



CLARK COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE MEETING MINUTES

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5:30 PM- 9PM

THE CCABM MARCH 16, 2021 MEETING (TELEPHONIC)

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CCABMW Members: Paul Dixon, Chair
John Michael Reese Vice-Chairman
Molly DiBlasi
Therese Campbell
Jacob Thompson
Dave Talaga
Dan Gilbert

Secretary: Darlene.Kretunski, 702-455-1502, Darlene.Kretunski@clarkcountynv.gov

- I. Call to Order- Roll call of Board Members for determination of quorum:** If no quorum is present, meeting cannot begin and will be cancelled.
- The meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM by Chair Paul Dixon.
 - Roll call of board members was performed by Secretary Darlene Kretunski. A quorum was present, all 7 board members were present.
- II. Pledge of Allegiance**
- Chair Paul Dixon led the CCABMW board members in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- III. Public Comment (*Informational*)** this is a period devoted to comments by the general public about items on this agenda. No discussion, action, or vote may be taken on this agenda item. You will be afforded the opportunity to speak on individual Public Hearing Items at the time they are presented. If you wish to speak to the Clark County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife about items within 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 and address and please spell your last name for the record. If any member of the Clark County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife wishes to extend the length of a presentation, this will be done by the Chairperson or the Clark County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife by majority vote.
- Chair Paul Dixon introduced this topic.
 - Chair Paul Dixon advised that this section is informational and before getting started on public comments, he wanted to explain the process of tonight's meeting. He advised that members of the public can unmute themselves and ask questions or speak during public comment. Chair Paul Dixon advised that he understands that the topic could or may entail emotional responses from individuals of the public as well as CAB board members, but ask to please make sure that it is understood that both members of the public and the CAB board members when voicing their comments must do so in a respectful manner.
 - Chair Paul Dixon ask everyone to please allow individuals to speak and voice their comments without interruption, he stated that if at any time he felt that anyone was being disrespectful, he would stop individuals or interject during the meeting to make sure to maintain degree of decorum.
 - Chair Paul Dixon advised for members of the public who would like to give public comment at the beginning of the meeting before agenda items are read, to remember that public comment is given after each agenda item after the CAB board members have addressed it on the board level.

- Chair Paul Dixon asked if any members of the public at this time would like to speak they may do so.
- Public Comment: (Steve Taylor): he advised that he supports the use of hounds to bear hunt, and feels it is a successful practice and using the bears and using the hound between the bear is the proper way to go about hunting of a bear. He stated that the Clark County Commission Nevada hunting standards stinks. He advised that the Water Fowl Season as proposed seems pretty reasonable, same as last year, and last year was a good year for us. He advised that the Predator Management Plan for 2022 should be approved and he likes and feels it is a good plan. He advised that is all he has at this time.
- Public Comment: (Game Warden Lt. Christopher Walter of Southern Region): he advised that he is in attendance and will be taking notes for the law enforcement division.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised to Game Warden Lt. Chris Walter of Southern Region that he appreciates his attendance in tonight's meeting.
- Chair Paul Dixon ask if there are any other public comments at this time.
- Public Comment: (Russell Woolstenhulme, Game Division Biologist for NDOW): he advised he is in attendance and will answer questions if needed.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised that he appreciates his attendance for the Water Fowl Season and that it is nice to have NDOW lead on the phone for our meetings.
- **Chair Paul Dixon asked for any other public comment, hearing no other public comment at this time, he advised that this item is closed.**

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

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

- Board member Jacob Thompson second the motion.
- **Motion passes 7-0**

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

- Chair Paul Dixon introduced this topic.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised that he is making note to himself and to Vice Chair John Michael Reese that board member Therese Campbell sent note advising Item #9D, which is the second draft of the fiscal year of the Predation Management Plan should be 2022. Chair Paul Dixon advised there is a mistake on the Commission Wildlife Agenda, he stated that he did not realize this when he cut and pasted this and gave his apology for this error. He advised for this correction to be made.
- Chair Paul Dixon asked for public comment at this time.
- Public Comments: None
- Board Comments: None
- Vice Chair John Michael Reese advised for a motion to approve the Agenda for January 26, 2021 as presented.
- Board member Molly DiBlasi seconds the motion
- **Motion passes 7-0**

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

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

VII. Recap of the January 29, 2021 Commission virtual meeting by Chair Paul Dixon (Informational)

- Chair Paul Dixon introduced this topic.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised on the use of hounds with bear hunts, this item is back on tonight's agenda for further discussion due to the petition from Cathy Smith. There was some discussion

of this but there was a delay when the Commission introduced this petition for all CAB members to review.

- Chair Paul Dixon advised the draft 22 Predation Management Plan, the CAB board members gave their comments on and there were some changes that were suggested by the Commission based upon those comments. The recommendation suggested by the CAB board members to help the public identify lion predation sites for Project 37 was rejected.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised that the administration costs for managing the program, he stated he was told that the Commission would get back with him on this and the CAB board members have not heard anything as of yet.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised that the CAB board members voted (5-1-1) on putting together a bounty program and unanimously every Commissioner was strongly opposed to this concept and plan. He stated that it was the strongest outpouring by the Commission thus showing their desire to not support something of this nature. He advised the Commission had zero appetite to entertain anything pertaining to a bounty hunting program for coyote hunting.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised the next matter was The Big Game Season which overall had minor changes but was still in line with the recommendations of the CAB board members therefore he did not feel there was anything specific on this matter that needed to be captured on record.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised Black Bear Season and Mountain Lion Season were both approved as is.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised Non Restricted Non Resident Guide Mule Deer Seasons and Quotas were accepted as presented. He advised that Heritage Tags, Silver State Tags, Partnership and Wildlife Tags, Dream Tags were all accepted as presented. He stated that Big Game Application Deadlines was accepted as presented and Heritage Auction Tags were accepted as presented as well.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised that the License Simplifications had a fair amount of discussion going back and forth with some minor wording changing but the CAB board members did not have any recommendations on any of the License Simplifications therefore the minor wording changes made did not have any impact on the things the CAB board members didn't decide to give comments on.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised that was the general overall synopsis of the January 2021 Wildlife Commission meeting.
- Board member Jacob Thompson asked Chair Paul Dixon to briefly summarize the rationale for the opposition to retire the bounty from the Commission and if there are any trends?
- Chair Paul Dixon stated that his viewpoint from the coyote bounty hunting by the Commission is that they feel it is a public hot button issue right now with strong emotions surrounding a bounty hunt and the Commission felt that if the CAB board members were to bring up this matter it would be distracting, leaving the sportsmen not in a good place should the Commission try to bring this matter forward.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised that with the current atmospheres sensitivity which surrounds certain issues involving wildlife that the CAB board members are dealing with even in tonight's agenda, he felt in his own words "that the view was not worth the climb" for the Commissioners. He asked board member Jacob Thompson if his explanation given was enough clarification.
- Board member Jacob Thompson stated that helped to clarify his question and thanked Chair Paul Dixon.
- Board member Therese Campbell advised she was having technical difficulties with her computer and could only see Chair Paul Dixon on the screen at this time and no other CAB members.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised she should go to lay out in the header and this would help her to change her screen to have option of seeing everyone on top of the screen or the side.
- Board member Therese Campbell advised she had a visual of all board members previously but not at this moment, she advised that as long as she could hear everyone this would be fine for the moment.

