contains the headwaters of Lemons Creek, Wright Creek, Secret Creek, Woods Creek and the Franklin River. The expansive ranch serves as summer, winter and transition range for many Area 10 deer herd. The Pole Canyon Conservation Easement will complete the long-term protection of most of the seasonal habitats and the migration corridor of the East Humboldt mule deer herd. To date, millions of dollars have been expended by NDOW, Bureau of Land Management, US Forest Service and other private partners and NGOs to conduct treatment projects on the winter ranges specific to the same mule deer that would utilize the Pole Canyon Ranch during the summer, winter, and transition periods.
- **(2nd Location of Field Trip on Friday, August 16, 2024) Fish Hatchery**: Vice Chair Dan Gilbert stated the second stop of the field trip was going to a Gila fish hatchery in which he advised that he learned vast amount of information about fish farming. He stated that the eggs are not bred there at the hatchery, instead they are shipped in by FedEx which he stated he found surprising. He explained that the different sub-species of trout that are brought into the hatchery are steelhead trout which are aggressive with other fish. He advised he found it interesting and stated there are lots of dedicated workers at the hatchery.
- **FYI- *Hatchery steelhead trout are more aggressive than wild steelhead trout, hatchery steelhead are more aggressive with interactions with other fish, and interactions are more physical than those between wild steelhead trout. Nipping is a common form of aggression behavior in hatchery steelhead which can damage another fish fins increasing the other fish chances of getting sick or being rejected by consumers. Steelhead trout's metabolism have faster metabolism which causes aggression as well as the environment of the hatchery for the steelhead and modify the level of aggression. Hatchery steelhead are raised in crowded environment with lots of food and no predators, these conditions***

can lead to behaviors making it harder for the fish to survive in the wild where there is less food and more predators.

- **(3rd Location of Field Trip on Friday, August 16, 2024) Meadow Springs**-Vice Chair Dan Gilbert stated the third stop of the field trip was Meadow Springs. He passed around his personal phone to show the pictures of this area to members of the public and CAB, as he continued speaking. He stated inside the fence is feral horses and burros and the feral horses have been prevented from entrance of this area, with no livestock and is solely grazed by the feral horse population along with a small number of deer and antelope. He stated this showed that there is an issue with our feral horses and burros' population but seeing it was evidence of the issue.
- **(4th Location of Field Trip on Friday, August 16, 2024) Medusahead**-Vice Chair Dan Gilbert stated the fourth stop was tour of another private partnership, addressing the issue of the invasive plant called Medusa head, and has made its way into the Ruby Mountains. He stated that (*Matt NDOW Habitat Biologist*) oversaw this project. Vice Chair Dan Gilbert advised that the biologist stated in his words that this invasive species keeps him up at night when he thinks about the impact that it has on the habitat, and takes up silica, which is non digestible and prevents competition of other species of plants from growing in that area.
- Chair Paul Dixon stated to Vice Chair Dan Gilbert that it is also nasty to watch, and hence the reasoning of the plants Medusa head name.
- **FYI-Silica** (*silica, in the context of invasive plants (naturally occurring mineral compound silicon dioxide that is deposited in the plant's cell walls, acting as a strengthening agent, providing structural support and often contributing to the plant's ability to resist herbivore damage by creating a rough, abrasive texture on the leaves, making the plant tougher and more resistant to being eaten by animals giving it defense mechanism, structural support and aggressive growth and ability to outcompete native plants.*
- **FYI- Medusahead (*Taeniatherumcaput-medusae*)** *is an invasive weed in Nevada, which is a threat to wildlife and livestock. It is non-palatable to livestock and has no forage or habitat value for the wildlife and can outcompete native species and reduce habitat quality. It is highly flammable and increases risk of wildfires and can re-establish itself after a fire. It occupies disturbed areas which are habitat to mule deer, sage grouse and other wildlife and livestock. It grows best on clay soils; primarily infests rangeland and is known to occur in Churchill, Douglas, Elko, Humboldt, Pershing, Storey and Washoe Counties. To control it you will need (tillage moving or grazing prior to seed set can reduce strands) and burning has mixed results. The most effective is with a hot slow fire prior to medusahead seed maturity. After other species of plants have died down, burning can also be used to reduce the thatch layer which can increase the performance of soil applied herbicides. Apply imazapic or sulfometuron before emergence or to small actively growing plants; and glyphosate to actively growing plants.*

[https://agri.nv.gov/Plant/Noxious_Weeds/Weeds/Medusahead_\(Taeniatherum_caput-medusae\)/](https://agri.nv.gov/Plant/Noxious_Weeds/Weeds/Medusahead_(Taeniatherum_caput-medusae)/)

- **(Commission Meeting on Saturday, August 17, 2024):** Vice Chair Dan Gilbert advised the second day of the meeting was short and sweet with discussion from the Commission going straight into action item about a gentleman who was a guide, and his license was revoked for a year, and he requested to have it reinstated. Unfortunately, the Commission decided to rule against this request. He stated the meeting thereafter was adjourned.
- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert advised that both days of meetings were educational aspects, and he challenged the other board members to attend future Commission meetings on behalf of Chair Paul Dixon and have this same experience. He stated he felt it would broaden the board members perspective giving depth of knowledge.
- Chair Paul Dixon stated that the next Commission meeting will be on Friday, September 27, 2024 & Saturday, September 28, 2024, and includes a field trip.
- Public Comments: (*Joe Bennett Jr., Supervisor NDOW, Southern Region*): He stated to Chair Paul Dixon that at the upcoming Commission meeting there will also be a presentation on the Clark County Shooting Complex.
- Chair Paul Dixon stated to the CAB and members of the public that if they have not had the opportunity to visit the Clark County Shooting Complex or live out in the area where it is located, that this is an amazing place which boost 2600 acres. He stated that it was a large task to get the Clark County Shooting Complex built with subdivisions and springs surrounding it. He advised that this is one of the few items that the late Senator Harry Reid did, and he was appreciative of it.
- Board member Brian Patterson asked Vice Chair Dan Gilbert the question regarding the Pole Canyon Ranch Conservation Easement, if it was walking access.
- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert stated to board member Brian Patterson regarding the public access easement that there was a writeup on the contract with specific guidelines for the owner and it is limited to foot traffic only, by horse, a person (*walking*) but no mechanical means and no camping, trapping or cutting or professional guides or bounty hunters. He stated that access is allowed on the property but not to the full length of the existing road already there and is shut off by placing a gate near the area giving access to individuals only halfway.
- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert stated the landowner had a matrix of an appraisal that was done at the cost of \$16,000 dollars and felt after the appraisal was completed, that it was not beneficial to sign and decided to use other creative methods to obtain funding (by looking at the amount of funds paid over a duration of time and by doing so it would benefit the public). It was 30,000 acres after adding up partials and retrieving acres, and giving as much public access as possible, it was a limitation of 12,000 acres. He explained that the cost of the value of this project allotted the usage of Heritage funds to be used.
- Board member Brian Patterson asked Vice Chair Dan Gilbert if this is a single owner or

multiple owners that own this land.

- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert stated that the current owner is a single owner but the previous owner before this was a family (*rancher and his wife*). The couple passed away and left the land to their children and the children worked with the bank to sell the property to a third party, which the third party and now we have the Pole Ranch Conservation Easement.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised for educational purposes he would like to give a breakdown of history of NDOW with the following information, Tony Wasley, was a Game Biologist, who left that position to become Deputy Director of NDOW and retired therefore Caleb McAdoo who previously a Region Habitat Supervisor, is now one of the Deputy Directors of NDOW.
- Chair Paul Dixon stated presently there are three Deputy Directors for NDOW: (Jordan Goshert, Caleb McAdoo, Mike Scott). He stated he feels having three directors is a little top heavy but advised that Caleb McAdoo has earned his teeth in the field.
- Board member John Hiatt asked Vice Chair Dan Gilbert who the owner of the Pole Canyon Ranch Conservation Easement is and asked if NDOW is the owner.
- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert stated to board member John Hiatt that he believes that it was through NDOW.
- Board member John Hiatt stated to Vice Chair Dan Gilbert that someone must have ownership of the easement.
- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert reiterated to board member John Hiatt that he believes that NDOW owns it.
- Board member John Hiatt asked if NDOW would continue to hold on to the ownership and administer the easement.
- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert reiterated for the third time that he believes that NDOW will administer the easement, and specific questions were not asked at the Commission meeting regarding the easement, and he advised that he has explained the gist of information he received from the discussion. He stated that the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation would be contributing a large amount of funding, and some NGOs and the landowner continues to use their land for ranching purposes as it has previously, and it stays in perpetuity as a conservation easement and access easement.
- Board member Brian Patterson stated to Vice Chair Dan Gilbert that the conservation easement is like an overlay of the entire parcel.
- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert agreed with board member Brian Patterson and stated that is correct.
- Chair Paul Dixon stated if you view what land parcels that NDOW is dividing up as they did with places such as Success Loop with attempting to carve out chunks of Nevada that they wanted to stay Nevada by making it solar development as board member Alex Harper stated previously, these areas will be protected from solar.

- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert stated this situation worked for everyone by essentially the landowner can continue usage of the land for farming and stays in perpetuity as a conservation easement and they were able to secure this with a low price point. He stated otherwise if they did not do it in this manner, the probability of the landowner to have the ability to secure 30,000 acres would not have happened.
- Board member Brian Patterson gave an example that even if the landowner sold to an individual there would be an overlay as discussed previously preventing the ability for certain parcels to ever be developed. He advised a disclaimer of this would be known going into the purchase of the land thus stopping building of condos and solar and it must be utilized as it is being utilized for currently.
- Chair Paul Dixon stated that this is the “Yellowstone effect” by attempting to build a recreational resort for urban Nevada for those other than individuals who love the wildlife.
- FYI- Vice Dan Gilbert advised that at the Board of Wildlife Commissioners meeting on 8/16/24 & 8/17/24 that there were appointments made, here are the following appointments that were made at this meeting: (Director’s Office welcomed Shane Boren of Ely, to the Board of Wildlife Commissioners (*public representative*); Tommy Caviglia and Casey Kiel were appointed to another term as Wildlife Commissioners.
- Chair Paul Dixon gave thanks to Vice Chair Dan Gilbert for attending the Commission meeting on his behalf and asked if any CAB members would be attending the Commission meeting on Friday, September 27, 2024 & Saturday, September 28, 2024. He stated that generally when the meetings are in other counties, the CAB members are generally well covered by members at these meetings.
- **Chair Paul Dixon advised that this item is hereby closed.**

VIII. General Business/Action Items: Discuss and make recommendations regarding the following Action Items from the Board of Wildlife Commissioners September 27, 2024 & September 28, 2024, 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 at Darlene.Kretunski@ClarkCountyNV.gov . The final commission agenda and support at: http://www.ndow.org/Public_Meeting/Commission/Agenda/

- Commission General Regulation 522 Electronic Tags (E-Tags) (*For possible action*).** The CCABMW Board will review, discuss, and make recommendations to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners to amend Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) 502 that would update the process related to use of game tags in the field and allow the Department to offer game tags in an electronic format.
 - Chair Paul Dixon introduced this topic.

- Chair Paul Dixon read the following: **(SUMMARY)**: The Department of Wildlife strives to offer the most convenience to its customers, this proposed regulation change is an effort to continue that convenience and keep us with the advancing use of technology in our society. The change amends regulations that would allow the Department to offer a game tag in an electronic format while updating existing regulations related to use of a paper tag. The draft language includes the utilization of a validation code in place of the paper tag should the customer chose the electronic format of a game tag. The proposed regulation change would update the requirements around game tag transportation permits. The Department plans to continue to receive game tags in such way.
- Chair Paul Dixon read the following from: **(RECOMMENDATION)**: The Department recommends that the move towards an adoption or additional workshop.
- Chair Paul Dixon stated that this is the second time on this action item that the CAB has discussed this, it is for adoption around late October or the first Commission meeting in November.
- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert asked when the next meeting for the CAB would be.
- Chair Paul Dixon stated to Vice Chair Dan Gilbert that the next CAB meeting will be on election day on November 5, 2024.
- Secretary Darlene Kretunski advised to Chair Paul Dixon that the CAB meeting for November 5, 2024, had been changed to October 29, 2024, instead.
- Chair Paul Dixon jokingly asked Secretary Darlene Kretunski if she did not want to have it on election day as well.
- Secretary Darlene Kretunski stated to Chair Paul Dixon that she will be working the polls on election day.
- Chair Paul Dixon jokingly stated to Secretary Darlene Kretunski, if she thought it would be entirely too many people in the Government Center building on that day for the meeting.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised that the October 29, 2024, CAB meeting will be in support of the Commission meeting which will be scheduled for **Friday, November 8, 2024, and Saturday November 9, 2024. (NDOW changed their meeting day prior to the scheduled meeting date due to the elections to November 15, 2024 & November 16, 2024).**
- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert stated that this action item was discussed at the last Commission meeting on Friday August 16, 2024 & August 17, 2024. He stated that the technology and its ability to communicate has not yet been completed.
- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert stated that NDOW is looking into multiple options on this, and essentially NDOW advises that there is no need for a signal, instead it will be done by geolocation. He stated hunters will have to submit their information to receive an access code and if hunters are approached by a Game Warden requesting to check their tag or license, then law enforcement will be able to view that the hunters have obtained

their E-tag even though they do not have connectivity once the access code is punched in and will be on the hunters device. He stated that once you have punched in the access code, law enforcement may not have the record in their system yet, but the hunter will have a record of it on their phones. He stated this was the discussion on the issue of how to properly do this when the hunter does not have connectivity.

