



**Clark County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife**  
**Government Center**  
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**Las Vegas, NV 89155**  
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**Meeting Minutes**

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Jacob Thompson  
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John Hiatt  
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**I. Call to Order-Roll call of Board Members determination of a quorum:**

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

- Chair Paul called meeting to order.
- Secretary Darlene Kretunski performed the roll call: (Present: Chair Paul Dixon, Vice Chair Dan Gilbert, Board member Dave Talaga, Board member John Hiatt, Board member Jacob Thompson) Absent: (Board member Brian Patterson)
- A quorum was determined.

**II. Pledge of Allegiance**

- Chair Paul Dixon lead 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 Comment: (*Annoula Wylderich, member of the public*): she advised that her comments could pertain to either action items on tonight's meeting of:

(a) Commission Regulation 23-04, 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 Big Game Species and d) Commission Regulation 23-07, 2023-2024 Restricted Nonresident Guided Mule Deer Seasons and Quotas. She had concern with the decline in the mule deer population and advised that in her reading from University of Washington research finding that wildlife vehicle collisions have become a major issue and now has become a conservation issue. This is large source of human caused mortality of wildlife. She advised that the timeline of these collisions happen between sunset and sunrise in which 1 million deer were hit. She stated the change in time is the attribute reasoning for this issue. She advised that Ohio now joins 21 other states since last year, who have decided to make daylight savings time permanent. She advised the answer would be for the state of Nevada to follow suit. She stated that on a federal level the Sunshine Protection Act of 2021 was passed by the senate but was never installed. She felt this would not only save mule deer population from decline but also other wildlife. She stated if it cannot be done on a federal level then this might be opportunity for all of us that are interested to work together to attempt to get this passed in the state of Nevada. She stated that she could not imagine anyone not wanting to work on this including non hunters. She advised this is difference of given humane choice of death by gunshot versus cruelty of collision death that is a prolonged death on a lonely road. She advised this will save \$10 billion in costs from damages with statistics showing risks of collisions are 14 times higher when it is dark and the fact that the wildlife do not live their lives by the clock that humans do. She advised she felt this would appeal to the hunters in the reduction of collisions therefore impacting in the decline in the murder of population of mule deer and other wildlife as well.
- (Annoula Wylderich, member of the public referencd: ***The Sunshine Protection Act of 2021- is a proposed U.S Federal law that would make U.S. daylight saving time permanent, meaning the time would no longer change twice per year and passed in March 2022, unanimously in the Senate but after being sent to the House for action, former speaker Nancy Pelosi never brought the legislation up for a vote.***
- Chair Paul Dixon advised that her comment was interesting, and he had not heard this before at any Mule Deer Committee meeting in the past that he has attended or was never given a recommendation on this subject matter.

- Public Comment: (*Annoula Wylderich, member of the public*): She advised this is the opportunity for everyone to work together on a common goal.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised that he agrees and stated thanks to (*Annoula Wylderich, member of the public*).
- **Chair Paul Dixon advised this item is hereby closed.**

**IV. Approval of Minutes November 1, 2022, CCABMW Meeting (*For possible action*).**

- Chair Paul Dixon introduced this topic.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised that the CAB would table the meeting minutes for November 1, 2022, at this time to have more time to read the meeting minutes and take a vote at our next CAB meeting on March 7, 2023.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised recommendation for the Minutes for November 1, 2022, meeting to be tabled until the next CAB meeting on March 7, 2023, for the CAB to have more time to read the meeting minutes and no vote will be taken on this matter at this time.
- **Chair Paul Dixon advised that this matter is tabled until the next CAB meeting on March 7, 2023.**

**V. Approval of Agenda for January 24, 2023. Agenda items may be Held, Combined, or Deleted. (*For possible action*)**

- Chair Paul Dixon advised NDOW submitted a note advising that due to the Governor stating that there are no new regulations that will be put into effect, the following action items will not be discussed in tonight's meeting and will be tabled and are on hold, these four regulations are new regulations therefore per Governor's statement on "no new regulations, these actions items fall under that category: (e) Commission General Regulation 502 Junior Hunt and Turkey Program; (f) Commission General Regulation 509, License and Vessel Product Refunds Temporary Regulation; (r) Commission General Regulation 500, Subdivision Map Review; (s) Commission General Regulation 506, Possession of Golden Eagles Under Certain Circumstances.
- Board member John Hiatt advised a motion to accept the agenda as presented.
- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert seconds the motion.
- **Motion passes 5-0.**

**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 he received correspondence from (*Rex Flowers, member of the public*) outlining the changes to the Black

Bear Hunt and Secretary Darlene Kretunski sent email of this to all CAB members prior. He advised he also received request from (*Annoula Wylderich member of the public*) expressing her concern about her public comments stated earlier on making daylight savings permanent.

- Board member Jacob Thompson: (*No*)
- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert: (*Yes*) He advised he would like the CAB to do a rotation and commitment to attend one Commission meeting a year to give Chair Paul Dixon a break.
- Chair Paul Dixon asked Secretary Darlene Kretunski to send email to DA (Catherine Jorgenson) to see if this request to have the CAB board members to attend the Commission meetings to act on behalf of Chair Paul Dixon, is this something that must be voted upon or can CAB simply put a vote to this instead. He asked Secretary Darlene Kretunski to please find out prior to the CAB's next meeting on March 7, 2023.
- Board member John Hiatt (*Yes*) He advised about pathogenic avian influenza which is transmitted from wild birds into poultry hence the reasoning behind the rise in price of eggs. He stated that other states such as Washington state are showing that the avian influenza is now spreading to other species such as (*bears, snunks, coyotes*) but not humans thus far. He stated this particular virus originated in domestic poultry flocks in China (1996). He stated it transferred from wild birds back into domestic birds creating an issue for the poultry industry and it has resulted as indicated in other species of mammals. He advised that everyone should be aware of this matter.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised that this is very interesting subject matter.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised fun fact: there are 585 million eggs laying chickens in the US, prior to the pandemic. During the avian flu 50-55 million were lost to the flu, which is less than 10% of the egg laying population being impacted. He stated that now the birds of the egg laying population will now have to be tested which has slowed down this flu thus creating lower egg prices.
- Board Dave Talaga (*No*)
- **Chair Paul Dixon advised that this item is hereby closed.**

**VII. Recap of the November 4, 2022 & November 5, 2022, Commission virtual meeting by board member Jacob Thompson: (*Informational*)**

- Chair Paul Dixon introduced this topic.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised that board member Jacob Thompson attended the November 4, 2023 & November 5, 2023, Commission meeting on behalf of Chair Paul Dixon.
- Board member Jacob Thompson advised that it was very interesting meeting, and he was happy to attend and thought it was a great idea for the board members to do and expressed that these two days of meetings were very informative.
- Board member Jacob Thompson advised that presentations from NDOW about the action items at the Commission meeting were great and he wished that the CCABMW could have presentations as well on action items presented at their meetings to obtain more information instead of the

supporting details on sole paper about Commission General Regulations that come before the CAB to assist with their recommendations. He stated he had adequate time as well to meet and get to know some of the Commissioners better. He advised that as action items arised, he did his best to express the recommendations of our CAB to the Commissioners. He stated besides himself there was only one other CAB board member from another county that was speaking for their CAB as well. He asked Chair Paul Dixon if this was that the norm at the Commission meetings for only a few members of the CAB to speak and state their recommendations to the Commission.

- Chair Paul Dixon stated that was the norm to only have himself and maybe one to two others from other CABs speak. He felt that the other CABs do not have the diversity that Clark County CAB has therefore they do not have debates as we do with our board members to get input from members on all recommendations.
- Board member Jacob Thompson stated that he made sure to speak on every action item that the CAB had recommendations on to reflect the will of the CAB on these action items and he stated he felt that our Clark County CAB has indeed done their due diligence. Board member Jacob Thompson advised the following are from facts stated by the Commission's informational reports stated during the Commission meeting: 1) **Moose population**- it is recorded with a total of 4 bulls, 9 cows, 3 calves and cows with radio collars provided by NDOW had calves this year, he advised that our moose population is growing and will most likely reach stability in near future based upon this information. 2) **Predation Management** Plan FY 2022 on raven studies and growth of population on raven predation beyond Sage Grouse and their effect on other wildlife species as well as the growth of the Raven and their geographical spread all over America as well as southwest desert and that they are invasive species. 3) **Lion Predation on BLM land**, this study is from student from University of Reno who was working with NDOW Biologist, this student's dissertation is on lion predation on wild horses in specific units of BLM land where the BLM did removal of half of the population of wild horses to see the pre/post effects of the lions since their primary diet consist of the wild horses, even though these same areas had species such as antelope, and mule deer for the lions to eat and these species were disbursed throughout the area. The results reflected conclusively the same number of wild horses were killed and eaten by lions with no difference in the amount killed for food regardless of the antelope and mule deer being available to eat, the lions did not change their diet. 4) **Mule Deer Enhancement Committee collaring projects** in (Areas 1, 12, 13, 22) which has led to healthier mule deer population giving these states the ability to understand the environmental impacts which are the cause for the decline in mule deer. 5) **Habitat Projects** which have ranking system, in which projects that have a percentage of 40 or higher will receive funding. 6) **Mule Deer Enhancement Committee** plan to go to BLM with propsal for studies on impact of wild horses on mule deer population. 7) **Commission General Regulation proposals** that were up for action, there were a total of six, the following are the proposals: a) *Migration Policy*- board member Jacob Thompson advised that the Clark County CAB had received this action item with supporting

material having lots of striking of sentences in over half the report and the other portion was left alone, but this made it impossible to decipher what the language was that replaced the stricken language and what the inserted words that were listed belonged to which sentence or portion of the sentence, thus making the entire material indecipherable. He stated the reasoning behind this action item with stricken language and inserted words was a request from one of the Commissioners who desired to strike out this language and insert this draft as supporting material and instead of NDOW cleaning up the draft before presenting it as supporting material so that everyone could understand the action item clearly, it was sent out regardless. He advised that now there will be a second reading by the Commission and afterwards there will be a clean version coming. b) *Taking Raptors from Falconry*, he advised that this subject matter was brought up by a member of the public who is a Master Falconer. Board member Jacob Thompson advised he felt the passion that these individuals held for falconry and stated the purpose is to foster falconry and raptor preservation efforts. He advised that there was proposed regulation on this and there were many individuals who did this in our state, he gave estimates between 42 to 47 individuals that are considered Master Falconers in the state of Nevada. He advised that the number of raptors taken by Master Falconers is very small, but the focus was on the intrinsic ability of the taking of the raptors. He explained that in these instances only one of the raptors are taken from the clutch of the liter and in most cases the parents will shove their young out of the clutch causing death. He advised there was significant push by a group called California Golden Eagles Rehabilitators who wanted to send surplus of Golden Eagles (*Aquila chryseatos*) population that need rehabilitation, sending them to Nevada since California is up to their capacity to have the ability to deal with this issue. He stated but in the state of Nevada it is illegal to have Golden Eagle, but he feels with all the information from California presented that this bill will indeed pass. c) *Merlin Hawk*- he stated that after taking the numbers and data presented, it clearly indicated that each species of Merlin Hawk total taken was below 10 for each category of this species. He advised that the number could be as low as 2 even though it was set at 50 with little chance of it exceeding over single digits. He stated regardless of when given the total number taken over the course of 5 to 7 years the total was less than 10 except in the case of the categories of the Red-tailed Hawk. d) *Amphibian Reptile Collection*- He discussed that the Chuckwallas numbers were going to be investigated by NDOW's Herpetologist over the next few years and stated there is no current data available for Chuckwallas currently in Clark County. e) *Spring Turkey Application*, he stated that this was only ajenized for approval for application and draw dates with no edits to season dates due to it being ajenized item that was separate in a different board hearing. f) *Elk Antler Spike*, he advised that this was discussed in detail, and after much decision he stated that the Commission promised to have a clear diagram printed in the annual hunting guidebook for clarification with change of definition from three to two points. g) *Junior Turkey Points*, he stated that the Commission voted 7 to 1 to approve and unwilling to separate the first come first serve draws and advised NRS on this is clear and to hard to make an exception.