- Board comments: None
- **Chair Paul Dixon advised since this is informational item and there is no board comments, this item is closed.**

VIII. Mule Deer Enhancement Program Update (*Informational*) Vice Chairman John Michael Reese will update CCABMW on progress occurring in the Nevada Mule Deer Enhancement Program.

- Chair Paul Dixon introduced this topic.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised that at this time he will turn this section over to Vice Chair John Michael Reese.
- Vice Chair John Michael Reese advised that at this time there are no new updates however this item is on the agenda for the state Wildlife Commission and has to conform to the Open Meeting Law in which each time the members of the committee meet, it has to be dually noted. He advised at this time there has been no calls to meet and hopes to learn more of what Mike Scott (Chief, Game Division NDOW) has to say at the big wildlife meeting to learn when it is truly going to take off on this matter.
- Vice Chair John Michael Reese advised that all the committee members have been chosen and they are now just waiting to receive direction for a starting point.
- Chair Paul Dixon asked at this time for any board comments.
- Board Comments: None
- **Chair Paul Dixon advised that this item is closed**

IX. General Business/Action Items: Discuss & make recommendations regarding the following Action Items from The Board of Wildlife Commissioners March 19/20, 2021 meeting agenda, as well as additional items brought forth to the CCABMW from the public for discussion. CCABMW agenda & support materials are available upon request to Darlene Kretunski (702) 455.1402 or Darlene.Kretunski@ClarkCountyNV.gov. The final Commission agenda & support at <http://www.ndow.org/PublicMeetings/Commission/Agenda/>.

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

- Chair Paul Dixon introduced this topic.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised that Ms. Cathy Smith has put in a petition to remove from NAC 503.147, Commission General Regulation 498, for the use of hounds for black bear hunting.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised that at this time he opens the floor to CAB board member's comments and for board members that have received correspondence, this can also be discussed as well. He advised that he has also sent to all CAB board members correspondence from the following individuals as public comments: (Annoula Wylderich, Stephanie Myers). He stated that he knows each member of the CAB received the correspondence related to usage of hounds by these individuals.
- Public Comments: (None)
- Secretary Darlene Kretunski stated to Chair Paul Dixon that the CAB members have also received correspondence by (Jana Wright) which Secretary Darlene Kretunski stated she had submitted to each CAB board member as well.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised that at this time he will open the floor to comments from the CAB board members.
- Board member Therese Campbell stated that according to 2018 Nevada Wildlife Value Survey only 30% of respondents approve of Nevada's bear hunt, with 49% disapproving and the remainder with

no opinion. On the question of using hounds to hunt bears, only 13% approve while 63% disapprove. She stated that she must reiterate that Nevada bear hunt is “trophy hunt”, an activity the ethics at which is questionable at best and indefensible at worst. Trophy hunting is not based on science, sound management practices or conservation therefore as a CAB member tasked with representing the interest of the general public, I am requesting that NBWC (Nevada Board of Wildlife Commission) cancel the 2021 bear hunt.

- Chair Paul Dixon asked board member Dave Talaga on his comments.
- Board member Dave Talaga advised that he looked over The Nevada Wildlife Value Report Survey and as stated by board member Therese Campbell. He stated that in the significant waiting period in the viewpoint of a mutualist, they have actually acquainted the traditionalist in the last 4 to 5 years, concentrating in both Clark and Washoe County, which indicates that those people who moved into this area have brought with them the viewpoint on wildlife management hunting that is anti-traditionalist according to the chart in the survey. He stated there are many potential reasons of why this is the case, and basically one can only speculate of why this is happening, but in the report it discusses people not having any interest in wildlife outside the confinements of their observable area. He advised that this is discussed a little more in depth in the coyote predation. He stated that the bottom line is there is a shift in Nevada now in the urban areas and what has now extended into the hunting rural areas of the state. He advised that he doesn't see where the shift makes right now hunts, particularly bear hunts bad. He feels by using hyperbole such as “trophy hunt” or stating comments such as losing family members, when referencing when a bear is shot, this does not help the situation. He stated that besides the shift that nothing has changed in Nevada, the hunting will go on as usual and that one should be careful that in the case of the rule of the masses, that it does not overrule what is best for the environment but also for game management.
- Board member Jacob Thompson that he disagrees with the characterization of black bear hunting using the hounds as a “trophy hunt”. He agrees with Dave Talaga which majority of not hyperbolic, individuals who hunt black bears, many certainly eat black bear. He advised who is to say what reason people hunt, and do not base regular hunting on rationale that people use to justify their hunt. He advised that we regulate it and base it on management needs and the recreational values toward Nevadans and folks that hunt. He advised that it is important to point out that the use of hounds in bear hunting has gone on for quite some time, and as board member Dave Talaga indicated earlier that it is traditional use. He advised, it is also a use that supports fair chase and supports the selection of large boars instead of females or smaller bears as well. He advised generally he doesn't see rationale in eliminating the use of hounds in hunting and as board member Dave Talaga stated it could become a case of the wishes of the rights of a majority who are largely likely uninformed about the intricacies of hunting and could override the rights of the minority, and bear hunting is not as popular as many other forms of hunting. He stated he feels the importance of respecting the rights of the minority, in this case those are people that wish to hunt bear using hounds knowing that it is a sound historically practice that aids in fair chase.
- Board member Molly DiBlasi advised she agrees with board member Jacob Thompson and board member Dave Talaga when they stated that the fact that the majority doesn't always get to say what the minority gets to do or not do. She stated that especially if they are not interested or involved in wildlife and she doesn't feel that these individuals should have a lot of say on what goes on. She advised that it is a slippery slope when you start to let a majority of people who may or may not be involved with the actual matter that you are discussing and choose what the minority can or can't do.
- Board member Dan Gilbert advised he thinks that sound science should rule more than anything else. The Department of Wildlife has done a great job of putting forth proper harvest criteria and numbers and in addition to this, not only are we able to properly manage wildlife for carrying capacity and predator prey population, we are doing everything possible to harvest mature animals that are near the end of their life span therefore essentially the harvest will allow for more younger population to be out in the wild. He stated as far as the usage of hounds, he feels it is necessary to be able to help