- Chair Paul Dixon asked Vice Chair Dan Gilbert if the hunter must elect either paper or electronic method or can they have both methods.
- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert stated to Chair Paul Dixon that the hunter has the option of electing both.
- Chair Paul Dixon asked Vice Chair Dan Gilbert that once the hunter chooses the format they desire (*electronic, paper*) they cannot deviate from that chosen format.
- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert stated yes to Chair Paul Dixon.
- Chair Paul Dixon stated that the hunter cannot choose electronic method but then if hunter's phone goes dead, then the hunter wants to choose the paper copy, that cannot happen.
- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert stated yes to Chair Paul Dixon.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised that he wanted clarification because previously he was asked this question, and he gave the answer that Vice Chair Dan Gilbert stated but simply wanted clarification.
- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert stated that everyone can make that determination for themselves which method is best suited for them and advised that he made the decision to pay \$5.00 dollars to have tags sent to his home and reiterated that everyone needs to decide for themselves.
- Board member John Hiatt asked (*Lt. Chris Walthers, Game Warden, NDOW Southern Region*) what is law enforcements thought process on this action item.
- Public Comments: (*Lt. Chris Walthers, Game Warden NDOW Southern Region*): He stated that once NDOW establishes the rules and regulations for law enforcement regarding E-tags, then law enforcement will adapt, he stated he sees an issue only if the phone dies and cannot be charged. He stated that law enforcement has Geolocation database that law enforcement utilizes allowing them to input their stats without cellphone and allow law enforcement to input their stats without cell service. He stated even without service all information stats, etc., automatically populates into their system. He advised that he has no concerns on this but the longer he does this job, the more the laws seem vague, and he would like clarification clear and precise from Jr. Hunter to a seasoned hunter.
- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert stated that another point of discussion on this is that the access number that is given for the tag can be electronically transferred to another person.
- Public Comments: (*Lt. Chris Walthers, Game Warden NDOW Southern Region*): He stated that he does not foresee issues and feels that the public should not be alarmed and attempt to get extra twenty pounds of backup battery power, due to worries that

their phones will not have connectivity.

- Chair Paul Dixon stated to (*Lt. Chris Walthers, Game Warden NDOW Southern Region*): He stated that purchasing backup battery packets can be done for cheap and that they weigh four pounds and last for days.
 - Public Comments: (*Lt. Chris Walthers, Game Warden NDOW Southern Region*): He stated that the backup battery packets last for four to five days and are not expensive.
 - Chair Paul Dixon agreed with (*Lt. Chris Walthers, Game Warden NDOW Southern Region*) that the backup battery packets do have a duration of four to five days.
 - **FYI- (Geolocation) without a signal-** This is achieved through GPS technology, which uses signals from satellites orbiting Earth to determine a device's location even when there is no cellular or internet connection; essentially, a GPS receiver on your device can calculate its position by measuring the time it takes to receive signals from multiple satellites, allowing you to pinpoint your location without relying on any network signal. GPS tracking on your phone works just as well without internet connectivity or cellular service, we are constantly surrounded by Global Positioning System signals from satellites orbiting the planet and your phone is continuously tracking these signals to get an estimate of your location, even when you are offline.
 - Chair Paul Dixon advised that this action item is moving forward to the next step of a workshop with the Commission.
 - Board member John Hiatt advised a motion to approve Commission General Regulation 522 Electronic E-Tags in moving forward to the next step of a workshop with the Commission.
 - Board member Dave Talaga seconds the motion.
 - **Motion passes 7-0.**
- b. **Commission Regulation 23-15 Amendment #1 Fishing Seasons and Regulations for January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2025 (*For possible action*).** The CCABMW Board will review, discuss and make recommendations to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners to amend fishing seasons, bag and possession limits for the period of January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2025.
- Chair Paul Dixon introduced this topic.
 - Chair Paul Dixon advised that there are no proposed changes and advised if the CAB or members of the public have no input on this action item, there will be no action taken by the Commission. He advised that he has seen nothing that would change the CABs previous recommendations on this action item.
 - **FYI- (CABs Previous Recommendation)** from its June 25, 2024, meeting: ***Board member Brian Patterson advised a motion to approve as presented with a recommendation to generate a PSA (Public Service Announcement) on fishing on this reservoir; Vice Chair Dan Gilbert seconds the motion, motion passed 5-0.***
 - Chair Paul Dixon asked (*Lt. Chris Walthers, Game Warden, NDOW Southern*

Region) if he had any input or suggested changes from law enforcement perspectives.

- Public Comments: (*Lt. Chris Walthers, Game Warden NDOW Southern Region*): He stated he did not have any suggestions or input.
- FYI- (**Brief Explanation**): The goal of this project is to simplify the process of reviewing and updating seasons and quotas during the Commission meetings while also providing on-screen tracking of CAB recommendations and Commission changes. This project will result in single, exportable, electronic file that can be used to fulfill multiple business practices.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised a motion to approve Commission Regulation 23-15 Amendment #1 Fishing Seasons and Regulations for January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025, as presented.
- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert seconds the motion.
- **Motion passes 7-0.**

c. **Discussion and Recommendation of Churchill County Proposal on a new “Wildlife Salvage Regulation” (For possible action).**

- Chair Paul Dixon introduced this topic.
- Chair Paul Dixon explained that on this action item, a letter was sent by Churchill County to each Wildlife Advisory Board with the purpose of putting together proposal of support to NDOW for adoption of “Wildlife Advisory Salvage Regulation” for Churchill County included and being statewide salvage.
- Chair Paul Dixon read the following from the letter from Churchill County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife: (**Paragraph 3**): Currently, the responsibility of removing highway-killed wildlife falls on law enforcement, NDOW or NDOT. Under the proposed regulation, individuals salvaging the carcass would be required to remove it completely, easing the burden on these agencies.
- Chair Paul Dixon read the following from the letter from Churchill County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife: (**Paragraph 4**): This concept is gaining traction in the west, with states like Montana, Alaska, New Mexico implementing specific wildlife salvage permits and laws. While oversight and enforcement mechanisms would need to be established, we believe this regulation could effectively reduce waste and better utilize our wildlife resources.
- Chair Paul Dixon read the following from the letter from Churchill County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife: (**Paragraph 5**): We would greatly appreciate your feedback on this proposal.
- Chair Paul Dixon stated he does not have an issue with removal of wildlife that has been killed along the roadway, he does however have an issue with disease transmission from anyone harvesting wildlife that is wounded or killed and not

knowing the way the wildlife was killed along the side of the roadway. He states when using the sentence (*to better utilize our wildlife resources*) and these individuals will be only looking for wildlife that has been hit and harvest this meat and feels that would lead to individuals purposely attempting to hit these animals to harvest under this regulation. He stated after seeing the cheating under the First Come, First Serve he does not doubt what individuals will do. He reiterated that the First Come, First Serve law has been changed multiple times due to cheating. He stated he believes that if there is a law that people can break easily then they will do it, and he feels this can be broken.

- Chair Paul Dixon stated the benefit to this is removal of roadkill along the roadway prevents raven colonies in areas where there are a multitude of wildlife or slow down the process. He advised this leads to having these individuals need to have a permit or license to retrieve wildlife carcass and permit or license to dump wildlife carcass as well. He stated yearly in the Heritage funding, there are provisions for trap and transplant funds of \$70,000 to \$150,000 with matching federal funds therefore, he stated he feels if just \$50,000 to \$100,000 of Heritage money and advised there is large amount of Heritage funds allotted yearly, then there could be matching federal funds to supply counties and some of the NGOs might assist with this.
- Board member John Hiatt stated that the cost to this daily is going up and it is prohibited with thousands of miles of roadway (*state highway and valley roads*) where wildlife is killed daily and with allowance to get the roadkill picked up immediately and early thus making impact on ravens because the ravens start as soon as daylight appears on eating roadkill. He stated that NDOT has funds previously allocated on this but gave up on this process due to the cost to perform this process.
- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert stated that he was raised by his grandparents and they grew up during the depression where people did not waste anything therefore there will be people getting out of their vehicles in the middle of the highway attempting to wrestle wildlife into their vehicle's trunk or trying to take down the wildlife if the wildlife is not deceased and harvest the animal on the road. He stated the normal process is harvesting the animal in the field, breaking the animal down and not having the public stare and watch you harvest wildlife on the side of the road. He stated that when looking at Nevada with their morality rates, it is not like other states like Michigan.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised that he was just in the state of Michigan and stated you can not drive miles on the highway without seeing a dead animal.
- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert continued his statements that in states such as Michigan or Minnesota for example, there is more opportunity and seeing a dead animal is a normal reoccurrence on the roadway with carcass decaying down to the ribs and vertebrae.