- Chair Paul Dixon stated to board member Jacob Thompson in regards to his information on Amphibian Reptile Collection and his discussion on Chuckwallas, he advised that the locations that previously had Chuckwallas in Clark County and in subdivision that also had rock outcrops (*rock outcrops are defined as visible exposures of bedrock or other geologic formations at the surface of the Earth*) and had many Chuckwallas, in all these areas the Chuckwallas have been exterminated.
- **Chair Paul Dixon advised that this matter is hereby closed.**

**VIII. Avi Kwa' Ame National Monument- An informational update will be provided on the Avi Kwa' Ame (Spirit Monument) National Monument, (*Informational*)**

- Chair Paul Dixon introduced this topic.
- Public Comment: (*Erin Woods Biologist, NDOW, Southern Region*): she advised that there is legislation holding up this monument.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised that due to technical difficulties (*Joe Bennett Jr., Supervisor NDOW, Southern Region*) was supposed to speak on this matter, he asked (*Erin Woods, Biologist NDOW, Southern Region*) did she have any knowledge on this.
- Public Comment: (*Erin Woods, Biologist, NDOW Southern Region*): She advised that this monument is being held up by legislation at this time on the Bears Ears National Monument legislation and Grand Staircase-Escalante, lawsuit.
- ***FYI: Bears Ears National Monument: this honors the special relationship between the Federal Government and Tribal Nations, correcting the exclusion of lands and resources profoundly sacred to Tribal Nations and ensuring the long-term protection of and respect for this remarkable and revered region. Tribes, including NARFs's five clients, led the effort to establish the Bears Ears National Monument to protect the area still used for cultural and religious purposes from desecration and looting of the estimated 100,000 plus structures, sites, and objects in the unique land formation. The Monument is in southeast Utah in San Juan Country and is made up of 1.36 million acres of public lands administred jointly with the BLM and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Forest Service. The specific actions that President Biden is taking today are: Restoring the Bears Ears National Monument to the boundaries established by President Obama on December 28, 2016 and retaining protections for an additional 11,200 acres added by President Trump in 2017. Today's lawsuit argues that the size of the two national monuments, covering vast landscapes of a acombined 3.2 million acres, violates the Antiquities Act of 1906, which limits U.S. presidents to create monuments "confined to the smallest area compatible with proper care and management of the objects to be protected" The Grand Staircase-Escalante- is a United States national monument protecting the Grand Staircase, the Kaiporowits Plateau and the Canyons of the Escalante in southern Utah. The five steps of the Grand Staircase: Dutton divided into five steps Pink Cliffs, Grey Cliffs, White Cliffs, Vermilion Cliffs, and Chocolate Cliff. It is called Grand Staircase because in 1870 a geologist named Clarence Dutton described the Grand Staircase as the largest stairway, he had ever come across that ascended out of the bottom of the Grand Canyon north with the cliff***



*edge of each rock layer forming giant steps. It was established in 1996 by President Bill Clinton under the authority of the Antiquities Act with 1.7 million acres of land, later expanded to 1,880,461 acres, the monument's size was reduced by half in a succeeding presidential proclamation, and it was restored in 2021. October 2021, President Biden issued Presidential Proclamation 10286 restoring the boundaries for Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument. The Monument now spans nearly 1.87 million acres of America's public land in southern Utah, and is an outstanding biological resource, spanning five life-zones- from low-lying desert to coniferous forest.*

- Board member John Hiatt advised that the Antiquities Act has been around since 1906, and no person has yet disputed the president's ability to use it, and he stated he was aware based upon a Supreme Court decision of the president's ability to go back retroactively, change a National Monument, and he advised legislation by Congressman Titus in regards to the monument and President Biden's intent are unknown at this time due to his scheduling and that our government works in strange wonderful ways so this is, he went on to explain the anticipation of the boundaries of the land. He stated from Bakers, California to Soda Lake, California on the West Mohave Preserve. He stated it was a long stretch east west stretch of protective impact.
- Chair Paul Dixon asked board member John Hiatt if this would have any impact on any current comp units or things.
- Board member John Hiatt stated the impact or not he stated depends on what the enabling Proclamation states and he felt it would not typically interfere with existing state wildlife management.
- Public Comments: (*Erin Woods, Biologist, NDOW Southern Region*): she advised that this would be mostly bird development and was not supposed to interact with others.
- Board member John Hiatt advised this is the reason it got that name Mohave, which is the Indian name for Spirit Mountain and includes lots of sacred sites for Native Americans and tourists as well. He stated it is a good thing except for foreclosure of wind power development listed as low priority by BLM and including questions if a solar farm on the southern end would be impacted but not in its entirety.
- Chair Paul Dixon stated he had not heard these details on this on news or out and about and stated it is low key and stated more will be learned at our next meeting on this subject matter.
- *FYI- board member John Hiatt spoke on Congresswoman Titus legislation- In February, Congresswoman Titus introduced H.R.6751- Avi Kwa Ame National Monument Establishment Act of 2022, legislation to protect nearly 450,000 acres of biologically diverse and culturally significant lands within the Mojave Desert.*
- *FYI to comment Board member John Hiatt advised about Antiquities Act- it was the first U.S. law to provide general legal protection of cultural and natural resources of historic or scientific interest on Federal lands. After a generation-long effort, President Theodore Roosevelt signed the Antiquities Act on June 8, 1906.*
- **Chair Paul Dixon advised that this matter is hereby closed.**

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

**Discuss and make recommendations regarding the following action items from the Board of Wildlife Commissioners January 27, 2023 & January 28, 2023, meeting agenda, as well as additional items brought forth to the CCABMW from the public for discussion.** CCABMW agenda and support materials are available upon request to Darlene Kretunski at (702) 455-1402 or you may email Darlene Kretunski at [Darlene.Kretunski@ClarkCountyNV.gov](mailto:Darlene.Kretunski@ClarkCountyNV.gov) The final commission agenda and support at: [http://www.ndow.org/Public\\_Meetings/Commission/Agenda/](http://www.ndow.org/Public_Meetings/Commission/Agenda/).

- a. Commission Regulation 23-04, 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 Big Game Species (*For possible action*).** The CCABMW Board will review, discuss, and make recommendations to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners adopting the 2023- 2024 and 2024-2025 hunting seasons and dates for mule deer, pronghorn antelope, elk, bighorn sheep, and mountain goat, including limits, hunting hours, special hunt, eligibility, animal sex, physical characteristics, hunt boundary restrictions, and legal weapon requirements, and emergency depredation hunt structure and statewide quota.
- **Chair Paul Dixon introduced this topic. (Antelope)**
  - Chair Paul Dixon advised that the proposed changes are displayed in blue and black text indicate no changes.
  - Chair Paul Dixon advised under Resident Antelope-Horns longer than ears Any Legal Weapon Hunt 2151 & Nonresident Antelope- Horns longer than ears Any Legal Weapon Hunt 2251 with no changes.
  - Chair Paul Dixon advised with Resident Antelope-Horns longer than ears Muzzleloader Hunt 2171 earlier seasons have been added for **(2023-2024/2024-2025)**: Unit 041, Unit 042, Unit 043, Unit 046, Unit 141, Unit Unit 143, Unit 151, Unit 156, Unit 202, Unit 204 all have the dates of August 15<sup>th</sup> -August 21<sup>st</sup>.
  - Chair Paul Dixon advised this is in units where early hunting is, there are larger antelope populations, unlike in units where there are smaller animal populations, they have the hunting dates for **(2023-2024/2024-2025)** September 25- October 4.
  - Chair Paul Dixon advised for Nonresident Antelope-Horns longer than Ears Muzzleloader Hunt Unit 2271 the hunting dates are: August 15<sup>th</sup> – August 21.
  - Chair Paul Dixon advised in Resident Antelope-Horns longer than ears Archery Hunt 2161& Nonresident Antelope-Horns longer than ears Archery Hunt 2261 the hunting dates for **(2023-2024/2024-2025)** are August 1- August 21.
  - Chair Paul Dixon advised for Resident Antelope-Horns shorter than ears Any Legal Weapon Hunt 2181 in Unit 115 dates for **(2023-2024/2024-2025)** September -September 24 for the Baker Ranch, which is called the Great Basin Ranch, within 1 mile.
  - Public Comments: (*Nick Gulli, member of the public*): He advised that this specific area is the area in which the Commission agreed to pay the sum of \$19, 870 to Bakers Ranch for the loss of hay. He stated there is a game still being played to determine what is considered 1 mile of the ranch. He advised (*Bruce Hubbard, Manager of the Bakers Ranch*) gives the map to NDOW it is very vague and even the NDOW Game Warden’s have trouble making the determination of where one mile is simply within that range. He stated (*Bruce Hubbard, Manager of the Bakers Ranch*) should be very specific of where exactly the hunters may hunt, this is confusing some of the Game Wardens

therefore taking a risk of NDOW being sued if they write up an illegal ticket. He stated his concerns also is the agreeance of giving the sum of \$19,870 for hay depredation loss. He stated that (*Bruce Hubbard, Manager of Bakers Ranch*) is not allowing hunters to go near the range due to his concern of hazing animals that he has sold to clients of his already. He reiterated again that he would like to make the NDOW Game Wardens view the map and give specifics of where the 1-mile range is for hunters to hunt at Bakers Ranch therefore preventing the hunters of doing anything illegal. He stated he does not have an issue with the dates for Horns Shorter Than Ears in this area, there is a need for removal in this area. He advised (*Bruce Hubbard, Manager Bakers Ranch*) was just allotted almost \$20,000 in September of last year for hay loss, therefore his obligations are too be more specific about this area.

- Board member Dave Talaga asked Chair Paul Dixon the question of which area he was speaking about.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised to board member Dave Talaga that this area is called the Great Basin Ranch Properties but too his understanding it is large portion of what is called the Bakers Ranch.
- Chair Paul Dixon asked (*Nick Gulli, member of the public*) is that statement was correct, and he responded that it is correct statement.
- Board member Dave Talaga asked Chair Paul Dixon exactly how many acres is that land.
- Chair Paul Dixon stated from 10 to 1,000 acres. He stated if you drive from over the mountain from Lehman Caves and drop into the valley on the other side right before Utah, a majority of the vally is owned by Great Basin Property.
- Public Comment: (*Nicki Gulli, member of the public*): He stated it is going from dirt road heading north off the 50 which goes into Utah and if you are going north down dirt road from the borders end, that is owned by Bakers Ranch on that which would be the west side.
- Board member Dave Talaga asked if there could be presentation in a future meeting on the Bakers Ranch due to the issue of potential scamming.
- Chair Paul Dixon asked Secretary Darlene Kretunski to send him a email so he can make future arrangements to do so. Chair Paul Dixon gave example of previous situation where the property owners were tags were given out to this property, but the landowners would not allow the hunters to cross their property to get out of the public land. He stated the landowner's manager of the property advised that only 100 acres would be used but this manager had incorrect amount instead it should have been 10,000 acres and they were doing with their landowner tagas is using it for their private hunting preserve and selling the landowner tags.
- Chair Paul Dixon stated that he needs to know regarding Bakers Ranch what exactly does within 1 mile mean, does it mean to the fence of the property or mile around the fence of the property. He stated in 2011 he hunted around the Bakers Ranch for doe for deprefation tag, and even back then it was difficult to figure out where the ranchs property was. He talked to Commission and after that the gentlemen were more willing to direct them to where they would be able to hunt, which was the northern side of the property in which he harvested a mule deer. He stated he felt if he did not have the correct contacts (Commissioner) at that time he would not have receieved the information directing him where the correct area was to hunt at the Bakers Ranch. He stated

based upon the previous public comment, it saddens him to see that this exact same issue is still transpiring.

- Public Comment: (*Nicki Gulli, member of the public*): He advised to Chair Paul Dixon that he wanted to clarify that the Bakers Ranch is not his issue, nor is (*Bruce Hubbard, Manager, Bakers Ranch*) his issue is when asking where within 1 mile is he was told by (*Bruce Hubbard, Manager Bakers Ranch*) that he had two elk that we already have sold to clients. He stated from that comment he felt that he does not want hunters to hunt in certain areas.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised approval of all changes to all antelope hunt dates and approval for Hunt dates for the following units: (2151, 2251, 2171, 2271, 2161, 2261, 2181,) as presented and in Horns Shorter Than Ears Any Legal Weapon Hunt 2181 in Unit 115 (Great Basin Property) request that NDOW give more specific map of hunt boundary around Bakers Ranch due to confusion in previous years.
- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert seconds the motion.
- **Motion passes 5-0.**
- **Chair Paul Dixon introduced the next topic: ELK.**
- Chair Paul Dixon advised Resident Elk-Antlered Any Legal Weapon Depredation Hunt 4102: Unit 231 adding seasons to do Antler Pt. Limit; purpose is removal of younger class and spike bulls out. He stated due to removal of abundance of cows from this area over the last ten years, the bull ration is 85 to 100, this means out of 100 elk there are 85 that are bulls. He stated this is to get the herds to the numbers we want, and to remove many of the two point or less or three pointers.
- Board member John Hiatt asked Chair Paul Dixon a question, if this is supposed to be five points or less per antler how many mistakes must happen in thinking that it is not more than five, but visibility was not clear and obstacles are there such as brush and they have shot one that has six points, he wanted to know what occurs at this point.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised to board member John Hiatt that now there is a law, and it is important to the hunter to know the law and understand it. He advised every single year a hunter shot a cow or mule deer in northern Nevada by accident assuming it is an elk instead. Hes stated there will be some instances in which the hunter may encounter a broken horn, and if you have six with nothing on the side, there is no more than five total points. He stated this is recognized; it maybe has a little fork on the top. He stated the CAB requested that in the guidebook a request to have explanation of what is five or less points. He stated we ask in the guidebook for this year's photographs to show exactly five or three or less and have photographs to explain the explanation.
- Board member John Hiatt stated so, it is three or less.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised it is total of five and the point is if they are giving us photographs and drawings due to our request but at this point it is up to the hunter to know what they are shooting and if they don't know then the hunter should not shoot. He stated it is up to the hunter and if he does not know what he is shooting, then do not shoot, the burden is on the hunter and his responsibility of his weapon.
- Chair Paul Dixon stated that within 2 miles of designated Lake Valley Farms, Eight Mile Farms, and Flatnose Ranch Properties in Hunt Unit 231. These farms are outlined and will have maps to advise hunters where they may hunt,

the young bulls. He stated a young bull eats better than horns in his opinion. He advised these changes are for the farms that have been impacted by elk herds and there can be no more cow removal without creating instability in the herd if less than 10 to 15 cows per 100.