in a mature animal harvest and he stated he supports this and for this item to not be taken up as law of the land.

- Vice Chair John Michael Reese advised that he looks at polls, he gave example of him buying a new jeep and advised that the jeep tells one the type of gas mileage one can get but that gas mileage depends on how one drives. He stated that true numbers are how many applied for tags, this hunting season there are 3,472 people that applied for tags. He stated as a business person you look at how much product you have and the people who want that product. He stated here in Nevada that is the case, we have more customers than we do product. There has never been a time when bear tags go unsold and we seldom have any tags go unsold. He stated that he is all for keeping the bear hunt alive and thriving even if that means by the usage of hounds, he is in favor of this. He advised that the hounds have been around for decades and for centuries people have used these hounds for hunting. The hounds are man's best friend. He advised there are hunters out there who have tried to hunt on their own and it was tough for them therefore they hired a professional to assist with the use of hounds and they were successful and able to harvest what they wanted to harvest. He stated that he is in favor of keeping this alive.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised that he wanted each CAB board member to recognize that he was deliberate in asking each member of the CAB their opinion to speak on the record. He advised that he would open the floor to general board discussion on their opinions and will allow CAB board members to go back and state additional comments they would like to say as well if they need too. He advised that he realizes that these issues are going to be emotional ones and asks that everyone be respectful with their comments.
- Board member Dan Gilbert advised that he wanted to reiterate what was stated in the last meeting that the quota has not yet once been reached, this quota is set up by the Division of Wildlife and to limit the use of hounds will reduce the success rate we have of being able to reach the management objective therefore keeping the federal prey population in balance.
- Vice Chair John Michael Reese advised that there is a television program called (Field to Grill) and in one episode, it was in reference to cooking and consuming bear meat with instruction on how to properly cook the bear meat. He advised that there are a lot of people who choose to eat bear meat and it doesn't go to waste.
- Board member Dave Talaga asked Vice Chair John Michael Reese to repeat the amount stated earlier on the number of applicants that actually applied for bear tags.
- Vice Chair John Michael Reese advised that there were 50 tags available and 12 people withdrew from their applications, 3,472 applicants is the total that actually applied.
- Board member Dave Talaga repeated the number "3472". He then asked Vice Chair John Michael Reese the question of when do these applicants pay the money for the tags?
- Vice Chair John Michael Reese advised that the applicants do not pay for the tags unless they are successful. He stated that these applicants have application fee and a \$3.00 dollar predator fee.
- Board member Dave Talaga advised that on the Wildlife Value Report of Nevada, Page 3 Roman Number 1: they received 1,133 responses to the survey which is less than 1/3 of the people who applied for bear tags, and that this is significant. He advised if you take out the amount of people who may have responded to the survey, then there is an overwhelming amount of potential of people who did not respond to the survey, and if they did not respond and they from the general public then that would alter the general public numbers significantly to the traditional side versus the mutual side. He advised that it is difficult to frame a discussion here without having all points and we are surfacing the points as we go along. He advised board member Therese Campbell's input on public comment that there was consistent usage of the terminology "trophy hunt" and he feels that there is no standard definition of "trophy hunt" the way it is being used. He stated that her comment went as far as to state that bear hunting is unethical therefore when having discussions with someone who is against bear hunting because it is "trophy hunt", how can one began to discuss about values or ethical use of hounds in that content, he feels we are at a disadvantage due to this.