- Board member Dan Talaga stated that in Michigan when a deer is killed the individuals instantly in most occurrences contact police to have a report issued. He stated the same should be done in Nevada to have law enforcement response and will it be (*contactless*). He advised he does not feel this is a bad deal. He asked (*Lt. Chris Walthers, Game Warden NDOW Southern Region*) how often law enforcement responds to call regarding roadkill.
- Public Comments: (*Lt. Chris Walthers, Game Warden NDOW Southern Region*): He stated that law enforcement responds to roadkill calls not too frequently.
- Board member Dave Talaga asked (*Lt. Chris Walthers, Game Warden, NDOW Southern Region*) what is the process after law enforcement arrives at the scene of a call for roadkill and sees the carcass.
- Board member Brian Patterson stated to (*Lt. Chris Walthers, Game Warden, NDOW Southern Region*) that law enforcement would probably get the carcass off the travelway.
- Public Comments: (*Lt. Chris Walthers, Game Warden, NDOW Southern Region*): He stated to board member Dave Talaga that law enforcement works with NDOW with (*Joe Bennett Jr., Supervisor, NDOW Southern Region*) to determine if they need to utilize anything off the carcass in terms of samples.
- Board member Dave Talaga asked (*Lt. Chris Walthers, Game Warden, NDOW Southern Region*) how much of a burden if implemented would this process be on law enforcement.
- Public Comments: (*Lt. Chris Walthers, Game Warden, NDOW Southern Region*): He stated it would be a large burden.
- Board member Dave Talaga reiterated his previous comment again to (*Lt. Chris Walthers, NDOW Southern Region*) of how much of a burden would this be for law enforcement if this is implemented as part of a process, you stated of wildlife recovery.
- Public Comments: (*Lt. Chris Walthers, Game Warden, NDOW Southern Region*): He stated to board member Dave Talaga that there is statute, under NAC 503.0935 (Section 503.093- Special Permit for handling, moving or temporarily possessing protected wildlife. 1. The Department issue a special permit pursuant to subsection 1 of NRS 503.597 to allow a person to handle, move or temporarily possess any wildlife which is classified as protected for the purpose of reducing or eliminating risk of harm to wildlife that may result from any lawful activity conducted on land where the wildlife located. The fee for such a special permit is \$200.
- Board member John Hiatt stated to (*Lt. Chris Walthers, Game Warden, NDOW Southern Region*) that he does not feel that these individuals are asking to do this just for Churchill County but for the state of Nevada.
- Board member Brian Patterson stated to board member John Hiatt that Churchill

County is the reason for this letter. He stated he agrees with Vice Chair Dan Gilbert in his statement that this is public safety issue and nuisance behavior of individuals if they are on the side of the road attempting to harvest wildlife (*Big Game*). He stated he is in favor of using the meat, if possible, to feed the hungry. He stated that it is either the individual that hits the animal or another car that sees that the animal has been hit and decides to harvest on the roadside, instead possibly having a phone number to contact and instead this organization or agency or individuals who are overseeing this comes and picks up the roadkill in order to disburse the roadkill to a shelter to feed the hungry.

- Board member Dave Talaga stated to Brian Patterson that law enforcement must respond first to these situations.
- Board member Brian Patterson stated to Dave Talaga that he is attempting to take law enforcement out of the equation on this matter.
- Board member Dave Talaga stated to board member Brian Patterson that law enforcement will receive a call regardless. He advised that if law enforcement pulls up and decided that NDOW does not want to harvest roadkill then the individual takes the carcass and goes across the street to begin the harvest, and stated this is his he invisions the situation to be handled.
- Chair Paul Dixon stated if you take this situation out of a public situation, there must be an organization working differently on handling it only if this organization received a call in.
- Board John Hiatt stated that he has experienced that this happens at night, and this is the time when most get animals, when an individual hits an animal, views the damage to their vehicle and the last thought is to harvest this animal. He stated the individuals who are going to harvest roadkill are the people who first light of the morning come out and see the blood on the road and see the animal is dead and decide to harvest this animal, he stated it is not individuals at night with knives who are waiting to harvest the animals.
- Board member Dave Talaga reiterated that if a car hits an animal at night, any individual will stop and assess the damage, then do police report for insurance purposes.
- Board member John Hiatt stated that the insurance companies could care less about situations of this nature. He stated he has called the insurance company and advised that he has hit an animal, and the insurance company will pay, he stated it is under your comprehensive without any deductible and did not need a police report.
- Board member Brian Patterson stated that there was an individual whose truck was totaled by a deer, and he was in Montana and this state allowed this and they did not allow this individual to take the roadkill that he hit.
- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert stated to board member Brian Patterson that this is not

allowed in the state of Montana and read that concept is gaining momentum but is not allowed.

- Board member Jacob Thompson stated that thirty different states allow harvest after animal roadkill. He advised only two states do not allow this are (*Nevada and Wyoming*) with other states working out the logistics with tagging and admitting this process. He advised he feels that if an individual wants to and they roadkill meat is safe then it should be used and not be allowed to be wasted. He stated there is minimal advance to moving some roadkill, protection of raptors and drawing other predators onto the roadway to eat the roadkill. He stated helping not have additional fatalities. He reiterated he is in favor of this but feels there would not be any difference felt in this state for this but thinks many individuals would be interested in this making small numbers in the margin for roadkill and he is indeed in favor of this process.
- Board member Alexander Harper stated that he has spent time in Alaska and moose go onto the roadway and are fatalities often. He stated that there are individuals who attempt to see what they can get away with by implying that the animal has been hit and take the roadkill and harvest it, when these individuals simply found a way to harvest the animals. He stated that he feels law enforcement should get involved helping to remove the roadkill prior to attracting predators who will get killed attempting to eat the roadkill.
- Board member Brian Patterson stated to board member Alexander Harper that roadkill does not only apply to Big Game species, and advised that it is not just meat, salvage, Big Game and stated at least in other states where they are picking up possessums and coons and other different types of animals that are roadkill.
- Chair Paul Dixon stated to the board that it sounds that everything will be in the details on this process. He stated meaning the general concept: 1) no financial burden; 2) process cannot give individuals the ability to cheat; he gave example of his time growing up in Michigan in which some hunters would attempt to hit the deer with their trucks instead of hunting the correct way.
- Board member Brian Patterson gave an example that a individual on Open Season woke up and accidentally killed a deer with his truck, one of the biggest deer he had ever gotten. He advised that he had a legal hunting license and law enforcement allowed this individual the opportunity to take this deer to harvest. He reiterated that this individual had a tag and law enforcement allowed this individual to take the deer home to harvest.
- Public Comments: (*Lt. Chris Walthers, Game Warden, NDOW Southern Region*) joked with board member Brian Patterson and asked him what the individual name was and asked what state this happen in.
- Public Comments: (*Mark Transue, member of the public*): He stated if he

accidentally hit a deer and the damage to his vehicle was in the thousands, he stated he wanted to eat the deer. He stated that his son-in-law in the state of North Carolina advised that hunters are allotted five roadkills a year. He stated the hunter needs to contact local law enforcement and will be issued a ticket but can keep the deer for harvest.