- Chair Paul Dixon advised for Resident Elk-Antlered Any Legal Weapon Hunt Hunt Unit 4151, there is season change in unit 091 in **(2023-2024)** September 16-October 6 & **(2024-2025)** September 21-October 11. The closed season is in Unit 161, 164, 171, 173 EARLY.
- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert advised it seems as if what has occurred is the early hunt, these are closed units for the early hunt and the Mid hunt now became Early and the dates changed.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised the following: The Early Hunt Units 161, 164, 171, 173 dates are now for **(2023-2024)** November 6- November 20 & **(2024-2025)** November 6-November 20. The Late season are Unit 161, 164, 171, 173 **(2023-2024)** November 21-December 4 & **(2024-2025)** November 21-December 4.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised the same applies for Nonresident Elk-Antlered Any Legal Weapon Hunt 4251: The Early Hunt Units 161, 164, 171, 173 Early are CLOSED; The Mid Hunt now became the early hunt with date changes: Unit 161, 164, 171, 173 **(2023-2024)** & **(2024-2025)** November 6- November 20.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised for Resident Elk-Antlered Muzzleloader Hunt 4156, Unit 241, 242 **(2023-2024)** October 22-November 5 & **(2024-2025)** October 22-November 5.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised for Nonresident Elk-Antlered Muzzleloader Hunt 4256, no changes.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised for Resident Elk-Antlered Archery Hunt 4161, Unit 091 **(2023-2024)** August 19-September 9 **(2024-2025)** August 17- September 7; Unit 161, 164, 171, 173 **(2023-2024)** September 17- September 30 & **(2024-2025)** September 17- September 30; Unit 241, 242 **(2023-2024)** September 17- September 30 & **(2024-2025)** September 17- September 30.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised Nonresident Elk-Antlered Archery Hunt 4261, Unit 161, 164, 171, 173 **(2023-2024)** September 17- September 30 & **(2024-2025)** September 17- September 30.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised Resident Elk-Spike Any Legal Weapon Hunt 4651, The early hunt for Unit 062, 064, 066, 068 is no longer, the LATE hunt for Unit 062, 064, 066, 068 are CLOSED for **(2023-2024)** & **(2024-2025)**. Unit 078, 105, 107, 109 Late **(2023-2024)** November 21- January 1 & **(2024-2025)** November 21- January 1. Unit 104, 108b, 121 Late (2023-2024) December 5- January 1 & **(2024-2025)** December 5- January 1.
- *Chair Paul Dixon advised if everyone noticed that everything is ending on January 1<sup>st</sup>, he stated the reasoning is to coincide with shed antler collecting. He stated we use to argue about when hunts were being run until the end of January, and if there is a concern about shed hunting and people in the field, then they should have people in the field after, now NDOW has come around to changing the end date on all to January 1<sup>st</sup>.*
- Chair Paul Dixon advised Resident Elk- Antlerless Any Legal Weapon Hunt 4181, Unit 051 is CLOSED for **(2023-2024)** & **(2024-2025)**; Unit 062, Unit 066 Late **(2023-2024)** November 6- January 1 & **(2024-2025)** November 6 & January 1; Unit 091 Early **(2023-2024)** August 1 – August 18 & **(2024-2025)** August 1- August 16; Unit 091 Late **(2023-2024)** October 7- November 1 &

- (2024-2025) October 12- November 1.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised Nonresident Elk-Antlerless Any Legal Weapon Hunt 4281, Unit 062, 066 Late (2023-2024) November 6- January 1 & (2024-2025) November 6- January 1; Unit 076, 077, 079, 081 Early (2023-2024) October 1 – October 20 & October 1- October 20; Unit 076, 077, 079, 081 Late (2023-2024) December 5- January 1 & (2024-2025) December 5- January 1; Unit 078, 105, 107, 109 Early (2023-2024) September 21- October 4 & (2024-2025) September 21- October 4; Unit 078, 105, 107, 109 Late (2023-2024) November 21- January 1 & (2024-2025) November 21-January.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised Resident Elk-Antlerless Muzzleloader Hunt 4176, Unit 161, 164 (2023-2024) August 25- September 16 & (2024-2025) August 25-September 16; Unit 241, 242 (2023-2024) August 25- September 16 & (2024-2025) August 25- September 16.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised Nonresident Elk-Antlerless Muzzleloader Hunt 4276, Unit 161, 164 (2023-2024) August 25- September 16 & (2024-2025) August 25- September 16.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised Resident Elk-Antlerless Archery Hunt 4111 (no changes)
- Chair Paul Dixon advised Nonresident Elk- Antlerless Archery Hunt 4211 (no changes)
- Chair Paul Dixon advised Resident Elk-Antlerless Any Legal Weapon Depredation Hunt 4107; Unit 251 (2023-2024) CLOSED & (2024-2025) CLOSED.
- Public Comments: (*Brian Burris, member of the public*) He advised he has fundamental issue with the five-point rule and stated he does not have an issue with the removal of smaller bulls because this needs to be done, but redefining what spike elk, instead why not increase the number of spike elk tagged in the area. He stated he does not trust NDOW to publish anything due to him previously sitting in front of the CAB and we agreed along with the State Wildlife Commission to changing the bonus point system, with a separate bonus point draw date that would be specifically advertised and sent out to the public and emails, and it never happen. He stated it never made the regulations or the emails therefore he does not have trust that pictures with make it to the guidebook. He stated his issue is when the game warden advised that hunting with a crossbow during any legal weapon hunt and he would write tickets for that. He feels this is leaving a broad interpretation and if this does not make the regulations now hunters who shoot what they believe is a legal five point but due to unclear regulations and with game warden who does not know the regulations half the time, now this game warden with write the ticket and take the hunters gun and vehicle. He stated if it is too be done then change the spike tags given in that Unit area and if they would like to make it with three points and you are going to change the regulation to say three points on either side no more than three points, now changing it to two points unilaterally from the State Commission and then the public had no input on this. He stated a bunch of things are being done but the same thing can be done if we just pull the spikes in here and feels anytime interpretation is left open without guarantees of having some ability of public awareness to know what is being done. He stated when viewing definitions from point count from East to West Coast how we count points is completely different, with the East Coast counting brown times on everything therefore if we do not

have guarantees that are in the regulations, he does not feel regulations can be in place without guarantees submitted as well without issues from enforcement.

- Chair Paul Dixon advised there are things done with the bonus point and advertising going to LCB who are the eliminate change control of what is selected. He stated this does not go the LCB but instead too NDOW, which now has a total change in leadership, and they do not have a deputy instead they have people acting in this spot for now. He stated that (*Brian Burris, member of the public*) concern about items not making it into the hunt book is probably a real concern. He advised that 99% this will pass with the Commission and suggests what we could do is attempt to work with the game warden for leniency until there is clarity in the hunt book and NDOW with their interpretation of the law. He stated this can be worked out with the new (*Chief Game Warden, NDOW Kristy Knight*) and he feels this could be worked out one on one.
- Board member Dave Talaga asked Chair Paul Dixon how you would do that.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised to board member Dave Talaga that it can be done by having a meeting with the Chief Game Warden.
- Public Comment: (*Brian Burris, member of the public*): He advised that it is up to interpretation, and this is his issue, because he feels this is up to the game warden if he or she feels they want to be leniency or not.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised to (*Brian Burris, member of the public*) that it has to do with leniency and interpretation if there is no clear direction with boundaries and understanding of the law, he reiterated again that details are important. He stated he will make a note that we discussed the three pointer and that there is discussion five points.
- Board member Jacob Thompson advised to Chair Paul Dixon that this is only in Area 231.
- Chair Paul Dixon agreed and stated it is only on the ranches in Area 231: **(Lake Valley Farms, Eight Mile Farms, Flatnose Ranch).**
- Board member Dave Talaga advised to Chair Paul Dixon also Unit 115.
- Chair Paul Dixon asked the question if anthler point limit is solely in Area 231.
- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert advised to Chair Paul Dixon that it is in both Units 231 & 115.
- Board member John Hiatt advised for everyone to go to Page 6 (Resident Elk-Antlered Any Legal Weapon Depredation Hunt 4102 it is indicated in bot Unit Groups: Unit 115 & Unit 231.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised that he include (*Brian Burris, member of the public concerns*) and stated if this is in my action report then it will receive discussion on it and he will ask for comments from the Commission on this as well in order for all parties to understand this concern.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised to (*Brian Burris, member of the public*) that he agrees that there must be clarity and no room left for interpretation and hold Commission and NDOW to understanding of what exactly five points is so that everyone has clear understanding.
- Board member Dave Talaga asked Chair Paul Dixon that he was under the impression that there would be pictures published.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised to board member Dave Talaga that pictures are supposed to be published and put in the huntbook. He stated that (*Brian*

*Burris, member of the public*) is stating that with the change in leadership at NDOW, he would like to make certain that he gets the pictures in the huntbook as well as some sort of agreement that game warden officers will show some leniency due to how unclear the regulations are at this time.

- Chair Paul Dixon advised approval for Hunts 4151, 4251, 4156, 4256, 4161, 4261, 4651, 4181, 4281, 4176, 4276, 4111, 4211, 4107 as presented EXCEPT (Resident Elk-Antlered Any Legal Weapon Depredation Hunt 4102 Units 115, 231 Antler Pt. Limits, and the CCABMW would like an enhanced description of five points or less.
- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert seconds the motion.
- **Motion passes 5-0.**
- **Chair Paul Dixon introduced this topic (Bighorn Sheep)**
- Chair Paul Dixon advised he wished that board member Brian Patterson had attended tonight's meeting because of his expertise on the sheep. He stated to Vice Chair Dan Gilbert, but you are the next expert I have for sheep. He asked Vice Chair Dan Gilbert to proceed on this subject matter for discussion.
- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert advised that this section is simply moving dates around as well as in both Unit 181 East & West it is detailing public restrictions on certain portions and attendance of meeting to hunt in the West portion. He stated he felt it was giving better definition of access.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised to Vice Chair Dan Gilbert he felt they have everything on information about this as opposed to NTTR (Nevada Test and Training Range, Nellis Air Force Base) which is tabled for expansion, he stated the valid air force base the carrier in the sand is growing.
- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert advised that these are the one area where they have North and South, and the same management and he feels this is giving better definition about access and that establishes the one employing one east and west.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised Resident Nelson (Desert) Bighorn Sheep Any Ram- Any Legal Weapon Hunt 3151, Unit 161 Early (**2023-2024**) September 10- September 30 & (**2024-2025**) September 10- September 30; Unit 161 Late (**2023-2024**) October 21- December 1 & (**2024-2025**) October 21- December 1; Unit 181 EAST (**2023-2024**) November 20 – January 1 & (**2024-2025**) November 20- January 1; Unit 181 WEST (**2023-2024**) November 20- January 1 & (**2024-2025**) November 20- January 1; Unit 153 (**2023-2024**) November 20 – January 1 & (**2024-2025**) November 20- January 1; Unit 202 (**2023-2024**) October 15- November 15 & (**2024-2025**) October 15- November 15; Unit 212 (**2023-2024**) November 20 – January 1 & (**2024-2025**) November 20-January; Unit 213 (**2023-2024**) November 20- January 1 & (**2024-2025**) November 20-January 1.
- *FYI- In Unit 181 East- That portion of Unit 181 east of State Route 839, there are portions of Unit 181 in Naval Air Station (NAS) Fallon where public access is restricted. To hunt the NAS portions of Unit 181, the tagholder is required to attend a NAS hunter safety briefing & In Unit 181 West- That portion of Unit 181 west of State Route 839.*
- Chair Paul Dixon advised Nonresident Nelson (Desert) Bighorn Sheep Any Ram- Any Legal Weapon Hunt 3251, Unit 161 Early (**2023-2024**) September 10- September 30 & (**2024-2025**) September 10- September 30; Unit 161 Late (**2023-2024**) October 21 – December 1 & (**2024-2025**) October 21 – December 1; Unit 181 EAST (**2023-2024**) November 20- January 1 & (**2024-**



2025) November 20 – January 1; Unit 181 WEST (2023-2024) November 20 – January 1 & (2024-2025) November 20- January 1; Unit 153 (2023-2024) November 20- January 1 & (2024-2025) November 20- January 1; Unit 212 (2023-2024) November 20- January 1 & (2024-2025) November 20 – January 1 & (2024-2025) November 20 – January 1; Unit 213 (2023-2024) November 20- January 1 & (2024-2025) November 20- January 1.

- Chair Paul Dixon advised Resident Nelson (Desert) Bighorn Sheep Any Ram-Archery Hunt 3161; Unit 161 (2023-2024) August 5 – August 25 & (2024-2025) August 5- August 25; Unit 267 (2023-2024) October 1-October 31 & (2024-2025) October 1-October 31; Unit 271, 242 (2023-2024) October 1-October 31 & (2024-2025) October 1 – October 31
- Chair Paul Dixon advised Nonresident Nelson (Desert) BigHorn Sheep Any Ram- Archery Hunt 3261; Unit 161 (2023-2024) August 5- August 25 & (2024-2025) August 5- August 25.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised Resident Neslon (Desert) Bighorn Sheep Management Ram-One Horn- Any Legal Weapon Hunt 3171 (no changes).
- Chair Paul Dixon advised Resident Nelson (Desert) Bighorn Sheep-Any Ram Management Ram-Access Limited-Any Legal Weapon Hunt 3172; Unit 173 North (2023-2024) August 15- January 1 & (2024-2025) August 15-January 1
- FYI-(173 North- Restricted to that portion of Unit 173 within the Arc Dome Wilderness boundary and north of the wilderness boundary from the crest to the east base of the Toiyabe Range; beginning with the North Twin River drainage north to the Summit Creek drainage).
- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert advised that Unit 3161 (Resident Nelson (Desert) Bighorn Sheep Any Ram-Archery Hunt 3161 currently came about, it was to be able to provide you a separate archery hunt for sheep and be isolated primarily to northern units attempting to establish a go in Units 267, 271, 242. He stated he is not a fan of this, he stated the sheep are tied to water and feels it gives more advantage to hunter and takes away the ability for anyone that is putting in for the season to be able to harvest and he would like to eliminate these two units and will be making a motion to do so. He stated it is being established as well for a nonresident tag for desert bighorn sheep in Unit 161.
- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert advised that Unit Hunt 3172 seems to be new hunt and he was curious as to why they have it and stated reading through in Unit 173 North it's a separate category with no bonus points awarded to successful applicants and stated he has no insight on what is being done here and asked (Erin Wood, Biologist, NDOW Southern Region) if she had any information on this.
- Public Comment: (Erin Woods, Biologist, NDOW Southern Region): she stated she did not.
- Board member Jacob Thompson advised that he read that once two rams are killed the hunt is over, and once the hunter has harvested the rams, they must notify NDOW and then the hunt will be over for the season.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised the hunting season on this one is very long giving one quite a bit of time to look for sheep.
- Board member Dave Talaga stated that the hunter will receive two or six tags and there are two rams that are killed then the season is over.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised for that year yes.
- Board member John Hiatt advised that when he hunted in this area, he never seen any sheep.

- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert stated he wondered if this was an annual event or just for this one year.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised it is going for one year from 2024-2025 next.
- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert advised he really did not support this, he does not like situation of more hunters than there are quotas.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised Resident Nelson (Desert) Bighorn Sheep Any Ewe-Any Legal Weapon Hunt 3181; Unit 161 (2023-2024) October 1- October 20; Unit 268 (2023-2024) October 20- November 15 & (2024-2025) October 20- November 15.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised Resident California Bighorn Sheep Any Ram-Any Legal Weapon Hunt 8151; Unit 011, 012, 013, 014 (2023-2024) September 1- October 31 & (2024-2025) September 1- October 31.
- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert asked (*Erin Woods, Biologist, NDOW, Southern Region*) if she had any insight into Unit 8151 in which they have grouped (Unit 011. 012. 013. 014) together and wanted to know what the rationale behind this is exactly. He stated is it just to grab enough sheep to be able to put out single tag.
- Public Comment: (*Erin Woods, Biologist, NDOW Southern Region*): She stated her understanding if the distribution is slow it is giving people the opportunity with more areas.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised Nonresident California Bighorn Sheep Any Ram-Any Legal Weapon Hunt 8251 (no changes)
- Chair Paul Dixon advised Resident Rocky Mountain Bighorn Sheep Any Ram-Any Legal Weapon Hunt 9151, Unit 102 (2023-2024) September 1- October 31 & (2024-2025) September 1- October 31.
- Public Comments: (None)
- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert advised motion to accept as presented for Hunt 3251, Hunt 3161 advised motion to eliminate hunt 267, 271, 272 from the archery hunt, to accept as presented Hunt 3151, 3261, 3171, 3172, 3181, 3281, 8151, 8251, Hunt 9151 request explanation of why the removal of Hunt 104.
- Board member Jacob Thompson seconds the motion.
- **Motion passes 5-0.**
- **Chair Paul Dixon introduced this topic (Mountain Goats)**
- Chair Paul Dixon advised Resident Mountain Goat-Any Goat Any Legal Weapon Hunt 7151 (no changes)
- Chair Paul Dixon advised Nonresident Mountain Goat-Any Goat Any Legal Weapon Hunt 7251, Unit 102 (2023-2024) September 1- October 31 & (2024-2025) September 1- October 31.
- Public Comments: (None)
- Chair Paul Dixon advised motion to accept Resident Mountain Goat-Any Goat Any Legal Weapon Hunt 7151 & Nonresident Mountain Goat-Any Goat Any Legal Weapon Hunt 7251 as presented.
- Board member Dave Talaga seconds the motion.
- **Motion passes 5-0.**
- **Chair Paul Dixon introduced this topic (Mule Deer)**
- Chair Paul Dixon advised Resident Junior Mule Deer- Antlered-or-Antlerless-Archery, Muzzleloader, or Any Legal Weapon Hunt 107 (no changes).
- Chair Paul Dixon advised Resident Junior Mule Deer-Antlered Only Archery, Muzzleloader, or Any Legal Weapon Hunt 1107, Unit 043, 044, 046

(Archery) (2023-2024) August 10- September 9 & (2024-2025) August 10-September 9; Unit 043, 044, 046 (Muzzleloader) (2023-2024) September 10-October 4 & (2024-2025) September 10-October 4; Unit 043, 044, 046 (Any Legal Weapon) (2023-2024) October 5- November 5 & (2024-2025) October 5- November 5; Unit 045 (Archery) (2023-2024) August 10-September 9 & (2024-2025) August 10- September 9; Unit 045 (Muzzleloader) (2023-2024) September 10- October 4 & (2024-2025) September 10- October 4; Unit 045 (Any Legal Weapon) (2023-2024) October 5- November 5 & (2024-2025) October 5- November 5.

- Chair Paul Dixon advised Resident Mule Deer- Antlerless Any Legal Weapon Hunt 1181, Unit 051 (2023-2024) CLOSED & (2024-2025) CLOSED.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised Resident and Nonresident Mule Deer- Antlered Any Legal Weapon Hunt Resident 1331 and Nonresident 1332, Unit 043, 044, 046 (2023-2024) October 5- November 5 & (2024-2025) October 5- November 5; Unit 045 (2023-2024) October 5-November 5 & (2024-2025) October 5- November 5
- Chair Paul Dixon advised Resident and Nonresident Mule Deer-Antlered Muzzleloader Hunt Resident 1371 and Nonresident 1372, Unit 043, 044, 046 (2023-2024) September 10- October 4 & September 10- October 4; Unit 045 (2023-2024) September 10-October 4 & September 10-October 4.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised Resident and Nonresident Mule Deer Antlered-Archery Hunt Resident 1341 and Nonresident 1342, Unit 043, 044, 046 (2023-2024) August 10- September 9 & (2024-2025) August 10- September 9.
- Public Comments: (None)
- Chair Paul Dixon advised a motion to approve all hunts units for Mule Deer as presented.
- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert seconds the motion.
- **Motion passes 5-0.**
- **Chair Paul Dixon introduced this topic (2023 and 2024 Antlerless Elk Landowner Hunts Unit 4781.**
- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert advised this defining limit of 50 tags of Antlerless Elk per landowner per year.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised he felt this was large number of tags.
- Board member John Hiatt advised that the tags do not go to the landowner they are administered through NDOW as opposed to depredation where you receive a tag for 50 animals to the landowner in which they can sell or do what they would like with them. He stated he thinks there are 50 tags for the landowner handed out by NDOW.
- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert advised he is not certain how this works, he has never had any involvement in this.
- Chair Paul Dixon stated that this must be for the depredation hunts.
- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert stated it states in the last section (*Applications-Landowner will provide a list of identifying information for each applicant, including Client ID and DOB, to NDOW at least five (5) business days before the season opener. NDOW will confirm eligibility of applicants on list prior to issuing tags*). He stated he guessed that choosing who receives the tags by the landowner.
- Board member John Hiatt stated if the landowner gets to sell 50 tags that is a very big deal.
- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert advised to board member John Hiatt, but they are

antherless.

- Board member John Hiatt stated still big deal.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised depending on how much you will charge, \$500.00 per cow.
- Public Comments: (*Nick Gulli, member of the public*): He stated how the process works on a landowner tag holder is if I am a landowner and I draw 1 tag, I can sell it to whomever I want for the price I would like. He advised the minimum for just a cow is \$5,000 starting, \$20,000 if you would like to go to best ranch and get a quality bull. He stated here is where the NDOW Biologist need to come in, he gave example if the Commisison set Area Unit in which you were allotted to take 50 bulls in that area or 50 cows therefore the general public to put in for their application, they can be sent to any part of the hunt unit and not limited to the landowner's land therefore you have 50 tags issued to landowner on top of what the biologist have set for that hunt , now you have double the number of hunters and the landowner is making money off his tag and it is serving its purpose of harvesting animals off the landscape but by doing this action it now has NDOWs metric numbers being incorrect. NDOW stating you may only harvest 50 animals and as a landowner I have 50 landowner tags on top of what they are saying. He stated potentially there are really a total of 100 animals in this unit. He asked the question of if NDOW is attempting to make financial gain only or complicate surveillance. He stated a landowner can sell the tags for whatever amount they desire.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised he was told the landowner compensation program was put in place and according to North American Wildlife statute one is not supposed to steal wildlife for profit. This is case in which we do and put in place to obtain compliance from landowners **Ag Land** (*for land to be classified as agricultural, it must meet criteria: the primary and main use of the land must be devoted to agricultural pursuits, such as the harvesting of crops or the raising of livestock*). He stated due to the cost of fencing Ag Land and NDOW position is greater than the cost of giving these tags and letting the landowner do what they wish. He stated it buys clients, and hunters' opportunity.
- Vice Chair Dzn Gilbert stated and habitat.
- Public Comment: (*Nick Gulli, member of the public*): He stated consider repairing or whatever they refer to it.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised elk and animals move on and off ranches and return going back and forth and by allowing the whole hunt unit you are reducing the overall herd impact on that ranch from the unit. He reiterated that we should not be selling wildlife for profit and NDOW receives funds for tags for wildlife therefore when farm receives money for crop damage, the amount of money paid for a tag far exceeds this total paid for crop damage. He stated it has always been NDOWs position that rancher compliance with having animals on Ag Land is worth every cent that they can give them therefore they do not have to fence it.
- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert stated the distinction between the antler and the antler depredation tags for bulls is that the antherless comes along with crop damage, alfalfa consumption, things like that where the bull tags are rangeland in which they are competing for the same forage and its different in the manner they assess these. He stated he is a fan of the landowner tag because he feels

it provides access to the best habitat that exists and enhances habitats and keeps maximum number of animals that are supposed to be on the range on that range.

- Chair Paul Dixon advised that antelope who come from eating alfalfa as opposed to those who eating sage, he advised he will take alfalfa any day.
- Public Comments: (*Nicki Gulli, member of the public*): He stated we have ranch managers running guided hunts on these ranches, then they are going to NDOW for money to pay for aid damage, they are double dipping. He stated on top of this there are out of state guide services.
- Chair Paul Dixon stated he understands how tags be set up, they get tags but they receive no compensation, landowner compensation comes from deer and antelope, therefore they can receive compensation for hay with deer and antelope and it'll compensation tag, they can sell and have guided hunt on the ranch and he stated he feels that elk, deer, antelope should be under the same program Alpha is brought in and reintroduced later than deer and antelope, and they have always been handled differently to get landowner compliance. He stated having elk on the farm because they are much bigger, the issue is why is so much time spent harvesting cow elk for 10 years and take the bull cow ratios into the 80s in most unit is due to elk as opposed to mule deer and antelope have done well in the state of Nevada. He stated after ten years of over harvesting and getting numbers out of control, now they must play with spike and unlimited point class for help and feels the numbers are out of control which will cause the herd to collapse due to too few cow elk.
- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert advised the true travesty of this situation is managing the elk population for destruction of feral horses and burros.
- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert advises a motion to accept as presented 2023 and 2024 Antlerless Elk Landowner Hunts.
- Board member Jacob Thompson seconds the motion.
- **Motion passes 5-0.**

**b. Commission Regulation 23-05, 2023 Black Bear Seasons (*For possible action*).** The CCABMW Board will review, discuss, and make recommendations to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners adopting the 2023- 2024 and 2024-2025 hunting seasons and dates open management units, hunting hours, special regulations, animal sex, legal weapon requirements, hunt boundary restrictions, and dates, and times for indoctrination courses for black bears.

- Chair Paul Dixon introduced this topic.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised that (*Rex Flowers, Former Chair CCABMW Washoe County*) send in correspondence on this matter, it read as follows: Dated: January 22, 202; Not sure if any of you or your CAB members may be aware but there are big changes to the black bear hunt. It is not noted in any of the support materials by being highlighted or in blue coloring as was done for all the other big game species. Effective this year the Dept. wants applicants to be selective to a singular unit group. When that particular group is closed either by total harvest for that unit or by the minimal sow harvest allotted per unit those hunters WILL NOT be able to hunt in another unit. All hunters will only hunt within the unit group on their tag. I have heard many different reasons for this change, but everything has

been third party, and most has been backroom discussions and promises that aren't a part of this agenda. No rationale is given by the Dept. for these changes and unfortunately, I haven't been able to ask those questions just to satisfy my mind. Most importantly several of the CABs have already met with no knowledge of this and probably supported the changes without due discussion. If the Dept. would support higher tag quotas, harvest quotas and unlimited sow harvest these proposed changes would make sense. Truth of the matter is there is no biological reason for a sow harvest quota-this was strictly a social element added to the hunt to attempt to pacify the anti-bear hunting community. I would ask that you each share this with your CAB and public at your upcoming meeting and if your CAB has met that this be shared with your CAB members so they may have an opportunity to address this directly to the Commission should they feel differently now than when they voted on the agenda item. Just my thoughts, thank you for your time and consideration in this matter. Thanx, Rex

- Board member John Hiatt advised that the CAB view supporting material Commission Regulation 23-05, Black Bear Season under Brief Explanation of the Proposed Regulation.
- Chair Paul Dixon read the following Under: *Brief Explanation of the Proposed Regulation- The hunt is subdivided into three separate hunt unit groups to manage harvest with season running concurrently, each with separate harvest limits for male and females. There will be three separate hunt application numbers for the residents and non-residents, with tags valid for one hunt area. Portions of the hunting area may be closed as individual harvest limits are met, but all tags will remain valid in the remaining open areas until all harvest limits are met or the season closing date is reached.*
- Board member John Hiatt advised the confusion, he stated if the tags were not originally valid in the areas then these tags cannot remain valid in the area. He stated therefore the wording in this support material is incorrect.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised that it means even though one hunt unit maybe closed the others will remain open until the harvest limits has been reached or until the end of the hunt season. He stated the wording is not stating this correctly but that is what it implies.
- Board member Jacob Thompson advised that is what it indicates.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised it indicates it, but that is not what the wording states.
- Board member Dave Talaga stated to him it means the hunter hunts in their unit until the closing of the unit and the hunters tag is valid in other hunt areas.
- Board member Jacob Thompson stated he does not believe that what this regulation states.
- Board member Dave Talaga stated he does not believe as well, but he thinks that what the wording implies but is not the intent.
- Board member John Hiatt reiterated that clarification is needed on this and stated it just does not make sense.
- Board member Jacob Thompson stated that he disagrees and feels there is independent clause and he read the following (*portions of the hunting area may be closed as individual harvest limits are met*) he asked CAB board members to assume that the sentence reflected a period after the word **met** instead of the comma that follows the word met, he continued to read the rest of the sentence: (*but all tags will remain valid in the remaining open areas*). He stated this modifies the prior sentence therefore it states it is only valid in the places where the hunt is still open, meaning closing one area if harvest limit is met, and hunters

in the remaining hunting units where the harvest limit has not been met may continue to hunt until the season closes.