- Board member Therese Campbell asked the question: “of the number of people who applied for bear tags was that for 2020 hunt or the 2021 hunt?”
- Chair Paul Dixon advised to board member Therese Campbell that it is for the 2020 hunt not the 2021 hunt because the 2021 hunt has not happen yet.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised that he has been on the Clark County Advisory Board for thirteen years and watched bear hunting come into existence and a close friend of his Mike was on the Commission at the time and he was asked a question of why are we having a bear hunt and Mike responded by saying “because we can”. He advised that the statement made was an unpopular one. He advised that we had population of bears in the state of Nevada that were growing and a part of the problem was that we had food sources in our urban area and we were bringing lots of bears into the urban areas and also from California. These bears had pressures that were based on territory, and the fact that these bears had not spent a lot of time in the area in years past, and in some areas there was more foliage for the bears which allowed them to not have to compete as hard. He advised the bears were coming from all directions. He advised that when the bear hunt started, there was very little known about bears in the state of Nevada and through issuance of tags and with yearly discussions the Department of Wildlife has done an amazing job on trying to learn about bears and bear management in the state of Nevada. He feels this would not have been done if there was no bear hunt, without the bear hunt there would not have been resources put in place to understand bear populations and the location of the bears in the state and how the bears were affected and certain laws would not have been put into existence in certain municipalities such as bear safe garbage cans and putting up trash and laws to stop the urbanization of bears and also keeping the bears in the wild. He feels that the decision to have a bear hunt meant the ability to manage the species to make sure that the bear population will be here for productivity.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised that in his multiple years here that he has seen that the bear hunt has brought bears into a management field and NDOW (Nevada Department of Wildlife) has full time scientists and biologist and the CAB receives a lot of comments as well and if you look at hunting seasons we have split up the hunting seasons and have zones. He stated that it did not take long to have zones in certain areas where there could be no hunting bears because it was too close to urban areas or places where people hiked or fished. He advised that the department with the Wildlife Commission has done tremendous job of putting together a manageable bear hunt where it allows the state of Nevada to have bears in this state for a long time to come. He advised that the number of bear viewing interactions may not be reducing to what we would like to have due to not having bear safe containers in all neighborhoods, but it is getting better and as long as we continue the hunt, this continues to bring light on the subject and makes it a better place for the majority of bears living in the state therefore if you have 400 bears and you take less than 40 out then less than 10% of that population are the majority and they are living better than in the past due to managing the population in the state of Nevada.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised he wanted to give the board his perspective, he stated there is a lot of emotions on this subject, some people have this idea that bears are like the cartoon characters Yogi Bear and Boo Boo they think of the bears as big comfortable animals but every year bears at National parks or where he is from in the state of Michigan, people are mauled or killed by bear attacks because people think they are pets. People need to know that bears are wild animals and if provoked like any other animals such as moose or bison, they will attack people. He stated that generally bears do not make human prey but when a bear is hungry and is in search of food, the bear will break into homes or cars or any area to obtain the food. He advised that bears are powerful animals and when they are hungry and in search of food, there is little humans can do to stop the bear. He stated he feels that being able to manage the numbers and making people weary of bears and not accepting of bears, will only help the bears in the end.
- Chair Paul Dixon stated that he would take this time to allow public comments, he asked to please state your comments at this time for the record.

- Public Comment: (Fred Voltz): he advised he wanted to respond to numerous comments made by the CAB board members, he stated the obligation of the CAB is to represent all people of the state therefore to presume all people are ignorant is not good start for CAB members to have in making a decision to give recommendations to the Commissioners. He advised that less than 5% of the people hunt in this state there is no game management with bear hounding, it is simply hunter opportunity and convenience, and success, and this is what it boils down too. There is no hunter skill involved, when technology is used (GPS collars, hounds, ATV vehicles, high power weapons, night vision). He stated that we do not know accurate number for our bear population because NDOW has been all over the map with the numbers ranging from 400 to 800 bears in the state of Nevada. He stated these are guesstimates not science to come up with a harvest, terminology you like to call it but a killing quota. He stated that slavery went on for a very long time until it didn't and bear hounding is just as antithetical supposedly the North American model for wildlife management using technology and hounds. He stated that he would also suggest that the 3,472 applicants or just a little bit over 1% of the state's population actually less than 1% and for the CAB board members to say the rest of the state doesn't matter more importantly the 73% or 75% of people in Clark County doesn't matter really does not represent values. He stated that he is not concerned at all that the Wildlife Survey was in any way unrepresentative of the state, it was put together very scientifically by actually someone who hunts like Mr. Chase among other researchers. He advised that we still have major problems with wildlife and trash that NDOW (Nevada Department of Wildlife) and California equivalent and local jurisdictions have done effectively nothing with state incline village, and a hunt does not help this. He stated that bears killed by vehicles in addition to the ones killed by NDOW that are deemed nuisances, along with the hunters more than doubled the number of bear deaths in a year. He stated we are actually losing population when we are losing 40 or so bears in a year and he feels that the latest population estimate of 400 is correct in our state.
- Chair Paul Dixon thanked Mr. Voltz for his comments and for staying within the correct time frame for public comment.
- Public Comment: (Steven Taylor): he stated that he wanted to comment on the last comment. He stated that if its 400 bears and you stated 40 were killed by vehicle accidents, that at least seems like a huge amount because you are saying that the exact science that there is 400 bears and the state population is unknown, and that we don't know that there are 400 bears. He stated it doesn't seem that is.... (pause) I don't know I am at a loss of words here. He stated yeah I am going to quite on that, I do not see this as an argument for not having a bear hunt. Thank you.
- Chair Paul Dixon asked the gentlemen to please repeat his name because he did not think the secretary Darlene Kretunski heard it. The gentlemen stated his name as Steven Taylor.
- Public Comment: (John Hyatt): he advised that he had a comment for usage of dogs for hunting bears. He stated that one of the things that he has seen numerous times is people exercising their dogs, they do not just take them out during hunting season. He advised they exercise their dogs many times a year. He advised the way they do this is basically by turning their dogs loose to chase wildlife and that is wildlife harassment. He advised that if we are going to have people using dogs to hunt wildlife, then there needs to be regulations on how these dogs are trained and what they are doing to those dogs during non- bear hunting season thus how this might lead to wildlife harassment. He stated this is not known by everyone because they do not see this very often due to the fact it is often done at night with their dogs and how these dogs are used for non-hunting purposes but involved in harassment of wildlife.
- Public Comment: (Joseph Terry): he advised he was in favor of the bear hunt and feels that hounds should be allowed to be used for this purpose. He stated that the CAB board members mentioned 3,472 applicants and last year he was one of those applicants and has applied for multiple years and hopefully he will draw a tag soon or in the near future. He stated that he does plan on eating the bear meat and thinks that when people think of the bear hunt as a "trophy hunt" they think that the bear meat will be left and not all of the meat will be eaten. He stated that a lot of people eat bear meat as

well as elk, and deer. He stated that is all.