- Public Comments: (*Jana Wright, member of the public*): She advised to remind the CAB that this issue went before the legislature in the year 2021. She stated this legislation asking the assembly, with restrictions on Big Game with conservation on some getting a salvage tag to whomever would be taking the roadkill to harvest. She stated there were concerns pertaining to health of the animals and diseases and containment of the meat to keep it from going bad. She stated she feels she needs additional information than the supporting material that was provided with NDOW to decide.
- Chair Paul Dixon stated to (*Jana Wright, member of the public*) that supporting material with more details will be provided as this action item digresses.
- Public Comments: (*Therese Campbell, member of the public*): She stated that there are some states that have created tunnels for the wildlife to cross to avoid being killed on the roadway. She asked if there is discussion or will be in the future decision of migration trails in the data.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised that there was fencing for three miles that would lead the animals to go in a certain direction then go into created tunnels. He advised the underpath past Route 160 and stated if you are driving to Arizona past the Hoover Dam you will see many overpaths but no ramps for humans to go across, the reasoning is that these overpaths are only for the animals to pass.
- Chair Paul Dixon stated to (*Therese Campbell, member of the public*) that this process has already been established in some of the high migration areas (Area 6, Area 7) and for Bighorn Sheep simply because in the south there is many Bighorn Sheep. He stated they also have had discussions about killing grass areas that are near the roadway to prevent sheep from attempting to graze in these areas and getting killed on the roadway.
- Chair Paul Dixon stated to (*Annoula Wylderich, member of the public*) that unfortunately regardless of what law is in effect for prevention then there will also be a person that is going to attempt to break that law. He stated with the First Come, First Serve tags it was amazing of the creativity that individuals found to cheat therefore leading to changing things around three times and now it has minimized but unfortunately there will also be an individual who is going to cheat regardless of the system that is put into place. He stated that the numbers have went down but are not zero, but it is down as much as possible without making the process impossible for everyone. He stated it will probably not show any impact in the long run but that

is because individuals will also find methods to cheat.

- Public Comments: (*David Hawkins, member of the public*): He stated that he realizes that this is not in effect yet and still is being discussed but asked if a salvage tag going to be required for roadkill in future.
- Chair Paul Dixon stated to (*David Hawkins, member of the public*) that if this action item moves forward most likely individuals will be given a salvage tag.
- Public Comments: (*David Hawkins, member of the public*): He asked Chair Paul Dixon how an individual would have the salvage tag ahead of time.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised to (*David Hawkins, member of the public*) that the salvage tag would not be issued ahead of time, it would only be issued after there is a need to take the carcass to harvest.
- Public Comment: (*David Hawkins, member of the public*): He asked Chair Paul Dixon for clarification on this action reiterating the question that if you find an animal that is roadkill on the side of the road, one must obtain permission to take this roadkill and harvest prior to taking it by what method.
- Chair Paul Dixon stated to (*David Hawkins, member of the public*): that there will probably be an 800 number given that is 24 hours for individual to call to state that individual has just hit an animal, and it is dead, and they would like to take the animal to harvest and request a salvage tag. He advised it might be possible from that phone call that you are able to obtain an electronic tag if the individual has cell service. He advised there are numerous amounts of things that can be done without having law enforcement come to the area.
- Public Comments: (*Lt. Chris Walther, Game Warden, NDOW Southern Region*): He stated that they will ask hunters to take photos and give their coordinates and send this information to law enforcement.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised a motion to let Churchill County and the Commission know that the CAB supports the concept of “**Wildlife Salvage**” but needs more details that will be implemented on this prior to the CAB making recommendation.
- Board member Dave Talaga seconds the motion.
- **Motion passes 7-0.**

d. Discussion and recommendation of proposed legislative language for “Coyote Calling and Other Contests Involving Wildlife**” proposed by Coalition for Nevada’s Wildlife (*For possible action*).**

- Chair Paul Dixon introduced this topic.
- Chair Paul Dixon reiterated that the first Contest Committee Meeting will be taking place on (*October 31, 2024 @ Nevada Legislature Office Bldg, Rm 165; Address: 7230 Amigo Street, Las Vegas, NV 89119 @ 6PM*). He stated that the supporting documents presented are from The Nevada Coalition For Nevada’s

Wildlife.

- Chair Paul Dixon advised that previously there was a line drawn in the sand with these coyote contests suggesting there were individuals on both sides of the fence, with some feeling that you cannot do whatever you wanted when it came to these contests, while the other portion of individuals felt that they did not want any coyote contests. He stated when he viewed The Nevada Coalition For Wildlife Sportsmen Letter, it stated the time to investigate this is now to view how we are going to regulate this because portion of the regulations of this allows application of more hunter ethics to this process if it will be used and it give accountability for individuals.
- Chair Paul Dixon stated it is the first time that he has seen a sports organization coming out and not going either hard left or hard right but starting in the middle for a decision and he feels that this same approach needs to be brought to the committee meetings for resolution and he feels the approach is healthy way to start a discussion with this letter.
- Board member Alexander Harper asked Chair Paul Dixon what is NDOWs thoughts and the historic basis on The Nevada Coalition For Wildlife Sportsmen Letter and what is the reasoning behind this type of letter.
- Chair Paul Dixon stated to board member Alexander Harper that he understood that the feeling is that the coyote is an unprotected animal that is a threat to wildlife therefore contests are done with unlimited amounts of the killing of these species, hunting 365 days, 7 days a week. He stated the number of coyotes killed in these contests do not come close to the number of animals that are taken by NDOW protecting livestock in the state of Nevada as well as other states in the West.
- Chair Paul Dixon stated to board member Alexander Harper that he has seen hunters who did not respect the process and posted photos which showed the kill in a disrespectful manner. He advised this is a contest showing which hunter can shoot and kill the most unprotected animal.
- Board member Dave Talaga advised that shooting coyotes requires a highly skilled hunter and stated a hunter can not just go out and kill coyotes. He stated they must be studied regarding their habitats and their habits and having the ability to call a coyote is truly an art form. He reiterated that this takes patience and skill with not many hunters having this skillset. He stated coming from back East in which areas have denser population of people, cattle, chickens, and sheep and the hunters are called in when coyote populations grow and approaching over numbers of domesticated animals such as: cattle, chicken, and other animals. He stated the group of hunters that are called on this are not a large amount but a small group of hunters that eradicate the population of coyotes and move these

predators out of the area. He advised that the sport of coyote hunting goes back a long way and to pursue this type of hunt shows the hunters capabilities and historically this is done for a management tool.