- Board member Dave Talaga reiterated again, he concurs that the intent is there but it is not the implications.
- Chair Paul Dixon agreed with board member Jacob Thompson and stated the punctuation is incorrect and stated the wording is not far off with that correction advises.
- Board member Jacob Thompson stated it is not binding given the (*Brief Explanation of the Proposed Regulation*) instead of the regulation itself.
- Board member Dave Talaga stated that clarification could be done with the addition of a few words.
- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert stated to board member Dave Talaga that he was not hearing what was being said.
- Board member John Hiatt stated but for tags for the remaining open areas will still be valid.
- Board member Dave Talaga stated for the hunters who have closed tags.
- Board member John Hiatt stated this is how he interprets this, since the wording states all tags.
- Board member Jacob Thompson states in both remaining open areas will remain valid.
- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert stated it has always been consistency where the hunter had to call to make sure there was no quota, and the fact of the matter is that there are many quota objectives.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised that the fact of the matter is there are quota objectives (11 males and 5 females) for a total of 16 bears harvest in 2022. He read the following: (Unit Group 203, 291, with 8 males harvested, Female harvest limits were reached in Unit Groups 192, 194, 195, 196, 201, 202, 204, 206 with 3 females and 2 females harvested respectively. This marks the first year since the inception of the Nevada Black Bear hunt that the season has been closed due to harvest limits being reached. The three-year averages for mean age of males (6.2) and females (7.2) in the harvest indicate light harvest, and the proportion of females (30.2%) indicates stable harvest.
- Board member Dave Talaga stated last year if hunter drew a tag they could hunt anywhere until quotas are reached and the season ended as opposed to now, they want hunter to get tags and stay solely in certain hunt unit.
- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert advised they are attempting to prevent hunters from going into another unit then the original area that the hunter drew the tag for until the harvest objective is met for that area, then the hunter may go to another hunt unit after their unit has reached the harvest limits.
- Board member Dave Talaga advised that this makes sense.
- Board member John Hiatt stated it is not very clear.
- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert stated to board member John Hiatt he knows that the hunt laws are not clear.
- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert stated it is not very clear, but he believes that is what it implies.
- Chair Paul Dixon stated it is not a hunt unit but a hunt group, with units within each group. He stated they are attempting to say the hunter receives a tag for a hunt group with a combination of units.
- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert stated it is the same thing.

- Chair Paul Dixon stated once the hunter's unit has reached its limit, the hunter is done hunting whether the hunter has harvested or not.
- Board member Jacob Thompson stated to Chair Paul Dixon that no that is not the case, no the hunter is done hunting in that group once the harvest limit is reached and then he can go to another hunt group.
- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert stated no, the hunter cannot go to another group until.
- Board member Dave Talaga stated until the harvest is reached in that group.
- Board member John Hiatt stated so your group reaches the quota then the hunter can go to the other groups.
- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert stated he appreciates someone putting this information more eloquently.
- Board member Dave Talaga stated no you stated it perfectly. He stated you draw your tag in a group and hunt in that group until the harvest quota is met. He stated if quota is met and the hunter still has their tag, the hunter can then go to another group and do this action until the season has expired.
- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert stated to board member Dave Talaga, not until.
- Board member Dave Talaga stated to Vice Chair Dan Gilbert not until then meaning if and only if. He stated that he agrees that is the intent but unfortunately the wording is not clear.
- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert stated to board member Dave Talaga that he agrees.
- Board member Dave Talaga stated furthermore he feels that it contradicts the email by *(Rex Flowers (former Chair for CCABMW Washoe County))*.
- Chair Paul Dixon stated he wanted to read the email sent by *(Rex Flowers, former Chair for CCABMW for Washoe County)* with the public.
- Board member Jacob Thompson stated that his belief is that this is not what is being said, he believes that it states under Brief Explanation of the Proposed Regulation in second paragraph third line (with tags valid for one hunt area). He stated he thinks this is a way of management of more precise harvest management for bear populations rather than the entire state of Nevada.
- Chair Paul Dixon stated to board member Jacob Thompson so the are going to give out three hunt groups.
- Board member Jacob Thompson stated yes, think of it has three different hunt units even though there are multiple units inside each group. He gave example: if there were Area 1, 2, 3, if Area 1 closes and the hunter has a tag for Area 1 then the hunter is done if the quota is met, this is how he perceives this.
- Chair Paul Dixon stated this is what he believes as well.
- Board member Jacob Thompson stated if he is incorrect and other board members disagree then clearly this shows a need for clarification of the meaning of the regulation. He reiterated that he believes the tag is good for one hunt area. He stated that the hunter does not get to go to Area 2, if the limit is reached in Area 1.
- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert advised that he feels that board member Jacob Thompson might be correct, he read the following from **(Brief Explanation of the Proposed Regulation)**: *There will be three separate hunt application numbers for residents and non-residents with tags valid for one hunt area. Portions of the hunting area may be closed*, therefore he stated replace the word **area** with the word **group**, it stated it would be more accurately reflected.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised if the word group was chosen in that section, then yes. Vice Chair Dan Gilbert read the following from **(Brief Explanation of the Proposed Regulation)**: *Portions of the hunting area may be closed as individual*



*harvest limits are met.* He stated this means that if the hunter was in the first group consisting of groups 192, 194, 195, 196. He stated a hunter could not go into group 192 if the harvest limit was met, leaving the hunter to have to go into units 194, 195, 196.

Board member Dave Talaga stated unfortunately if this paragraph was given to different individuals, then the perception would be different by everyone. He stated my point is clarification is needed to decipher the exact meaning of this.

- Board member Jacob Thompson asked the question of what the CAB felt as a whole, meaning what the CAB feels this should be exactly.
- Chair Paul Dixon stated he feels that hunt group should be considered a unit such as deer, antelope, etc., and stated if the hunter is in a certain quota in a unit once that quota is met then that hunter should not be able to go to another unit in that group.
- Board member Jacob Thompson stated he feels the same on this.
- Chair Paul Dixon, he stated the only place this applies is with mountain lions in which the exact applies, with mountain lions the hunting unit is closed once the harvest quota is met even though mountain lion hunting is available still in the rest of the state. therefore, he sees no reason why it would be different for the bear species.
- Board member Dave Talaga advised he feels the CAB sediments should be hunter can start as a group but once the unit is closed the tag can be transferred, he feels it should be exactly like the mountain lion.
- Chair Paul Dixon stated to board member Dave Talaga if it is going to follow the precedents of the mountain lion, therefore they can choose what unit they want to hunt for their tag.
- Board member Dave Talaga stated to Chair Paul Dixon hunters start off in their groups and drives hunters to a particular spot.
- Chair Paul Dixon stated he feels it is way to spread the hunters out for the seasons but he feels unlike mountain lions they do not want to have a large amount of hunters in the field due to the dislike of some members of the public who are opposed to black bear hunting therefore the more visible of large amount of hunters in one area, the more irate messages that will reach the Governor.
- Board member Dave Talaga advised it is a way to spread the harvest out.
- Chair Paul Dixon stated yes, the harvest is spread out hunters in the field, but he feels this language is stating once the hunters hunt group is closed, he does not feel that they would like hunters going to a different unit in the group further added to the congestion of the other hunt units.
- Board member John Hiatt advised for the CAB to stop discussion and we all realize that language is incorrect and no clarification and needs to be fixed.
- Public Comment: (*Brian Burris, member of the public*): He stated he feels the language is designed to run exactly like mountain lion hunt. He stated the idea is having certain hunt units that are spread out and stated he felt that Chair Paul Dixon's argument about having too many hunters in the field is not valid due to other hunts happening during the same time in the same area. He stated this hunt is very limited and is one of the most limited hunts in the state of Nevada, therefore it gives hunters only one opportunity to hunt black bear in this state. He stated if they limit the hunter to certain hunt unit and there are still bears available to hunt in some areas and not all the available bears in those units do not get harvested, then the hunter has lost an opportunity of a lifetime hunt. He stated idea is to distribute hunters all over and in the end maybe bring the hunters back

together again. He stated he feels the regulation could be fixed with the end of the free area method, he stated with mountain lion the hunter if he wants to hunt in certain unit must call 24 hours ahead of time or a text message is sent out to different hunters who have bear tags letting them know that certain hunt unit area is closed. He stated with this regulation he feels that there is no room for hunters to receive any harvest in their lifetime was as with other species with better regulations a hunter has great opportunity to receive multiple harvests in their lifetime. He suggested looking into is there really a need for divided hunt areas, therefore causing overregulation where there is no need too.

- Public Comment: (*Nick Gulli, member of the public*): He stated he agrees with board member John Hiatt about it is simply the language and stated from his point of view from being a law enforcement officer he read the following: (**Brief Explanation of the Proposed Regulation**) *as individual harvest limits are met, but all tags will remain valid.* He stated as a hunter after reading that statement he feels he has the authority to go to another hunt unit, but the game warden may not think the same way therefore leaving a gray area, therefore if it goes before a judge, it is up to NDOW Game Warden to prove that I was in violation to the judge. He stated he agrees with board member John Hiatt that NDOW needs to clean up the language, simple fix. He stated they are NDOW employees who has responsibility to make it clear for all.
- Board member Dave Talaga asked (*Nick Gulli, member of the public*) what did he feel was NDOW intent with this.
- Public Comment: (*Nick Gulli, member of the public*): He stated it is obvious attempt to limit the number of black bears and advised that he does not hunt black bears therefore he has no knowledge on black bear hunting. He stated he does not understand why NDOW is making it so confusing with the hunting units in per units and into groups.
- Chair Paul Dixon stated that NDOW had a hunt unit to start, and these group units were placed to spread the hunters out due to some units having large number of black bears than others and some units simply had large number of hunters in the field. He stated they broke the areas up into units into three groups. He stated he is trying to understand if they are attempting to minimize black bear hunting as (*Rex Flowers, former Chair for CCABMW Washoe County*) was stating in his email or what board members Dave Talaga and John Hiatt are stating about language being unfair and needing clarification and use the same factors as the mountain lions stating no hunting after the unit is closed stating no more hunting of the bears while the other hunt units in that group remain open and that is how it is written in the language.
- Public Comment: (*Mark Transue, member of the public*): He stated when harvest quotas are given then the closing of that hunt unit does not occur in that area until the harvest limit is done in that unit is that correct.
- Chair Paul Dixon stated that the total harvest is 16 bears which include (11 males, 5 females).
- Public Comment: (*Mark Transue, member of the public*): He asked Chair Paul Dixon does this total per unit or is this total overall.
- Chair Paul Dixon stated this is taking 16 animals and giving out 60 tags.
- Public Comment: (*Mark Transue, member of the public*): He stated if the total is 16 animals, and they kill all 16 is the hunt over.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised yes.
- Board member John Hiatt advised it is like the swan tags.

- Public Comment: (*Brian Burris, member of the public*): He stated quotas will be made for each individual hunt unit included in the group. He stated once that quota in the hunter's hunt unit is done then the hunter's lifetime tag is finished even though all 16 animals may not have been harvested.
- Public Comment: (*Therese Campbell, member of the public*): She stated that the previous comment from (*Annoula Wylrich, member of the public*) with her comments about daylight saving time, she had to leave and ask permission to read her comment since she filled out comment card.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised that would be fine.
- Public Comment: (*Therese Campbell, member of the public*): She then asked if she could read her comments afterwards as well.
- Chair Paul Dixon stated that he would allow three minutes for each comment.
- Public Comment: (*Therese Campbell, member of the public*): She read the following for (*Annoula Wylrich, member of the public*) comment card: On behalf of those members of the public who have voiced opposition to this time, meaning the bear hunt and in the spirit of quote, preserving the rights close quote of non hunters who also own the public trust. We oppose this bear amount which is essentially a trophy hunt.
- Public Comment: (*Therese Campbell, member of the public*): She stated the following which is her own comments: She read the following which was her comments: Nevada's bear hunt is trophy hunt and even NDOW doesn't recommend any taking or hunting of black bear in Nevada, and as far as any concern of predation on other game species, NDOW only recommends a passive survey of bear population. She stated this is a report from NDOW's Predation Management report. Killing a female bear a breeding age likely results in the death of several additional bears. Besides a targeted female, the unborn cubs that the female may be carrying nursing cubs who will die obviously of starvation or predation no longer having their mother any longer and or yearly cubs that still depend on the mother for food and protection.
- Public Comments: (*Ron Stoker, member of the public*): He stated that there are several North American studies that show that the lack of hunting pressure on North American bears makes them familiarized to local climates which ends up in the bears turning into predators with no good intentions. He stated he feels there is need for bear hunts to establish boundaries between humans and animal dominance to avoid issues.
- Board member Jacob Thompson advised motion that NDOW give explanation for the proposed regulation to indicate whether they intend to mean that tags are transferable to another area after one area has closed as in the current mountain lion regulations, or whether NDOW intends for tags from another area to become invalid once a quota in that area has been reached therefore CAB would like policy to be tags to be transferable as if buying tags.
- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert seconds the motion.
- **Motion passes 5-0**

- c. **Commission Regulation 23-06, 2023-2024, Mountain Lion Season and Harvest Limits (*For possible action*)** The CCABMW Board will review, discuss, and make recommendations to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners about adopting the hunting hours, and special regulation.

- Chair Paul Dixon introduced this topic.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised if we take the total of 247 Harvest Limits and add/minus to 50 over the last 30 years when looking at historical data thus this is the harvest outline for mountain lions in the state of Nevada.
- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert asked Chair Paul Dixon is he stating that quota has been met.
- Chair Paul Dixon stated quota has not been met, but the tendency amount for mountain lion harvest is around 200. In previous years it was a harvest limit of 260 and the highest was 1,000 for harvest limit. He stated the mountain lions were even labeled by one Commissioner as flying rats and suggested that if the mountain lions were caught in traps, one could sandpaper their feet hence preventing them from running fast. He stated these facts are all public records. He stated that Heritage Fund was allotted \$1,500 to hunt mountain lions it was stopped do to shot of 6 pumps leading to non ethics on some individuals part, leading to the end of the heritage funds for mountain lions.
- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert stated the mule deer population is declining.
- Chair Paul Dixon stated he misspoke the harvest limit was 300 not 260 in past, suggesting there is decline in the harvest limit from previous years.
- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert stated he understood that there is no soft data with the amount of mountain lions there are. He stated just like there is no deer surveys in the 26 units due to disbursement of population. He stated due to the declining of the mule deer population their needs to be reduction in the amount of mountain lion tags.
- Chair Paul Dixon stated that the huntbook from last year has the last 20 years of mountain lion harvesting numbers. He stated his guessmate is 3+ or minus 50. He was certain that the harvest number is not a large number reiterating the largest harvest done was 350 and that was during the time the harvest limit was set at 1,000. He added to this that was during the time that payment was done from the Heritage Fund to harvest the mountain lions to get to that number and it was not working successfully. He stated due to mountain lions being reclusive and hard to find, and 80% of the mountain lion hunters would shoot the queens (*females are called queens*) instead of Toms (*adult males*). He stated it is lots of work to chase mountain lion with the use of dogs. He stated he does not have an issue with the mountain lion seasons and harvest limits.
- Board member John Hiatt advised that the mountain lions are classified game species, with a season of 365 days, 24/7 which makes no sense to him, but he advised that there should be a period of three months which is 90 days from January 15 to April 15 in which the females allowing females to give birth to their cubs guaranteeing that they will live. He stated he is aware that with many predators they starve to death and if we are about game management rather than killing animals then there needs to be a close of the season for the mountain lion during this cub problem.
- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert stated hunters are selective when they hunt and they are 95 plus percent aware of what they are hunting and if there is a presence of cubs around, therefore there will always be lack of ethics for some hunters but knowing this is not the absolute rule but it does apply for himself and for other hunters he knows about selection during snow, dry track or during the summertime.
- Board member John Hiatt stated to Vice Chair Dan Gilbert that cubs are most often

born early in the year during the winter hence the female with leave the cubs to hunt for food and it would not be obvious to hunters that she has given birth and is still breastfeeding her cubs or not.

- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert stated normally one can tell, the hunter would be as close as he is to board member John Hiatt when hunting.
- Chair Paul Dixon stated he would say it would be about 25 feet.
- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert stated it is close and personal when hunting the species. He stated to board member John Hiatt that he has heard his argument in past and the truth is that the mountain lions are very capable of getting away from the dogs that are used in the hunt, and they climb the tree and may be winded, but the mountain lions wait it out until the hunter leaves then they continue to hunt. He stated typically the mountain lions do not run far when they are being pursued.
- Board member John Hiatt stated to Vice Chair Dan Gilbert that the mountain lions are not edurance animals.
- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert stated no.
- Board member John Hiatt stated they are sprinters, not distance runners therefore they do not go very far.
- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert stated yes after a ½ mile the mountain lions realize that they are being hunted.
- Board member John Hiatt stated that mountain lions have small hearts therefore they cannot walk far.
- Public Comment: (*Brian Burris, member of the public*): He stated there is not a decline in mountain lions that is being seen at this time, he has had local as well as international hunters and some of these hunters have harvested 3 Toms (*adult males*) of larger size, the mountain lions are not hurting for species size, but the mule deer population is hurting and at anytime predation can be reduced that will assist with that. He stated by limiting hunting season this is done when most of the hunting is being done. He stated generally this is done in the heat of the summer causing the dogs to be outrun, and these individuals' hunters want to experience hunting mountain lions in the snow and tracking the animal which is part of the hunt thus asking for a complete hunt to be shut down. He stated when the international hunters are coming in to harvest the mountain lions this is bringing in economic impact in the state of Nevada, due to the cost of hunting being expensive in this state and out of state as well. These international hunters are not just hunting one mountain lion they are hunting multiples which is great for our economy. He stated he does not advocate for a reduction in the mountain lion season unless they want to assist in getting rid of the summer season. Last year there were trappers who begged individuals for their tags due to how many mountain lions they were harvested each time they set their traps. He stated Game Wardens had to be called in to release the mountain lions and if that would have continued then someone would get hurt or even killed. He advised the numbers for the mountain lions are not low and the average hunt time for the guided tours are a day and a half, averaging three mountain lions in 4 ½ days.
- Board member John Hiatta asked (*Brian Burris, member of the public*) in what area is this happening.
- Public Comments: (*Brian Burris, member of the public*) stated he would not give out that information.
- Board member John Hiatt asked if it was in central south part of the state.

- Public Comments: (*Brian Burris, member of the public*): He stated it would be more of the central part of the state and last year the hunters who were in the North part of the state were having such issues due to inability to keep these mountain lions out of their traps, therefore he believes we are not hurting for numbers with the mountain lions and continue to give arbitrary numbers due to not having the correct count. The evidence is seen when hunters are going out and having a harvest in less than two days on an average. He stated he feels the harvest limit of 247 is the right number and it could possibly be higher and not hurt anything.
- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert advised to accept Commission Regulation 23-06, 2023-2024, Mountain Lion Season and Harvest Limits as presented.
- Board member Jacob Thompson seconds the motion.
- **Motion passes 4-1. (The dissenting opinion is board member feels that there should not be mountain lion hunt for 365 days a year for 24/7 during cubbing season when there is no money).**

**d. Commission Regulation 23-07, 2023-2024 Restricted Nonresident Guided Mule Deer Seasons and Quotas (*For possible action*)** The CCABMW will review, discuss, and make recommendations to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners about adopting the 2023-2024 hunting seasons and quotas for restricted, nonresident, guided mule deer including hunt boundary restrictions.

- Chair Paul Dixon introduced this topic.
- Board member John Hiatt stated that the language on this regulation is very ambiguous and suggested what they are restricting, and it should have simply stated area restrictions if this is what they meant or is there something else they wanted to tell us.
- Chair Paul Dixon stated it is restricted this means it is restricted to guides that have hunts that only guides are given the tags and these guides sell the tags. He stated there is certain number of tags given to the guides by a legislature which is NRS legislative mandate.
- Board member John Hiatt stated under (**Summary**): *This regulation will set the 2023-2024 hunting season and quota recommendation for restricted nonresident guided mule deer including hunt boundary restrictions. He asked the question is it the restrictions of restricted nonresident guided mule deer or hunt boundary restrictions.* He stated there is need to clarify the language. He advised an individual reading this should not have to figure this out and go back to the history to do so.
- Chair Paul Dixon stated to board member John Hiatt that the boundary restrictions are the unit boundary restrictions.
- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert stated it is making distinction between heritage tag or something.
- Board member John Hiatt stated that is simply asking for simplification to advise what exactly this entails.
- Board member Dave Talaga agreed that board member John Hiatt did have a valid point.
- Chair Paul Dixon stated if this did not have the word restricted by it and read from the (**Summary**) *recommendations for restricted nonresident guided mule deer including hunt boundaries.* He stated it is called the NRS restricted

nonresident guide therefore how does one state they have boundary restrictions when they have restricted resident guide as mandated phrase or parenthetical phrase you must use. He stated he feels the confusion is the NRS making one state something, but you must state that you have boundary restrictions.

- Board member Dave Talaga stated verbigage can be added for clarification.
- Board member Dave Talaga stated yes this can easily be done.
- Board member John Hiatt stated to Chair Paul Dixon that he is stating about boundary restrictions, but you stated restrictions are for the guides, which one applies.
- Chair Paul Dixon stated to board member John Hiatt that the Restricted Nonresident Guide hunt is NRS guide which this hunt is given tags but there are boundaries on this hunt, these tags are given only to the guides and the successful tag recipients. He stated if hunter applies for a nonresident guide hunt, then they apply for a nonresident guided hunt if they draw then they are given a nonresident guide.
- Board member John Hiatt stated the fact that an explanation is needed on this means that the battle is already lost therefore it is simply, they need to make it clear so we should make them do that. He stated to clarify the language for an ordinary person can read this and not have to wonder what it means.
- Board member Jacob Thompson stated that (**NRS 502.146 Restricted Nonresident deer tags**): Definitions: *1) Restricted nonresident deer hunt means a deer hunt in which a restricted nonresident deer hunter hunts with a licensed master guide or licensed subguide. 2) Restricted nonresident deer hunter means a person who is not a resident of this State and is issued a restricted nonresident deer tag. 3) Restricted nonresident deer tag means a tag which is issued to a nonresident for a restricted nonresident deer hunt, the restriction is the requirement that it be tied to a licensed master guide or subguide.*
- Board member John Hiatt stated to board member Jacob Thompson that the average person does not carry copy of the NRS with them nor do they have any idea of where to find the NRS therefore it is simply we need to clarify this. He stated clarification is part of simplification.
- Board member Jacob Thompson stated in board member John Hiatt's defense it was not simple to locate the NRS.
- Board member Dave Talaga advised motion to approve Commission Regulation 23-07, 2023-2024 Restricted Nonresident Guided Mule Deer Seasons and Quotas as presented with recommendation for addition to clarify the language to understand what exactly Nonresident Guided Mule Deer Seasons is.
- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert seconds the motion.
- **Motion passes 5-0.**

- e. **Commission General Regulation 502, Junior Hunt, and Turkey Program (For possible action)** The CCABMW Board will review, discuss, and make recommendations to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissions about amending Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) 502 to limit the number of successfully awarded tags in the junior program. The regulation also removes hard close dates for submitting a turkey harvest return card and allows for junior turkey bonus points to convert to the adult point category once a junior is ineligible to participate in the junior hunt turkey program.

- Chair Paul Dixon introduced this topic.

- **Chair Paul Dixon advised this item is stricken from the record, and no discussion and no vote will be on this matter in tonight's meeting.**
- f. **Commission General Regulation 509, License and Vessel Product Refunds-Temporary Regulation (*For possible action*)** The CCABMW Board will review, discuss, and make recommendations to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners about amending Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) 502 AND 488 to allow the Department authority to provide refunds on licenses and vessel products.
- Chair Paul Dixon introduced this topic.
  - **Chair Paul Dixon advised this item is stricken from the record, and no discussion or vote will be on this action item in tonight's meeting.**
- g. **Commission Regulation 23-01, 2023 Application Deadlines & Draw Results Dates (*For possible action*)** The CCABMW will review, discuss, and make recommendations to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners to approve the 2023 big game, upland, and waterfowl application deadlines and related information.
- Chair Paul Dixon introduced this topic.
  - Chair Paul Dixon read the following: **(Brief Explanation of the Proposed Regulation):** *The Department recommends the inclusion of upland game and swan application and draw dates to the Commission Regulation, combining all game applications offered to the public into one centralized regulation. Newly added applications include Turkey, Swan, Overton Wildlife Management Area (WMA) DOVE, Overton and Key Pittman WMA opening day and weekend waterfowl.* He stated this is to clarify when draws are done and when results are received, it is finally defined after many requests and was not done so previously.
  - Board member Jacob Thompson advised motion to accept Commission Regulation 23-01, 2023 Application Deadlines & Draw Results Dates as presented.
  - Board member Dave Talaga seconds the motion.
  - **Motion passes 5-0.**
- h. **Commission General Regulation 23-08, 2023 Big Game Tag Application Eligibility and Tag Limits (*For possible action*)** The CCABMW Board will review, discuss, and make recommendations to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners about Commission Regulation 23-08, 2023 Big Game Tag Application Eligibility and Tag Limits.
- Chair Paul Dixon introduced this topic.
  - Chair Paul Dixon advised the program is available to residents/ nonresidents where in past it was only residents. He stated and suspension of doing activities that are suspicious.
  - **FYI-** *(For the purpose of this regulation, the term Suspicious Activity is defined as: seeking to create an unfair advantage in obtaining a big game tag).*
  - Vice Chair Dan Gilbert advised he does not like anything about this regulation, and stated he had disagreements with everyone who he could at Commission level



about this regulation to not have this implemented. He stated it is simply a game, and only for the last two weeks. He stated there is still ability to change the status to allow people who are randomly chosen to this process and determined to be eligible for a return tag to have ability to wear them first, then the system gets demented regarding the number of people in the gaming system due to their ability to receive a tag. He stated he heard stories of friends in a group in which all three were able to obtain a tag, and another story in which a hunter was able to get sheep, deer, and elk tag in the same year all of whom were nonresidents. He stated this is simply ridiculous and has no reasoning of why. He stated the individuals who are receiving the tags are serious about this process and are filling tags and are not doing what has been done previously, and turning the tag back in once these tags are not going to get a hunt, these hunters are harvesting and the data has impact for the future and shows this thus higher success rates for amount of tags put out, but with a diminish to the population. He stated he feels the entire thing is horrible from top to the bottom. He stated his motion would be asking for elimination of this for the fact that he feels that NDOW cannot get this process correct.

- Public Comment: (*Ron Stoker, member of the public*): He asked the question if he signed up for the second option and turned the tag back in when it comes back does it come back as a second option.
- Chair Paul Dixon stated to (*Ron Stoker, member of the public*) that he will receive that.
- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert stated to (*Ron Stoker, member of the public*) that he does up to two weeks before the hunt begins.
- Chair Paul Dixon stated that one the time is two weeks before the hunt, then the tag goes to another person out there.
- Public Comment: (*Ron Stoker, member of the public*): He stated ridiculous and unfair.
- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert stated this is how it works, and there is no option.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised that the reasoning is there is not adequate time to identify the hunter, NDOW is stating that the latest amount of time they must give the person adequate time is two weeks before the hunt. He stated if people put in for second change, then hunters should be able to accept the tag all the way up to the day of the hunt, if a hunter knows they cannot commit to this due to timeframe do not check second chance. He stated the system was set up for revenue and revenue only, hence upsetting hunters.
- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert advised it is upsetting to conservation.
- Board member Dave Talaga asked for Vice Chair Dan Gilbert to state his objection again.
- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert stated that the process is through random draw system which individual is chosen as lawful alternate to receive a tag. He stated it is in regulation that the individual cannot go past the two-week mark for a season the tag cannot be reissued therefore leading to (*Jack Robb, NDOW Deputy Director*) devising a system in which it allows in the two-week period for internet and minions to be able to engage those tags within rather than go to people who have already been lawfully chosen. He stated it will go to random person and if there will be a higher success rate and he believes a total of 1700 tags that were turned back in and not even hunted. He stated that is 1700 opportunities for additional harvest that are not going to happen and have not been matrix in.