- Public Comment: (Bryan): he advised that he is in favor of keeping the bear hunt with dogs and stated that he commends most CAB members for using science versus emotions. He advised that when talking about science, he has heard the opposition stating science, science, however there is no science to back up what is being said. He stated that the science is actually done by NDOW (Nevada Department of Wildlife) which is funded by the hunters, bear hunters who are putting into the funding source. These hunters are supporting science and showing the science. He stated that NDOW (Nevada Department of Wildlife) does a good job of placing their quotas based on estimated and known population of bears. He stated that NDOW (Nevada Department of Wildlife) also does a very good job of placing those tags where there are bear nuisance issues. He stated that the nuisance issues that were talked about previously were bears eating in the garbage and at the same time we talk about ending bear hunting, which will only increase the problem tenfold. He stated that Clark County already has an issue because they have not basically and essentially outlaw trapping around certain areas and we have huge explosion of nuisance animals coming into Las Vegas thus causing the state of Nevada money. He stated that if we do not control this population then we are going to be using money that the state doesn't have to support the removal of nuisance issue where hunters right now are paying for this privilege. He stated that he encourages the CAB board members to recommend approval of the bear hunt as proposed. Thank you very much.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised at this time he would be closing public comments. Chair Paul Dixon stated he wanted to reiterate that CAB board members received public comments from (*Annoula Wyldeich, Jana Wright, and Stephanie Myers*) and asked the CAB board members did all members see this correspondence or did he need to read any of the correspondence into record.
- Board member Therese Campbell advised she did not have a chance to look over this correspondence but advised she will look later and if she did not receive it she will email Chair Paul Dixon to advise that she did not receive it.
- Secretary Darlene Kretunski advised to Chair Paul Dixon that all CAB board members were emailed this correspondence at the same time.
- Chair Paul Dixon asked if any of the CAB board members have any other comments if not a motion is needed to be made at this time.
- Board member Therese Campbell advised that she understands about science of biology, she majored in biology in college. She advised that she does not think that she has any warm and fuzzy unrealistic ideas of what bears or other predatorily animals are or how they survive and that one cannot pet them or that they are not cute little harmless things and maybe reiterate that we would like our wildlife wild and alive.
- Board member Molly DiBlasi advised she wanted to respond to the comment that was made in public comment about CAB board members reflecting on the desires of the majority. She advised one of the things that government is supposed to do is to protect the rights of the minority thus if 5% of Nevada are hunters then that makes hunters the minority and their rights need to be protected. She stated that this is what board members are called to do.
- Board member Jacob Thompson advised the alternative allotted to earlier to bear population control in Nevada by hunters largely who use hounds is state eradication of bears which noted earlier in public comments cost the state money often resulting in exact same amount of bears killed as seen in a control hunt. He stated people are paying for the right and privilege to do this therefore is opinion is that he sees this as science based predator control approach valuable for the state of Nevada providing important resources for hunters.
- Vice Chair John Michael Reese asked for any more board comments before a motion is made.
- Board member Dave Talaga advised he wanted to make point from public comment in reference stating that NDOW (Nevada Department of Wildlife) not knowing what the total of the bear population is, he advised that in the last commission meeting he attended that the gentlemen in charge

of counting the bear population advised that there is need to do more to come up with a more accurate count. He advised that he would encourage in the CAB's motion that it is encouraged to add language to aid in this request.

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

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

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

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

- Chair Paul Dixon introduced this topic.
- Chair Paul Dixon asked if Russell Woolstenhulme (Game Division Biologist) would like to give the CAB board members an overview synopsis for this year 2021.
- (Russell Woolstenhulme, Game Division Biologist) advised that he wanted to point out in the regulations that there is changes to the waterfowl zones for 2021 as well as adopted by the Commission as of June of last year. He advised that this is seen in the south zone which includes Esmeralda, Lincoln, Nye and Clark County inclusively and there is also change in the regulation in the second half of the regulation which discusses public hunting limited on wildlife management

areas and designated state lands (first section). There is addition which includes Carson Lake & Pasture which the state is within days of finalizing and obtaining that property in Churchill County. He stated that Vice John Michael Reese pointed out to him that there is a mission in the special youth waterfowl section under daily bag limits it currently reads: (*the bag limit is the same as for the general season for ducks, mergansers, geese, coots and moorhens*). He advised that he will bring up this matter with the Commission. He stated it also includes (*scaup and snipe*) otherwise this regulation remains unchanged.

- Chair Paul Dixon advised general board comments with the Migratory Game Bird Seasons changes are noted by Russell Woolstenhulme (Game Division Biologist).
- Vice Chair John Michael Reese advised that he made call to Russell Woolstenhulme (Game Division Biologist) what promoted him to do so was when viewing the season openers, most were October 30, 2021 in the southern zone and some of it in Lincoln County was for October 16, 2021. He advised this was for duck season, as you got down to scaup, it did not open until the weekend thereafter. He stated that he worried because he did not want to see law abiding waterfowlers made into criminals because of this and not aware of this.
- Russell Woolstenhulme (Game Division Biologist) explained to Vice Chair John Michael Reese that in federal framework of the different species that it is a short season for scaup. He stated that because he knows there are local waterfowlers in tonight's meeting and he wanted them to be aware of the changes.
- Chair Paul Dixon asked for any additional board comments at this time and reminded the board members that they need to use this opportunity to ask their questions since they had the Game Division biologist in tonight's meeting ready to any questions they may have about the seasons. He advised it is nice that the southern zone has expanded.
- Chair Paul Dixon asked the question that snipe and scaup come under where in the Commission Regulation?
- Vice Chair John Michael Reese advised that right now it is listed in the Commission Regulation under Page 2.
- Public Comments: None
- Chair Paul Dixon advised for board member Jacob Thompson to make a motion.
- Board member Jacob Thompson made motion that Commission Regulation 21-13, Migratory Game Bird Seasons, Bag Limits and Special Regulations for Waterfowls and Webless Migratory Game Birds, Public hunting limited on Wildlife Management Areas and Designated Lands 2021-2022 Seasons as written.
- Vice Chair John Michael Reese advised that if Russell Woolstenhulme (Game Division Biologist) will take this before the statewide wildlife board for youth waterfowl section and want to include in the opener that they can harvest snipe and scaup therefore he would like the motion to reflect that if this is adopted then the CAB is in favor of this. He advised you have the special youth waterfowl hunt and it reads the daily bag limits is the same as for that of the general season for ducks mergansers, coots, and moorhens. He advised that he simply would like for Russell Woolstenhulme (Game Division Biologist) to bring it up at the statewide wildlife meeting to ask that this should include snipe and scaup as well.
- Chair Paul Dixon thanked Russell Woolstenhulme (Game Division Biologist) for his time and help in informing the CAB on this matter.
- Russell Woolstenhulme (Game Division Biologist) thanked the CAB for this opportunity.
- Board member Jacob Thompson advised that he accepts this friendly amendment to the motion.
- Vice Chair John Michael Reese seconds the motion.
- **Motion passes 7-0**