- Board member Alexander Harper stated that historically there is a mindset of an assumption that if a certain number of coyotes are removed therefore creating the thought process that there will be less animals eaten. He stated there are traditions that work from these assumptions but unfortunately these assumptions are not rooted into any real evidence of this. He stated that the coyotes can be efficient in having the ability to switch their diet based off whatever animals are around in an area. He advised that there has never been a successful longterm strategy demonstrated through this connection for the coyote. He stated that individuals think that this works and provides no long- or short-term solution. He reiterated that stated he does not feel this works and is not viable with no outcome out of this. He stated he does not support this for himself or for the members of the public that he represents that he knows does not support this and stated he speaks as well for the members of the public that he represents that also do not support this.
- Board member Brian Patterson stated to board member Alexander Harper that based upon exactly what he stated is a great reason for having a Heritage Project giving research on how much impact does the coyote population have on species and what percentage would be needed for removal to assist with helping the species population from the coyote base from diminishing in certain areas, how many years. He gave example that it should certain percentage of the population must be removed for certain number of years to show any impact. He stated that people have a perception issue and believe that coyotes are having more impact on species as predators then what is really occurring. He stated that most hunters who participate in this activity the coyote calling contest feel they are helping by getting rid of the predator population of coyotes, but he stated as board member Alexander Harper described, it is not actually improving by doing shooting in coyote contest scenario or trapping situation. He reiterated as board member Alexander Harper stated that the coyotes have adjusted to making their diet or habit accustomed to the environment in which they are in, eating certain species. He stated the coyote has thrived and thrived and is like the cockroach of the mammals and will probably be the last living animal on the planet after humans are gone. He reiterated that it is perspection issue of hunters and dragging and having to display carcasses and showing that the meat is not being salvaged is causing individuals to feel negative toward this therefore the science base does not impact the population, it is more of a perception.
- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert stated that there were discussions on this acton item previously and that nothing is going to stop the contests. He stated regardless of if

there is an impact of the population or not if there is a coyote on the landscape it is eating to survive,

- Board member John Hiatt stated to Vice Chair Dan Gilbert that the coyote is a carnivore.
- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert stated that coyotes are carnivores.
- Board member John Hiatt stated to Vice Chair Dan Gilbert that there is a distinction between cats and coyotes, even though cats are all over the landscapes just like coyotes, coyotes are carnivores, but they eat many vegetables.
- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert stated to board member John Hiatt that he was simply attempting to make a distinction that coyotes kill to survive and stated secondary benefits that coyotes are receiving from urban interactions which are more impactful around areas in which those with humans. He stated that the raven population are all over the landscape and their population has increased greatly due to the human assistance they receive to survive, and they are carnivorous. He stated that coyote calling contests are ways to transfer knowledge for the development of new tactics.
- Public Comments: (*Therese Campbell, member of the public*): She stated
- Board member Dave Talaga stated to board member Brian Patterson that we are here tonight on this action item.
- Board member Brian Patterson stated it is a waste of time
- Board member Jacob Thompson advised that if this makes it way to the legislature, he feels that the outcome will not be the outcome that the petitioner Nevada Coalition for Wildlife would like and stated it would not go in their favor.
- Board member Brian Patterson advised that all contests should be banned whether it is bass fishing contests or any type of contests.
- Chair Paul Dixon stated he would like to advise motion stating that the CAB and members of the public at tonight's meeting had a discussion and everyone should attend the Commission meeting and give their own testimony of their feelings about this action item.
- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert stated that part of the duty of the Committee is to give supporting data on their findings.
- Board member Dave Talaga advised he would like to use the previous motion given by the CAB on this action item.
- Board member Jacob Thompson advised a motion to reaffirm the previous motion given by the CAB on this action item stating that coyote calling contests should be regulated by a county-to-county basis in the state of Nevada therefore the CAB rejects this the letter for proposed legislative language for "Coyote Calling and Other Contest Involving Wildlife proposed by Coalition for Nevada Wildlife.
- Board member Dave Talaga stated to board member Jacob Thompson that he did

not like his motion and still would like to refer to the previous motion that the CAB had given.

- Chair Paul Dixon stated to Secretary Darlene Kretunski if she would send the recommendation previously given by the CAB to him first thing in the morning for his Action Report.
- Secretary Darlene Kretunski stated to Chair Paul Dixon that she would send it over to him first thing in the morning.
- Board member Dave Talaga advised he would like to make a friendly amendment to the motion previously given by board member Jacob Thompson and stated for the motion to state that the CAB refer to previous motion given by the CAB on this action item.
- Board member Jacob Thompson stated he accepts the friendly amendment as friendly.
- Board member Dave Talaga advised that what is occurring is the CAB is simply referring to the previous motion given as the CABs position for tonight's meeting with the purpose of obtaining more information from the Commission based on the upcoming Commission meeting.
- Public Comments: (*Stephanie Myers, member of the public*): She stated to board member Dave Talaga what exactly is the motion of him giving a friendly amendment.
- Board member Dave Talaga stated to (*Stephanie Myers, member of the public*) that there is the upcoming Commisison meeting.
- Board member Brian Patterson stated that the date, time and location of the meeting should be given to everyone to make sure of their attendance. He stated he realizes that his statement has nothing to do with the motion just given.
- Chair Paul Dixon asked Secretary Darlene Kretunski if she had the information on the meeting.
- Public Comments: (*Stephanie Myers, member of the public*) stated that the meeting will be at 6 pm and the address is at 7260 Amigo St, Las Vegas 89119. She stated that it is located the cross streets are Warm Springs & 215.
- Chair Paul Dixon seconds the motion.
- **Motion passes 5-2**
- **The CAB previous discussed Wildlife Killing Contest in their March 2024 meeting from (Action Item b. Petition-Ms. Rebecca Goff) in which there was discussion on Wildlife Killing Contests in which the CAB advised a motion to support regulation on killing calling contests on a county-by-county basis as administered by the Wildlife Commission. The dissenting opinions were due to the board members feeling that there should be continuity regarding the ecosystem health therefore using the same approach to the management of all**

animals.

- e. **Seasons and Quotas App Update (*For possible action*)**. The CCABMW will review, discuss and make recommendations to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners about development of a Seasons and Quotas Software Application that can be used by the Commission and Department staff to track Department recommendations, County Advisory Board input, and Commission adoption of Big Game hunting season tag quotas.
- Chair Paul Dixon introduced this topic.
 - Chair Paul Dixon read the following from the supporting material under: (**Brief Explanation**): *The Department is developing a software tool that will help communicate Department and CAB recommendations and Commission changes to big game seasons and quotas. The Department's recommended seasons and quotas will be placed into the software and available through a website to the CABs for their review and recommendations. We envision this tool being used for easy viewing by the Commission, Department and public in attendance as the Commission deliberates during their January and May meetings. Changes made during the Commission meetings will be recorded with the program and will be used to prepare the annual Commission Regulations for seasons and quotas. The program will export the Commission -adopted seasons and quotas for use in the official filing with the Secretary of State, public posting at www.ndow.org, published in the Department's game guides, and provided to Gordon Darby for AMS system configuration as part of the big game tag draw. The goal of this project is to simplify the process of reviewing and updating seasons and quotas during the Commission meetings while also providing on-screen tracking of CAB recommendations and Commission changes. This project will result in a single, exportable, electronic file that can be used to fulfill multiple business practices. Participation and use by the CABs is highly encouraged. A training for CAB and Commission members will be provided when the application ready for use.*
 - Chair Paul Dixon advised that this is development of a tool that will make things easier, and stated he has been the Chair for sixteen years dealing with Big Game Seasons and Quotas and described the process as painful, lengthy, and it should be discussed with the northern portion on issues about hunting and stated hunters from other portions tend to hunt a large amount there therefore recommendations should be viewed considering that there is limited number of hunting opportunities. He stated these opportunities in southern nevada outside the rims of Bighorn sheep. He stated there is Elk, and Mule Deer but they are limited.
 - Vice Chair Dan Gilbert advised he likes the fact that you can view all recommendations from each CAB in every county. He advised that the department NDOW does not always provide enough supporting material to give enough

background on action items, leaving large amount of gray area therefore to have the ability to view other CABs stance on this gives cohesive perspective and understanding of Big Game Seasons and Quotas. He stated he cannot believe it took this long of a time to do this.