- Board member Dave Talaga stated asked Vice Chair Dan Gilbert that his statement was too first give to alternate and if the alternate does not take it then what is next.
- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert explained that if after the alternate it is to the point that the process has exhausted this, then the tags could go back by all means.
- Chair Paul Dixon explained that on the alternate list there is no notification you get email stating you have been awarded the tag and they charge you for this. He stated they did not do process to make phone calls to make individual become aware that they have the tag and were charged because calling takes time and then making the decision of time allotted to respond.
- Public Comment: (*Ron Stoker, member of the public*): He asked Chair Paul Dixon why not just email all alternates and let them know to take their tags.
- Chair Paul Dixon stated that would be simplification.
- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert stated that NRS statute must be followed with the two-week timeframe and advised that anything NDOW does on the drawing can be changed because it runs against the NRS statute therefore it cannot be done. He stated the statute itself can be changed for removal of this allowing new regulation only if there are not lawfully chosen alternates then he would consider saying he is in agreeance.
- Board member Dave Talaga asked for Vice Chair Dan Gilbert to give solution.
- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert stated clearly the revenue is more important than the conservation.
- Chair Paul Dixon he stated he is against it and stated this previously and advised that people would try to game the system and every year for five years or more this regulation has been changed due to the people finding ways to game the system. He stated now there is entire statute written to let the people know that if there is any suspicious activity on their behalf they will be banned because there are multiple ways that people have found to game the system.
- Board member Dave Talaga asked Chair Paul Dixon if theatrically the CAB voted against this what would happen.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised it would not make any difference it is a protest.
- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert stated his motion would be to eliminate the entire program due to inherent flaws that occur with what was promised as the way it was going to be run and the inability for people to gain the system therefore NDOW was suppose to put in place something that would not be gained and after writing the regulation NDOW found out that was not the case and they did not want to amend this.
- Public Comment: (*Brian Burris, member of the public*): He stated he is opposed to this and considered it another NDOW cash grab yet again bringing in nonresidents into the equation. He stated he felt it was ridiculous and did not feel any change with (*Alan Jenne, Director for NDOW, replacing Tony Wasley*) in place, he stated he already sat in the meeting with the new director and felt there would be no change therefore it tonight's vote on this regulation is going to be done without it helping it go anywhere then the CAB should atleast make their objections strong on the portion of them making this a non resident available tag. He stated it is difficult for him as a resident to receive a tag and stated if residents are not able to receive tags, and we are giving nonresidents tags that are resident tags then it is nothing but a money grab. He stated if a nonresident tags is turned in then he has no problem of giving the tag to the nonresidents based on the statute there is obligation to give so certain amount of nonresidents tags for meant for our resident tags by percentage

therefore, if the tag is nonresident tags and they are turned back in then that tag can to to nonresident he has no issue but if it is opposite a resident tag turned in and nonresident should not be able to come on in.

- Public Comment: (*Nick Gulli, member of the public*): He stated is NDOW loosing Kalkomey in the next two years and will this change how individual will obtain a resident/nonresident tag.
- Chair Paul Dixon stated he understood that the contract for Kalkomey is ending in two years but there is no guarantee that NDOW will not continue to use this service, there would have to be a bid process and I have not heard from previous director (*Tony Wasley, nor the new director Alan Jenne for NDOW*) he felt they will probably renew the contract with Kalkomey for additional five years. He stated that lots of money has been allotted to Kalkomey to have the product that it has now. He stated that when NDOW decided to get rid of (*Don Sefton, Systems Consultants*) the public and the hunting community were not given honest estimate of the cost of the new contract as it was cut and Kalkomey received extra two million dollars.
- Public Comments: (*Nick Gulli, member of the public*): He stated that estimates showed 456,000 tags applied for last year and he would like to know if this total was for nonresident tags and if not, all how much was used for it. He stated he is opposed to this and feels that we do not have the product to fill what the public needs are.
- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert advised motion to reject changes to Commission Regulation 23-08, 2023 Big Game Tag Application Eligibility and Tag Limits and cease the entire first come first serve tag process until NRS is amended to allow tags to be issued to “Lawfully chosen alternatives” before any first come first serve tags could be issued and request that no resident issued to non-residents.
- Chair Paul Dixon seconds the motion.
- **Motion passes 5-0.**

**i. Commission General Regulation 23-09, 2023 Dream Tag (*For possible action*)** The CCABMW Board will review, discuss, and make recommendations to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners about Commission Regulation 23-09, 2023 Dream Tag species, seasons, and quotas.

- Chair Paul Dixon introduced this topic.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised this support material added details about the hunt group quota and specialty tag quota and discuss how these quotas are set and he stated besides that there are no changes.
- **FYI- (Brief Explanation of the Proposed Regulation):** *the new process provides a quota for specialty tag holders based on the quota available for the public in each hunt unit. Upon the collection of the unit of kill during the harvest check in process, the Department will notify specialty tag bighorn sheep holders of any unit closures. The Department recommends no change to all other previous year’s Dream Tag species or quotas, allowing one (1) tag each for Nelson (desert) bighorn sheep, California bighorn sheep, mule deer, antelope, black bear, and elk.*
- Board member Jacob Thompson request motion to to combine action items

in the motion of (i, j, k, l): Dream Tag, Heritage, Wildlife Tags and Silver State Tags all together in the motion.

- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert seconds the motion.
- Public Comment: (None)
- Board member Jacob Thompson advised motion to accept Commission General Regulation 23-09, 23-10, 23-11, 23-12 as presented.
- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert seconds the motion.
- **Motion passes 5-0.**

**j. Commission Regulation 23-10, 2024 Heritage Tag Seasons and Quotas (For possible action)** The CCABMW Board will review, discuss, and make recommendations to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners about Commission Regulation 23-10, 2024 Heritage Tag species, seasons, and quotas.

- Chair Paul Dixon introduced this topic.
- **FYI (Summary)-** *This regulation is to establish the 2024 seasons and quotas for Heritage auction tags. The Department must mail, email and post Heritage tag vendor proposal packets by March 1, 2023. The Heritage Committee will review vendor proposal packets during their May meeting and provide recommendations to the County Advisory Boards and the Commission for review and adoption at the June meeting.*
- **FYI (Brief Explanation of the Proposed Regulation)-** *The Department recommends no changes to the previous year's Heritage tag species or quotas, allowing two (2) mule deer tags, two (2) pronghorn antelope tags, two (2) elk tags, two (2) Nelson (desert) bighorn sheep tags, one (1) California bighorn sheep tag, and five (5) wild turkey tags. The Department recommends no changes to the previous year's Heritage Tag seasons.*
- Public Comment: (None)
- Board member Jacob Thompson advised motion to accept Commission Regulation 23-10, 2024 Heritage Tag Seasons and Quotas as presented.
- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert seconds the motion.
- **Motion passes 5-0.**

**k. Commission Regulation 23-11, 2023 Partnership in Wildlife Tags (For possible action)** The CCABMW Board will review, discuss, and make recommendations to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners about Commission Regulation 23-11, 2023 Partnership in Wildlife Tags, hunt species, seasons, and quotas.

- Chair Paul Dixon introduced this topic.
- **FYI(Summary)-** *This regulation is to establish the 2023 seasons and quotas for Partnership in Wildlife big game tags. Partnership in Wildlife tag quotas may not exceed 22 resident and 3 nonresident mule deer tags, 5 resident pronghorn antelope tags, 3 resident elk tags, 1 mountain goat tag, and 4 resident bighorn sheep tags per Nevada Administrative Code 502.428.*
- **FYI (Brief Explanation of the Proposed Regulation)-** *The new process provides a quota for specialty tag holders based on the quota available for the public in each hunt unit. Upon the collection of the unit of kill during the harvest check in process, the Department will notify specialty tag bighorn sheep holders of any unit closures. This process has been approved for the*

2023 Heritage Tags found in Commission Regulation 22-05.

- Public Comment: (None)
- Board member Jacob Thompson advised motion to accept Commission Regulation 23-11, 2023 Partnership in Wildlife Tags as presented.
- Board member Dave Talaga seconds the motion.
- **Motion passes 5-0.**

**l. Commission Regulation 23-12, 2023 Silver State Seasons and Quotas (*For possible action*)** The CCABMW Board will review, discuss, and make recommendations to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners about Commission Regulation 23-12, 2023 Silver State Tag species, seasons, and quotas.

- Chair Paul Dixon introduced this topic.
- **FYI- (Summary)-** *This regulation is to establish the 2023 seasons and quotas for Silver State big game tags. The combined Heritage and Silver State tag quotas may not exceed 15 game tags and 5 wild turkey tags per Nevada Revised Statute 502.250. Nine (9) big game Heritage tags for 2022 were approved last year, leaving up to six (6) big game tags remaining for Silver State.*
- **FYI- (Brief Explanation of the Proposed Regulation)-** *The new process provides a quota for specialty tag holders based on the quota available for the public in each hunt unit. Upon the collection of the unit of kill during the harvest check in process, the Department will notify specialty tag bighorn sheep holders of any unit closures. This process has been approved for the 2023 Heritage Tags found in Commission Regulation 22-05.*
- Public Comment: **(None)**
- Board member Jacob Thompson advised a motion to accept Commission Regulation 23- 12, 2023 Silver State and Quotas as presented.
- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert seconds the motion.
- **Motion passes 5-0.**

**m. Draft Fiscal Year 2024 Predation Management Plan (*For possible action*)** The CCABMW Board will review, discuss, and make recommendations to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners about the Draft Fiscal Year 2024 Predation Management Plan.

- Chair Paul Dixon introduced this topic.
- Board member Dave Talaga asked Chair Paul Dixon if the Predation Management Plan could be tabled until the next meeting.
- FYI- The Department will review and revise the Draft 2024 Plan based on the collective feedback received, the Department will present a final draft for Commission consideration at their May 2023 meeting.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised the plan consist of **(FY 2024 Projects Recommended for Continuation):** *Project 21: Greater Sage-Grouse Protection (Common Raven Removal); Project 22-01: Mountain Lion Removal to Protect California Bighorn Sheep; Project 22-074: Monitor Rocky Mountain Bighorn Sheep for Mountain Lion Predation; Project 37: Big Game Protection-Mountain Lions; Project 38: Big Game*

*Protection-Coyotes; Project 40: Coyote and Mountain Lion Removal to Complement Multi-faceted Management in Eureka County; Project 41: Increasing Understanding of Common Raven Densities and Space in Nevada; Project 42: Assessing Mountain Lion Harvest in Nevada; Project 43: Mesopredator removal to protect waterfowl, turkeys, and pheasants on Wildlife Management Areas; Project 44: Lethal Removal and Monitoring of Mountain Lions in Area 24; Project 45: passive Survey Estimate of Black Bears in Nevada; Project 46: Investigating Potential Limiting Factors Impacting Mule Deer in Northwest Nevada, Project 47: Mule Deer Enhancement Program Mule Deer Protection-Mountain lions and Coyotes.*

- **FYI- Project 21: Greater Sage Grouse Protection (Common Raven Removal)-** *This project proposes to lethally remove common ravens from known Greater Sage-grouse habitat. Common ravens will be removed around known Greater Sage-grouse leks because most nest sites are located within 4 km of a lek. Common ravens will be removed in areas of known greater abundance to benefit sensitive populations of Greater Sage-grouse.*
- **FYI- Project 22-01: Mountain Lion Removal to Protect California Bighorn Sheep-** *California bighorn sheep populations have been reintroduced in northwestern Nevada; mountain lion predation can be a significant source of mortality that may threaten this population's viability. Area 01 is near the Sheldon National Wildlife Refuge, California, and Oregon; all three may act as a source for mountain lions. Mountain lions will be removed proactively by USDA Wildlife Services and private contractors until the local bighorn sheep populations reach population objectives.*
- **FYI- Project 22-074: Monitor Rocky Mountain Bighorn Sheep for Mountain Lion Predation-** *Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep populations have been established in portions of Nevada, but mountain lion predation can be a significant source for mortality that may threaten the population's viability. One collared bighorn sheep has been killed by mountain lions in the past year. The area biologist believe that mountain lion predation is not currently limiting the small bighorn sheep population, but even a small amount of predation has the potential to affect its viability.*
- **FYI- Project 37: Big Game Protection- Mountain Lions-** *Predation issues frequently arise in a very short timeframe. These issues often occur within a fiscal year. By the time a project can be drafted, approved, and implemented, it may be too late to prevent or mitigate the predation issue. Removing mountain lions that prey on sensitive game populations quickly is a required tool to manage big game populations statewide.*
- **FYI- Project 38: Big Game Protection-Coyotes-** *Predation issues frequently arise in a very short timeframe. These occurrences often occur within a fiscal year, therefore by the time a project can be drafted, approved, and implemented, to prevent or mitigate the predation issue, it may be too late. Removing problematic coyotes quickly is a required tool to manage big game populations statewide.*
- **FYI- Project 40: Coyote and Mountain Lion Removal to**

**Complement Multi-faceted Management in Eureka County-**

*Continuing predator removal will complement previous coyote removal, feral horse removal, and habitat restoration to benefit mule deer populations.*

- **FYI- Project 41: Increasing Understanding of Common Raven Densities and Space Use in Nevada-** *Common ravens are the primary predator of Greater Sage-grouse nests and chicks (Coates and Delehanty 2010). Their populations have increased dramatically in Nevada, primarily due to human subsidies. Understanding common raven density, distribution, and subsidy use will allow for intelligent management decisions to be made to reduce or alter common raven densities in Nevada. These efforts are intended to benefit Greater Sage-grouse though desert tortoise may also benefit from this project.*
- **FYI- Project 42: Assessing Mountain Lion Harvest in Nevada-** *NDOW has a yearlong mountain lion hunting season limited by harvest quotas, although mountain lions are also lethally removed for livestock depredation and to limit predation on specific wildlife populations. Statewide annual adult female harvest is less than 35% which indicates that statewide harvests are unlikely to be reducing statewide mountain lion population abundance. Nevertheless, regional area harvests may be greater and can be more difficult to assess the effects due to small sample sizes. Conversely, current NDOW mountain lion removal projects may not be sufficiently intensive to reduce local mountain lion populations to attain reduced predation on prey populations. Improved understanding of mountain lion population dynamics in Nevada would allow for better informed management.*
- **FYI- Project 43: Mesopredator removal to protect waterfowl, turkeys, and pheasants on Wildlife Management Areas-** *Mesopredators including coyotes, striped skunks, and raccoons often consume waterfowl, pheasant, and turkey eggs. Consuming these eggs may limit fowl species population and could be causing a decline on Overton and Mason Valley Wildlife Management Areas.*
- **FYI- Lethal Removal and Monitoring of Mountain Lions in Area 24-** *The local desert bighorn sheep population has been underperforming in the Delamar Mountains since the initial reintroduction in 1996. Mountain lions may be a contributing factor to this underperformance.*
- **FYI- Project 45: Passive Survey Estimate of Black Bears in Nevada-** *Black Bears are expanding numerically and geographically, and in so doing they are recolonizing historic range in Nevada. It is imperative the Department be able to estimate Nevada's black bear population and monitor growth and change. Being able to do so passively will ensure the Department can reach these objectives safely and cost efficiently.*
- **FYI- Project 46: Investigating Potential Limiting Factors Impacting Mule Deer in Northwest Nevada-** *Recent decades have seen Northwest Nevada's mule deer herds decline, resulting in fewer tags issued and low-quality hunt experiences. Several factors may be contributing, including predation, drought, wildland fire, invasive plant species, and competition from feral horses. A combination of these factors is likely at play, it is NDOW desire to better understand the situation.*