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

- Chair Paul Dixon introduced this topic.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised that the last time around the CAB board members had asked for the public to help identify predation sites for Project 37 and administrative costs, and the CAB said no in reference to having coyote bounty by the Commission, not just NDOW (Nevada Department of Wildlife) but every Commissioner. He advised he would go around to each CAB board member for general comments.
- Board member Therese Campbell stated as a CAB member tasks with recommending the interest of the general public, she strongly to NBWC (Nevada Board of Wildlife Commission) NDOW (Nevada Department of Wildlife) Predation Management Plan particularly and specifically as it applies to mountain lions. She stated that although Nevada's mountain lion population is nominally classified as quote "big game", it is the only quote "big game" species which is subjected to 24/7 365 open hunting season. She stated in addition lions also face lethal pressures due to the provisions of the Predation Management Plan which stipulates that lions can be killed at any time due to their unwanted predation on other quote "big game" species such as elk, mule deer etc. These policies and procedures effectively constitute which appears to be mountain lion eradication program rather than mountain lion management program. Furthermore on behalf of the general public I object specifically to NDOW (Nevada Department of Wildlife) and BLM (Bureau of Land Management) ongoing joint projects of quote "Pinion Jupiter Woodland Removal". This project of which the stated goal is to enhance grassland habitats for the expansion of big horn sheep population while simultaneously making these areas inhospitable for mountain lions potentially causing even more disturbance of previously degraded habitat, removing Pinion Jupiter Woodlands destroys the trees and scrubs upon which varies native bird species pinions jay depend for survival. Cheap grass which is invasive unpalatable non-native plant is often one of the first species to colonize the disturbed and or burned area. Therefore one might wonder if cheap grass would become even more of a problem due to the removal of Pinion Jupiter Woodland. Since cattle often directly compete with native herbivore for available foliage, the question asked about the population of cattle being raised partially on published lands. She advised this concludes her comments on that particular agenda item.
- Vice Chair John Michael Reese stated that in regards to Project 41, he advised that the state is putting ton of money on ravens, he stated he would like to know how much money has been used for raven studies and lethal control. Ravens are the biggest predator and when he started on the board the total numbers were 100,000 ravens and today 12 decades later that total is 200,000 ravens. He advised he would like to receive a recap of how much money is spent in the last ten years including in Pittman Robertson for both raven control and raven studies. He is aware that The Department of Wildlife is attempting to get amount to get rid of the ravens increased and he would like to know the status of this total.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised he will make a note of this and a side note to the recommendation as he does when the CAB has a dissenting opinion.
- Vice Chair John Michael Reese advised that with Project 38 he is in favor of doing lethal control of coyotoes and if the biologists are doing their job in all of the districts, it should be known where a large amount of the mule deer herds are located as well as the smaller herds. He advised by doing so we should know some of the tactical places where we should be able to do Predator control in the month of January and February on these areas.
- Board member Dave Talaga advised on Project 41, he remembers in the past the last time there was a research study done on ravens, they spent \$55,000 dollars on a stress test on ravens and he wondered if they were experimenting with CBD oil on the ravens to keep their stress level down. He advised that he fails to see what good this raven intensity study would do when nothing can be done to the ravens because they are migratory birds. He advised that he agrees with Vice Chair John Michael Reese that the CAB needs more information on the raven studies.
 - Vice Chair John Michael Reese advised to Chair Paul Dixon for the record in Project 41 with the Pittman Robertson funds that the money totaled \$30,000 dollars. He stated that is \$870,500 dollars coming out of the \$3.00 dollar predation fee.
 - Board member Dan Gilbert asked any CAB board member if they know if the Fiscal Year Predation