- Board member Dave Talaga advised that he felt this is a excellent idea to have follow up meeting on the input of other CABs about the design and functionality.
- Chair Paul Dixon stated to board member Dave Talaga there will be no input or follow-up, and the CABs will be advised after a decision has been made of what design was chosen and how it functions and give input stating what works and what does not work and make any changes as needed. He stated it will be better than what we have presently.
- Public Comments: (*Joe Bennett, Supervisor, NDOW, Southern Region*): He stated that if anyone attended any meetings regarding Big Game Seasons and Quota settings and quota recommendations, there are a lot of alternative recommendations, he advised that he has seen post seasons and potential alternative recommendations about last years quota with multiple opinions given. He stated these recommendations with be some that are fluent and reuseable,
- Chair Paul Dixon advised that this year he felt there were significant cuts to areas per the recommendation of the department and the department wants to show that this was done based upon following the recommendations given by the CABs and show the impacts from the present year. He stated that the supporting material with probably reflect more information on quotas but the seapon settings will not be as much impactful as the quotas. He stated it is much more helpful to have this information before the meeting rather than view it firstly at the Commission Meeting thus leading to better fruitful discussion and recommendation at the CAB meetings.
- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert stated that in Elko County it became the quota based on the CABs recommendation.
- Chair Paul Dixon stated there has always been one or two recommendations with the quota with quotas Elk, Archery, and Any Weapons classes and feels that is what lead us to this action item and basically how do you justify going against a CAB recommendation the CAB sitting at a Commission level in which you must have documentation to show why you did not follow a CAB recommendation. He stated finding a way to explain why the CABs recommendation was not considered or taken.
- Board member John Hiatt stated that it is possible to have too much information and be on information overload. He had concerns of this and advised that when preparing the supporting information to make certain to keep the information level to avoid information overload.
- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert advised a motion to support Seasons and Quotas App

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- Board member Alexander Harper seconds the motion.
- **Motion passes 7-0.**

f. Petition- Mr. Michael Scow (*For possible action*) The CCABMW Board will review, discuss, and make recommendations to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners about a petition to add a hunt for long term Nevada residents (30 years or more) aged 70 or older be allowed a deer tag in the area of the Department of Wildlife's choice during the regular season(s).

- Chair Paul Dixon introduced this topic.
- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert advised a motion to reject the petition submitted by Mr. Michael Scow.
- Chair Paul Dixon read the following from the Petition: Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners Petition For Adoption, Amendment, Filing Or Repeal Of Regulation: State the reason for the proposed regulation: Aging folks that have been longtime residents of Nevada should have the opportunity to hunt big game in the state of Nevada without having to go through the standard draw selection process. There should be a provision in the Wildlife Regulations where a Nevada long term resident (30 years or more) aged 70 or older be allowed a deer tag in the area of the Department of Wildlife's choice during the regular season(s). The Department of Wildlife could investigate where the Nevada deer herds need thinning and reward tags to aged Nevada hunters who wish to assist for the purpose of healthier herds. My reasoning for this is at the age of 70+ there might not be a "next year hunt" and this would give the senior sportsmen in Nevada more opportunities for assisting with wildlife management.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised that this petition is insinuating that when you reach the age of 70 or older and have been a resident of the state of Nevada for over 30 years, then these individuals should apply to obtain deer tags.
- Board member John Hiatt stated that the rationality is that deer herds need thinning therefore we simply need to make the herds healthier, and we certainly do not need these herds thinning by older folks doing it. He stated that this gentleman has a serious problem with overpopulation of deer in the state of Nevada.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised that there have been degradation months within the last few years with severe habitat loss due to fire with the winter range being destroyed. He stated that NDOW due to this gave out hundreds of degradation tags for removal of deer off the landscape due to fear of massive winter deaths of

the deers. He advised this degradation hunts were done twice within the last five years there was less than ten percent success therefore he has been looking for where this could be used except for degradation. He advised thinning of the deer herds is not being done because the deer are fat and healthy. He advised that doe is taking care of with bull to cow ratio being over eighty.

- Board member Brian Patterson stated that 70+ year old hunters are not going to go up into the mountains to hunt.
- Board member Dave Talaga advised that these hunters can drive up.
- Board member Brian Patterson stated to board member Dave Talaga that these older hunters might hit the deer with their trucks.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised he understands what the petitioner Mr. Scow is asking but there is a draw selection put in place for a reason and if you don't draw by luck for over thirty years, it happens to a lot of hunters.
- Board member John Hiatt stated that the petitioner Mr. Scow is not stating that he applied for thirty years and did the draw a tag, he stated he is a thirty-year resident of the state of Nevada.
- Board member Brian Patterson stated to board member John Hiatt that he does not support this petition. He advised that he is close to seventy himself and has been a resident as well of the state of Nevada for thirty plus years.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised that he has only been a resident of Nevada for twenty-four years.
- Board member Brian Patterson advised that he is against any subset of a group and stated that society makes large number of subsets of every little piece and part of factors of groups of the population, and he does not like this. He stated he would support if an elderly hunter 70+ years or older is applying for a tag rather than the hunter accruing one bonus point or one reference point or a point instead they receive a point and a half which would give these elderly hunters a little more of an edge. He stated and maybe more the next year, he stated he understands Mr. Scow point on this. He reiterated his thoughts that he could support that once a certain age is reached regardless of time as a resident of Nevada, that more points could be accumulated.
- Chair Paul Dixon stated to board member Brian Patterson that he thought that would be a great idea but advised at this time for this action he wants to solely deal with Mr. Scow.
- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert advised that hunters go through a progressive state of first starting with success, trophy and get to end of progressive and go through mental state therefore he believes that the advance stage hunters are passing on knowledge, ethics and experience from doing this for a long time he would like to assist with this but is uncertain on what method could assist with this. He

advised that there is a lot of opportunity to assist these hunters and stated he does not want to restrict the advance stage hunters in the field from being able to draw a tag if they are unable to a secondary pull, and that the youth hunters are brought in to give them more opportunities with encourage of them possibly being able to draw a tag. He stated there are other opportunities for the advanced stage hunters from just big game hunting, waterfowl hunting, birds, fishing giving them multiple opportunities and stated there is no condemning these hunters by not allowing this.