- **FYI- Project 47: Mule Deer Enhancement Program Mule Deer Protection-Mountain Lions and Coyotes-** *Many of these projects proposed by MDEP subcommittees are for areas of low densities of mule deer or where populations have trended downward and or have remained suppressed for extended periods of time.*
- **Board member John Hiatt stated in the Introduction:** *NDOW maintains a philosophy that predator management is a tool to be applied deliberately and strategically. Predator management may be including lethal removal of predators or corvids, nonlethal management of predator or corvid populations, habitat management to promote more robust prey populations which are better able to sustain predation, monitoring and modeling select predator populations, managing for healthy predator populations, and public education. He stated in the third paragraph it states Assembly Bill 78 was adopted which is part amended NRS 502.253(4) (b) to read: [The Department] "Shall not adopt any program for the management and control of predatory wildlife developed pursuant to this section that provides for the expenditure of less than 80 percent of the amount of money collected, then he stated it says NDOW intends to comply with statute and apply the tools of scientific predation management in biologically sound, social responsible means.*
- **Public Comment:** *(Brain Burris, member of the public):* He stated that the predation management put into programs suggest his previous comments of suggesting that he does not suggest that Wildlife Services does the removal due to higher taxes to residents for this service.
- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert advised motion to accept Draft Fiscal Year 2024 Predation Management Plan as presented.
- Board member Jacob Thompson seconds the motion.
- Motion passes 5-0.

**n. Commission Policy 11, Heritage Grants (*For possible action*)**

The CCABMW Board will review, discuss, and make recommendations to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners about adopting changes to Commission Policy 11- Heritage Grants recommended by the Regulation Simplification Committee.

- Chair Paul Dixon introduced this topic.
- Chair Paul Dixon stated on Page 6 it states the amount from last year as (2022: \$1,452,971; 2023 \$1,513,377.69, as opposed to 2020 \$979,703.
- Board member John Hiatt stated inflation.
- Chair Paul Dixon stated as inflation goes up, he stated he has issue with taking funds from Heritage fund from Pittman Robertson there is more than half a million more dollars now due to inflation since 2020.
- Board member John Hiatt asked Chair Paul Dixon where the investment came from to obtain this high interest loan, and stated the interest rate only went up starting in January 2022. He stated but interest rates started going up before then, in 2021.
- Chair Paul Dixon stated to board member John Hiatt that what has went up is the balance and stated in 2021 the amount of 2 million



dollars was taken out.

- Chair Paul Dixon read the following: NRS 501.3575 states “The Department may annually expend from the Wildlife Heritage Account an amount of money not greater than 75 percent of the money deposited in the Account during the previous year and the total amount of interest earned on the money in the Account during the previous year. In addition, the Department may, at any time, expend from the Account any portion of the amount of money in the Account which exceeds \$5,000,000. “In the event that the annual authorized funding allowed per fiscal year is not utilized for projects, the unused portion will revert to the principal of the account. He stated this was legislative change to purchase a helicopter in which 2 million dollars was taken out to make this purchase, and stated he feels a drone or even doing wildlife surveys would have been accurate and a better investment.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised this is simply documenting who can apply and the eligibility to apply and how to apply.
- Public Comments: (None)
- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert advised a motion to accept Commission Policy 11, Heritage Grants as presented.
- Chair Paul Dixon seconds the motion.
- **Motion passes 5-0.**

**o. Commission Policy 23-Predation Management (*For possible action*)** The CCABMW Board will review, discuss, and make recommendations to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners about adopting changes to Commission Policy 23- Predation Management recommended by the Regulation Simplification Committee.

- Chair Paul Dixon introduced this topic.
- ***FYI-*** *This policy was simplified and removed repetitive language, and one meeting of the year was removed, taking the number of Predator Plan Reading from eight meetings per year to seven. The policy will now be considered for a second reading by the Commission.*
- Chair Paul Dixon advised this will go before the Commission in May 2023 and this is updated for (Tommy Caviglia, Committee Chairman, Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners) signature. He stated this plan is readable and previously five years ago this was not the case.
- Board Comments: (None)
- Public Comments: (None)
- Board member Jacob Thompson advised motion to accept Commission Policy 23-Predation Management as presented.
- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert seconds the motion.
- **Motion passes 5-0.**

**p. Commission Policy 61-Water Rights (*For possible action*)**

The CCABMW Board will review, discuss, and make recommendations to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners about adopting changes to Commission Policy 61-Water Rights recommended by Regulation Simplification Committee.

- Chair Paul Dixon introduced this topic.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised this is simply in need of signature from (*Tommy Caviglia, Committee Chairman, Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners*).
- Chair Paul Dixon advised this is also a factor for lithium mining and practices and how this will be a factor as well therefore keeping Nevada's water free of chemicals from the the particles of the mining. He stated NDOW has opportunity to review permits and make sure that these permits are being done in certain way.
- Board member John Hiatt stated to Chair Paul Dixon that there is only one lithium mine in the state of Nevada. He stated that companies are stating that there is world deposit of gold located in Nevada, there will be 5 huge open pit mines, causing dewatering in these areas up to Death Valley which is all involved in carbonated oxifer ending in Funeral Mountains, this would be eastside of Death Valley. He stated that this is a major deal.
- Board member Dave Talaga asked board member John Hiatt when does this start.
- Board member John Hiatt advised first applications have been made and exploration is being done at this time in this area, but the crater flat issues application submitted to State Engineering for 1200 acres feet of water for processing with no mention of dewatering, that will be the next step thereafter once a pit is formed for a waterator.
- Board member Dave Talaga asked board member John Hiatt about creater flats location.
- Bord member John Hiatt advised that this location is on the eastside of Bear Mountains east of Beatty, Nevada and south.
- Chair Paul Dixon stated it is east and south but not on the NTTR, it would be north of NTTR and Tonopah.
- Board member John Hiatt reiterated that the location is right around Beatty, Nevada.
- Chair Paul Dixon stated that one can only go so far east, once east of 95 one is in NTTR test sites.
- Board member John Hiatt stated that Chair Paul Dixon is correct but advised there is massive amount of area not in the NTTR around Beatty both north and south surrounding all areas with planes and closed mines.
- Chair Paul Dixon advised that the mine was mined until just two years ago.
- Board member John Hiatt asked Chair Paul Dixon was he referencing the mine operated by Barrick Gold.
- Chair Paul Dixon stated that is what he was referring too.
- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert advised that the mine was closed many years ago.
- Board member John Hiatt stated that Barrick closed ten years ago and refilled the pit. He stated the employee advised that they had no more gold to take out of the mines and stated this was not a true statement.
- Chair Paul Dixon stated that there was no longer any gold pliable, and the reserved gold was based on price and ability to move in a trice around Brown Mountain and stated there is no visible gold.
- Board member John Hiatt stated this statement is not correct when it is stated that there is no visible and stated gold is distributed unevenly and in large blast areas they drill holes six feet apart with six centers, taking samples all the way down

sending samples to the lab receiving three dimensional picture of what the area looks like and next they flag areas prior to blasting with colored markers and after blasting the operators and the loaders have knowledge of where to send the items to crushers and wastestock piles and in these areas which have stone out of gold in it and has void in the middle of it, this is the place where they will find nuggets and big pieces of gold bearing rocks it looks like void on the three diminsional map.

- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert stated to board member John Hiatt he was correct.
- Public Comments: (*Therese Campbell, member of the public*): She stated she would like to know as well as hunter and non-hunters she feels would ask what these massive projects for the Water Rights are, how will they affect the wildlife.
- Chair Paul Dixon stated that NDOW's questions are when processing permits the following: 1) Wildlife Borders 2) Impact on Sage Grouse 3) Impacts on Sagebrush/Brittlebrush Ecosystem. He advised from those three questions then NDOW can achieve a better understanding of the impacts on Mule deer, Antelope, Elk. He stated migration corridors for mule deer is the biggest issue. He stated that mule deers can adapt to other areas but if their corridors are broken up then the mule deers will be greatly impacted, as what occurred in Bolt Mountain. He gave example in which berms were used on the road for the deer to continue along their corridors without the effect of traffic and the traffic was not allowed to haul during certain hours of the night so that the deer could continue to migrate without interruption during that timeframe, and advised he was on the committee with previous Commissioner Larry Johnson and Tina Bundy Nappee to give the recommendation for this.
- **FYI-** *This policy was heard for a second time in the November 2022 meeting. The policy was simplified and removed repetitive language. The policy will now be considered for a third reading by the Commission. The purpose of this policy is to guide the Department of Wildlife in securing water for the preservation, maintenance, restoration and enhancement of wildlife and their habitats. The provision of this policy is in complete accord with Nevada water law, and will not impair any vested, permitted, or certificated rights for the use of water. (Instream Flow, Minimum Reservior Pools, Wetlands, Springs, and Seeps).*
- Chair Paul Dixon advised motion to accept Commission Policy 61- Water Rights as presented.
- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert seconds the motion.
- **Motion passes 5-0.**

**q. Commission 62-Mitigation Policy (*For possible action*)** The CCABMW Board will review, discuss, and make recommendations to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners about adopting changes to Commission Policy 62- Mitigation Policy recommended by the Regulation Simplification Committee.

- Chair Paul Dixon introduced this topic.
- **FYI-** *The Commission reviewed at November 2022 meeting for the first time, the policy simplified and removed repetitive The Administrative Policies, Regulations and Procedures (APRP) Committee reviewed. The purpose of this policy is to guide the Department of Wildlife in mitigation of activities which have the potential to adversely impact fish and wildlife resources in Nevada. Examples of these impacts include habitat degradation by wild horse and burro, the loss of mule deer migration corridors and winter range from residential and mineral development, and greater*

*sage grouse habitat loss and fragmentation from various anthropogenic impacts. For the purposes of this policy, “impacts” may include direct, indirect, and cumulative effects, may be short, medium, or long in duration, and may vary in significance. “Mitigation” will be defined as: Avoid, Minimize, Mitigate, and shall consist of 1) Avoiding the impact(s) altogether by not taking a certain action or parts of an action, or through moving all or part of a proposed action to a less critical area. 2) Minimizing, reducing, or rectifying impacts by protective measures, or through limiting the degree or magnitude of the action and its implementation during the life of the action. Rectifying the impact by repairing, rehabilitating, or restoring the affected environment may also minimize impacts and is often achieved through reclamation requirements. 3) Mitigating the impact(s) by replacing or providing substitute resources or environments, or through compensation (also referred to as “compensatory mitigation”). This occurs near/adjacent to the proposed action (s), or of-site.*

- Public Comment: *(None)*
- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert advised motion to accept Commission Policy 62-Mitigation Policy as presented.
- Board member Jacob Thompson seconds the motion.
- **Motion passes 5-0.**

**r. Commission General Regulation 500, Subdivision Map**

**Review (*For possible action*)** The CCABMW Board will review, discuss, and make recommendations to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners about adopting changes to Commission General Regulation 500 recommended by the Regulation Simplification Committee.

- Chair Paul Dixon introduced this topic.
- **Chair Paul Dixon advised that this action item is striken from the record, and no discussion or vote will be made on this item in tonight’s meeting.**

**s. Commission General Regulation 506, Possession of Golden Eagles Under Certain Circumstances (*For possible action*)** The CCABMW Board will review, discuss, and make recommendations to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners about Commission General Regulation 506.

- Chair Paul Dixon introduced this topic.
- **Chair Paul Dixon advised that this action is stricken from the record, and no discussion or vote will be made on this item in tonight’s meeting.**

**X. Comments by the General Public- *A period devoted to comments by the public about matter relevant to the CCABMWs 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 CCABM by majority vote.***

- Chair Paul Dixon introduced this topic.
- Public Comments: *(Therese Campbell, member of the public):* She thanked the CAB for her time spent on the board and stated it was

honor and privilege and stated she was thankful for the opportunity.

- Public Comments: (*Brian Burris, member of the public*): He stated he thanked the CAB which he feels is the last batch of boards that have sanity for the wildlife in the state of Nevada and that he had opportunity to sit down with the new director of NDOW (*Alan Jenne, NDOW Director*) and stated he is not optimistic and stated that there are many NGOs who are looking into alternative methods for scientific studies that they have been asking repeatedly for NDOWs to do, and ask for the CAB to assist with the NGOs search for obtaining this scientific data with different methods.
- Chair Paul Dixon stated absolutely.

**XI. Authorize Chair Paul Dixon to prepare and submit any recommendations from today's meeting to the Wildlife Commission for its consideration at the January 27, 203 & January 28, 2023, meeting (*For possible action*)**

- Chair Paul Dixon advised a motion to prepare and submit recommendations from tonight's meeting to the Commission meeting on January 27/28, 2023.
- Vice Chair Dan Gilbert seconds the motion.
- **Motion passes 5-0.**

**XII. The next CCABMW board meeting will be scheduled for March 7, 2023, at the Clark County Government Center (Pueblo Room) Address: 500 S. Grand Central Parkway, Las Vegas, NV 8915**

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- Laughlin Regional Government Center: 101 Civic Way, Laughlin, NV 89028
- Moapa Valley Community Center: 320 North Moapa Valley Road, Overton, NV 89040
- Mesquite City Hall: 10 East Mesquite Boulevard, Mesquite, NV, 89027
- Boulder City: Boulder City Hall, 401 California Avenue, Boulder City, NV 89005

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