- fee total \$797,287 dollars if all of this money was used or is there any revenue left that could be applied to different projects?
- Vice Chair John Michael Reese advised that he brought up the fact in the last meeting that this is the reason we ask about administrative costs. He stated if you took the amount of applications Big Game in 2019 which was around \$72,000dollars, it came out close to \$974,000 dollars. With the \$974,000 dollars the department is stating, you have \$797,287 to spend and his question at that time was how much were administrative costs because it totaled over \$100,000 dollars? He advised in the year 2020 there was 349 plus applications for Big Game tags at \$3.00 dollars each clearly shows 1 million dollars projected in 2023. He advised therefore there should be more revenue to spend. There are also Pittman and Robertson funds plus the \$870,500 dollars coming from the Predation fees, making the basic Predation Program right now at 1.25 million.
 - Chair Paul Dixon advised that if CAB board members would go to Page 34 of The Predation Predator Management Plan, it has breakdown of expected revenues with beginning balance of Predator fees showing 2020 actuals and 2021 estimated and 2022 projected based on revenue and plan budgets; these amounts come from Predation Management fee, revenues is what we are expected and beginning balances. It shows what project received Pittman Robertson funds, these funds in general are not given for lethal projects unless justification is proven and back up by science. This is due to Pittman Robertson feel that it is not worth it on lethal projects because of the time required to track predators for scientific aspect on a federal level.
 - Public Comments: (Brian) he advised that he feels that the predator management is one of the most important things we have, he stated as a conservationist and hunter both across the board with the mountain lion issue, obviously someone on the CAB is adamantly opposed on any predator hunting whatsoever. He advised that a single mountain lion in the Valley that has been on the news because the lion was seen and to have the idea that we should eliminate mountain lion hunting is the most audacious thing he has ever seen in his life. He advised for the CAB board members to follow the science and push forward with the Predation Management Plan.
 - Public Comment: (Game Warden Lt. Chris Walter of the Southern Region) he advised he is responding regarding the mountain lion comment. The ring doorbells and inexpensive cameras have led to increases in mountain lion sightings in the area. He advised that the mountain lions have been living in the Las Vegas Valley for many years and it is only due to the fact that technology has increased, that the lion sightings have increased. He advised that the Game Wardens are aware that there is more than one lion, there are multiple lions and they currently are deciding the method that will be used. He advised he wanted to respond to previous comment and to let everyone know that the Game Wardens are aware. Thank you very much.
 - Chair Paul Dixon advised that in California where his sister lives they have two collard lions that they are tracking regularly, they do studies to see what the lion is consuming. He asked Game Warden Lt. Chris Walter of the Southern Region are they looking at collaring and tracking the multiple lions in the valley or is this still under decision?
 - Game Warden Lt. Chris Walter of the Southern Region advised that at this point it is still under decision and they are formulating a way that it can be managed effectively that is right for both the residents that do hunt and for the residents that do not hunt.
 - Board member Therese Campbell stated she wondered if part of the reason for the lion sightings is due to the explosive growth of the Las Vegas urban areas and urban sprawl which more neighborhoods and homes are approaching into what was open land and lions are large and need lots of land to support them, they can't live in small portions of land like a smaller animal such as a coyote. She stated she is wondering just how much urban sprawl of Las Vegas is impacting the mountain lion populations.
 - Game Warden Lt. Chris Walter of the Southern Region) he advised that it is difficult to predict the urban sprawl impact on mountain lions population but from what he has seen in the field there is very little impact on land population, lions are very adaptable animals and can adapt to any environment. He advised there have been mountain lion sightings at Lake Mead, Lake Mohave, as well as Mt. Charleston. He stated the lions are adaptable and will move, live, thrive in any environment.

- Public Comments: (Steven Taylor) he stated that our city continues on encroaching on lions habitat and he understands that not necessarily does a lions habitat need to be protected but our habitat needs to be protected. He stated he doesn't really see where humans encroaching on lions habitat, it's a lion a predator, creatures that can move on and get their own business done in other places that we need to stop development for their needs.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised that he would close public comment and go to board comments at this time.
- Board member Jacob Thompson advised that lion hunting was eliminated back in California a while ago and gave out 300 t. He advised the end result of the mountain for lion hunting prior to the elimination. He advised California strategy is to euthanize 300 mountain lion tags.
- Board member Molly DiBlasi advised she wanted to thank Jacob Thompson for his comment. She advised that predator will be managed one way or the other either by tax payers to manage it or paying someone to manage it, the state receives their payment from hunters who pay to hunt the mountain lions.
- Board member Dave Talaga made motion to accept second Predation Management plan as is but with the comment we need to understand what the real benefit is with the raven intensity study.
- Vice Chair John Michael Reese asked board member Dave Talaga to add a friendly amendment to state what location would it be statewide or where the targeted location is.
- Board member Dave Talaga accepted Vice John Michael Reese's friendly amendment.
- Board member Dan Gilbert seconds the motion.
- **In 6-1 vote CCABMW recommends supporting The Draft 2022 Production Management Plan as presented with the following recommendations: A) The CCABMW recommends that the department show in their 2020-2021 yearend report how much predator fee funding has applied to raven control and studies over the past 10 years and what has been the results of these expenditures to date are having any impact. B) The CCABMW want to know why Project 38 is for statewide coyote removal and not focused on areas with the highest at risk deer population? The dissenting view is because the board member disagrees with any mountain lion removal and with all Pinion and Juniper removal projects in the Predation Management Plan.**

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

- Chair Paul Dixon introduced this topic.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised what this Commission General Regulation comes after discussion with the regulation simplification committee. He stated that it defines the use of terminology to define what is a game animal or protected animal or fur bearing animal in this state and it talks about migratory birds that are hunted, endangered species, birds that are not classified as endangered and the hunting period for these species if any and the classification of game fish as well. He stated too simply it is a lot of cleanup of terminology and helps people to understand about the animals in our state.
- Board member Jacob Thompson stated that under NAC 503.147 Page 19 Rule 1: he stated that it says it is unlawful to hunt or chase or pursue any black bear or mountain lion with a dog except during hunting season in an open management area and under authority of a hunter's license. He advised that the comment that was made by the public earlier about the need to regulate dog training and letting dog chase the bears wantonly out of season as a method of training, he stated it seems like it would already be illegal in the present regulation.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised good comment by board member Jacob Thompson and stated that he was going to state this as well.
- Chair Paul Dixon asked the CAB board member Therese Campbell to make a motion.
- Board member Therese Campbell made a motion to accept Commission General Regulation 496,

NAC 503 Simplification as presented.

- Board member Dave Talaga seconds the motion.
- **Motion passes 7-0.**

F) Wildlife Killing Contests (*For Possible Action*) The CCABMW Board will review, discuss and make recommendations to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners about an update on the Wildlife Killing Contests in the state and recent action taken by the Clark County Commission specific to Wildlife Killing Contests. The Commission may provide direction to the department to draft regulatory language prohibiting Wildlife Killing Contests for consideration by the Commission at a future meeting.