- Board member Brian Patterson stated that if we agree to this then the older hunters can continue to keep drawing tag at 70, 71, 72, 73 and this does not set well with him. He advised there should be level opportunities for all hunters.
- Chair Paul Dixon asked board member Brian Patterson if he is stating that once a hunter reaches the age of 70 and lived in Nevada for thirty years, they should receive a lifetime tag.
- Board member Dave Talaga stated that there are two major issues with Mr. Scow petition: **1) It pressures NDOW into giving older hunters tags because it is taking a tag from another hunter. 2) In order to implement this would be difficult and the procedure that is in place has been working up to this point.**
- Public Comments: *(Bob Bobbett, member of the public)*: He stated that it is implicated that there is an opportunity to apply but not receive a tag, that is a big difference. He advised that he agrees with this petition and does not agree with Vice Chair Dan Gilbert statement suggesting that these hunters have opportunity to obtain tags of five other species, he stated it should be the hunter's choice.
- Board member Brian Patterson stated it would not be fair to have many older hunters only with tags and no opportunity for any other hunters to obtain a tag.
- Public Comments: *(Mark Transue, member of the public)*: He stated that he resents these comments and agrees with board member Brian Patterson on his comments that the older hunters could accumulate bonus points yearly.
- Chair Paul Dixon stated to *(Mark Transue, member of the public)* that he should be able to obtain yearly tags.
- Board member Brian Patterson stated that the tags could be retroactive.
- Public Comments: *(Mark Hawkins, member of the public)*: He stated he agrees with this as well but not having all species but limited species, if all species then there will only be few tags left for the other hunters.
- Public Comments: *(Jana Wright, member of the public)*: She advised that she opposes this petition and the reality of it is that life is challenging enough and that there is no reason that one would never ever draw a tag.
- Chair Paul Dixon stated to *(Jana Wright, member of the public)* that hunters should be an adult and face these types of challenges.

- Public Comments: (*Jana Wright, member of the public*): She stated that everyone is going to grow old and no to giving additional bonus points, she advised just completely no on this petition.
- Chair Paul Dixon stated that he knows to people that are under forty years old and have only drawn sheep tags and on the other hand, he knows seventy-year-olds who have put in over thirty years and have never drawn a tag. He stated it is called a draw system and advised that it is like the lottery where people play their entire life and never win.
- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert stated he felt if one hunter has put into a system for over thirty plus years then there should be some sort of incentive provided to provide a greater opportunity for these hunters and can be discussed at later time, but he wanted to deal with the petition only.
- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert advised a motion that the petition presented by Mike Scow be rejected as submitted.
- Chair Paul Dixon seconds the motion.
- **Motion passes 7-0.**

IX. Comments by the general public- A period devoted to comments by the members of the public about matters 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: (*Annoula Wylderich, member of the public*): She advised that her discussion relates to a article she read pertaining to Lithium Mining in Nevada and how it effects the habitat and advised that the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for species like Mule Deer, and Bighorn sheep.
- **FYI- (Yucca Mountain)**- *located on Federal land in Nye County in southern Nevada and was sacred land. This project was highly conteted by the public, the Western Shoshane people and politicians. Today the Yucca Mountain site has been abandoned and nothing exists and is a boarded up exploratory tunnel.*
- Chair Paul Dixon advised that this takes an effort from our Congressional leaders to equal the equivalency of what these leaders did for Yucca Mountain.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised that he finally received a voicemail from Senator Catherine Cortez Masto office with her Chief Environmentist while he was vacationing in Michigan regarding the Winecup Gamble Land Exchange, and he

advised to Chair Paul Dixon he had nothing new to discuss at this time but that does not mean something will not happen. He advised to Chair Paul Dixon that unfortunately it will be tied to a large bill with other matters for Congress to approve. He advised that if the bill reaches the Senate that Senator Catherine Cortez Masto is aware of this bill prior, and she supports for regulations to take place with this bill prior to the Land Exchange occurring.

- Public Comments: (*David Hawkins, member of the public*): He advised that the supporting material provided in previously meetings and in tonight's meetings, he noticed that there have been large amounts of copies made using massive amounts of paper for copies of the supporting material, which he feels is a waste, when this same information is located on NDOW's website and members of the public can also look up the statute on these action items therefore he did not understand why it is still provided at the CCABMW meetings as well. He advised another solution is possibly having QR Code that could be scanned to retrieve the supporting material.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised to (*David Hawkins, member of the public*) that having copies of supporting material that will be discussed at the CCABMW meeting is a requirement, and stated this is an advisory board and some of the members of the public may not have access to view this information online. He stated that he is the type of person who cannot simply view information by hard copy online and he requires to have it accessible to him on paper as well but regardless there must be a certain number of copies available to the public attending these meetings by law. He stated the public must have access to the supporting material and stated to the gentleman that his point is taken and appreciated.
- Secretary Darlene Kretunski advised to member of the public (*David Hawkins, member of the public*) that after the meeting the copies that are not used go into the recycle bin.
- Chair Paul Dixon agreed with Secretary Darlene Kretunski that the supporting material from the meeting that is not used is fully recycled.
- Board member Brian Patterson advised that he likes the idea of having a QR Code to obtain the supporting material.
- Public Comments: (*Stephanie Myers, member of the public*): She advised that she like to put on record that she disapproved of Chair Paul Dixon vote on the Coyote Killing Contests in previous meeting. She advised that she felt that tonight's meeting was good with great discussion tonight and now she felt that Chair Paul Dixon is negating all that effort by rejecting everything that was discussed tonight and felt why did she even attend the meeting tonight.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised to (*Stephanie Myers, member of the public*) that he appreciates her input.

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

X. Authorize Chair Paul Dixon to prepare and submit any recommendations from today's meeting for its consideration at its Friday, September 27, 2024 & Saturday, September 28, 2024, meeting in Las Vegas, NV (*For possible action*).

- Chair Paul Dixon introduced this topic.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised a motion to prepare and submit recommendations from tonight's meeting to the Wildlife Commission meeting on Friday, September 27, 2024 & Saturday, September 28, 2024.
- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert seconds the motion.
- **Motion passes 7-0.**

XI. The Next CCABMW Board meeting will be scheduled for October 29, 2024, in the Clark County Government Center (Pueblo Room) 500 S. Grand Central Parkway, Las Vegas. The meeting will be in support of the Commission Meeting held on Friday, November 15, 2024 & Saturday, November 16, 2024, in Reno, NV.

XII. Adjournment.

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

- Nevada Department of Wildlife: 3373 Pepper Lane, Las Vegas, NV 89120
- Clark County Government Center: 500 Grand Central Parkway, Las Vegas, NV89108
- City of Henderson: Henderson City Clerk: 240 S. Water Street, Henderson, NV89015
- Laughlin Regional Government Center: 101 Civic Way, Laughlin, NV89028
- Moapa Valley Community Center: 320 North Moapa Valley Road, Overton, NV89040
- Mesquite City Hall: 10 East Mesquite Boulevard, Mesquite, NV 89027
- Boulder City: Boulder City Hall, 401 California Avenue, Boulder City, NV89005

ONLINE:

https://www.clarkcountynv.gov/government/departments/environment_and_sustainability/ccabmw_meeting_11-11-2020.php