- Chair Paul Dixon introduced this topic.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised that this matter is being brought forth to the State Wildlife Commission based on resolution signed on by the Clark County Commission wanting to end Wildlife Killing Contest. He advised the he feels that whenever you put the work killing it carries a negative condemnations to people that do not understand, which causes emotions.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised that anyone who has a comment please speak but do so in a respected manner with your comments and thoughts.
- Board member Dave Talaga advised that he is in favor provided that it is done with the appropriate control. He advised he would like to point out in the Wildlife Value Report plan that there is an increase in mutualist population over the traditional population and as a result this becomes more of a political pull. He advised that the rise with the mutualist coincides with the pressure placed on the mule deer herd and the calling contest is a tool that can be used to control the population of coyotes, and he stated he thinks it would benefit the mule deer herd.
- Board member Molly DiBlasi advised it is a terrible name for this and she would have preferred it would be called a calling contest because it sounds better, she agrees as long as it is controlled. She stated it helps out the coyote population which helps the mule deer.
- Board member Dan Gilbert advised the primary issue in the state of Nevada is management of wildlife due to the continuing decline of the mule deer population. He stated that the coyote are apex predators and have no predation except hunters. He stated that either the coyote will die due to lack of foliage or will die by human conservation in order for the numbers to be balanced, and managed properly there needs to be as many controls in place in the state base.
- Board member Therese Campbell stated on March 2, 2021 the Clark County Board of Commissioners voted unanimously in favor of resolution to recommend that any NBWC an active rule to ban killing contests in Nevada. Their action was in response to growing public pressure these events, many sports hunters and wildlife management professionals have also voiced their opposition to killing contests. She advised that several states including Arizona, California, Vermont, Washington, Massachusetts, and New Mexico are already outlaw killing contests. Wildlife killing contest are cruel blood sport which have no basis in legitimate wildlife management practices. Target animals for example coyotes are lured within range and then shot, the only goal is to kill as many of that species as possible within a given time limit. Killing contest are simply not defensible and have no place in civilize society. She stated that she is respectfully asking that the CAB take action and advise NBWC to make a rule to prohibit killing contest within Nevada. She stated this concludes my comment on this agenda item.
- Board member Jacob Thompson stated he has done his research on this item and is torn on this issue. He stated he would not want to be involved in this personally in a coyote killing contest. He stated it is not the right thing to eliminate others ability to do so. He stated he feels that killing contest make people aware due to campaign done by main society of the United States and organizations affiliated in general. He advised it is no different than a status quo for the coyote or killing contest, both equal the same amount and death for the coyote.

- Public Comment: (Brian) he advised it is called a killing contest and the job of the CAB is to 100% is to rule by science not by emotions, coyotes are one of the disseminated waterfowl population and he has a great passion for this population. He advised it is not a coyote calling contest ban it is wildlife contest. He advised that the wording is important and wildlife is any gaming animal you take out in the state of Nevada. He advised any contest should be cancelled from Jr. Fishing contest etc. because by doing this any contest in the state of Nevada will be removed. He advised that trying to get the coyote population under control is not physically possible. He advised that Clark County does not have a calling contests these are run by farmers and ranchers and by eliminating this it will only decrease the big game population and devastate our economy for ranchers and farmers.
- Public Comment: (Joseph Terry) He advised that he has seen multiple coyotes in Las Vegas and they are issue and when you contact NDOW they get upset and people's cats and dogs get eaten. He advised he does not like the name it should be labeled differently and advised the coyotes are part of the dog family and they have big impact on the wildlife.
- Public Comment: (Steven Taylor) he advised that he agrees with the other two public comments and doesn't need to be discussed any further is needed to be said.
- Public Comment: (Fred Voltz) he advised that CAB seems to be dismissing to the people who appointed you which is the Clark County Commission and it seems that the CAB should have been present when the resolution was passed but none of you bothered to appear. He advised that 9,000 mule deer are killed regardless of the fact that there is decline of mule deer. He advised that farmers and ranchers need to spend their own money to make sure that there animals are protected from predators and urban areas need to make sure to keep food in proper area
- Chair Paul Dixon advised he did not attend due to COVID and having elderly parents and did not want to be around others and risk his parent's health.
- Board member Dan Gilbert asked if the Commission has this on the agenda to take action
- Chair Paul Dixon advised that it is on the agenda for discussion and he would recommend that we take no action at this time.
- Board member Dan Gilbert withdrew his previous motion.
- Vice Chair John Michael Reese advised motion that the Wildlife Commission take no action on what is put forth by the Clark County Commissioners.
- Board member Jacob Thompson seconds the motion.
- Split vote 6-1(the dissenting vote felt that the CCABMW should support the Clark County Commission resolution to ban coyote killing contests).

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

- Chair Paul Dixon introduced this topic.
- Public Comment: (Brian): He advised that a lot of hunters are being misrepresented by member on the board. He advised recently this item came before the Commission, he stated that it is important for elected official on board to represent their constituency and he feels that his public representation from the CAB board did not do this. He stated a lot of hunters are still members of the public and are not being represented as something they are not by a member of this board. He advised a member of this board went before the Commission and stated her position and acting in her position as a member of this board for the reason she was making these statement, he advised this violates rule #7 in the CAB manual. He advised she violated section 501.297 and respectfully asks for her resignation and asked that this matter be forwarded to the Attorney General's office.

- Chair Paul Dixon advised concerns had been brought to his attention and he has forwarded this matter to Acting Attorney General Catherine Jorgenson to look into this matter further and will let CAB know based upon her findings.
- Public Comment: (Fred Voltz) he stated that someone trying to use mechanism to silence one person is not acceptable when there are six other people sitting on the board.
- Therese Campbell stated as a CAB member task with representation as the views of the public and as a public citizen myself, she would have been giving views regardless, she stated that she is surprised that she seems to be such a threat by some people, she is grandmother voicing her support toward a resolution put forth by Justin Jones of Clark County Commission and she takes the role as public advocate seriously and she wanted it on the record.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised to Therese Campbell that it is his job as Chair to send the matter to the District Attorney if there is concern on improper actions by CAB member.
- Chair Paul Dixon closed this item.

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

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

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

- Chair Paul Dixon advised he will be attending this meeting and urged other CABMW CAB members to attend as well if they have opportunity.
- Board Comments: (None)
- Public Comments: (None)
- **Chair Paul Dixon advised this item is closed.**

XIII. Adjournment.

POSTING LOCATIONS:

Nevada Department of Wildlife, 3373 Pepper Lane, Las Vegas,

Nevada, 89120 <https://notice.nv.gov> (Nevada Public Website)

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

