

**CARSON CITY CONSOLIDATED MUNICIPALITY
NOTICE OF THE MEETING OF THE
CARSON CITY ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE**

Day: Monday
Date: May 4, 2026
Time: Beginning at 5:30 pm
Location: Community Center, Robert 'Bob' Crowell Board Room
851 East William Street
Carson City, NV 89701

AGENDA

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC:

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1. **Call to Order**

2. **Roll Call**

3. **Pledge of Allegiance**

4. **Public Comment:****

The public is invited at this time to provide comment on any topic that relates to a matter over which this public body has supervision, control, jurisdiction or advisory power, including any such matter that is not specifically included on the agenda as an action item. No action may be taken on a matter raised during this period for public comment.

5. **For Possible Action: Approval of Minutes**

5.A March 11, 2026
[Click Here for Staff Report](#)

6. **For Discussion Only: Update from Attendees of the March 13 and 14, 2026, Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners' meetings.**

7. For Discussion Only: Update and Activity Report on the Carson City Urban Wildlife Committee.

8. For Discussion Only: Reports - Informational

The following items are reports that will be given at the upcoming Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners' meeting. The Carson City Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife may discuss these items as they relate to that meeting. The agenda items are informational and for discussion only. No action may be taken. Any item requiring action will be scheduled on a future agenda.

- 8.A Division Activity Reports - At the May 8, 2026, meeting of the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners, a report will be provided on highlights from the Nevada Department of Wildlife recent activities.
[Click Here for Staff Report](#)
- 8.B Litigation Report - At the May 8, 2026, meeting of the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners, a report will be provided on the Nevada Department of Wildlife litigation.
[Click Here for Staff Report](#)
- 8.C Wildlife Heritage Committee Report - At the May 8, 2026, meeting of the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners, a report will be provided on the recent Wildlife Heritage Committee meeting.
[Click Here for Staff Report](#)
- 8.D Habitat, Research and Management Report - At the May 8, 2026, meeting of the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners, a report will be provided on the recent Habitat, Research and Management project proposals that were discussed at the Wildlife Heritage Committee meeting.
[Click Here for Staff Report](#)
- 8.E Habitat Status and Trend - At the May 8, 2026, meeting of the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners, a presentation will be provided on the status and trend of Nevada's wildlife habitat.
[Click Here for Staff Report](#)

9. For Possible Action: Action Items.

The following list of items are action items for the upcoming meeting of the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners' Meeting. The Carson City Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife may consider whether to discuss or take possible action to make any recommendations to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners regarding any of the items listed in this section.

- 9.A Commission Policy 24 - Hunting Opportunities Among Weapons and Hunter Groups - At the May 8, 2026, meeting of the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners, the Commission will have a first reading of Commission Policy 24 and may take action to revise the policy and move to a second reading.
[Click Here for Staff Report](#)
- 9.B Commission Policy 1 - General Guidelines for the Commission - At the May 8, 2026, meeting of the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners, the Commission will have a second reading of Commission Policy 1 and may take action to adopt the policy.
[Click Here for Staff Report](#)

- 9.C Commission Policy 4 - Petition Process and Adopting of Regulations - At the May 8, 2026, meeting of the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners, the Commission will have a second reading of Commission Policy 4 and may take action to adopt the policy.
[Click Here for Staff Report](#)
- 9.D Commission Policy 51 - Wayne E. Kirch Nevada Wildlife Conservation Award - At the May 8, 2026, meeting of the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners, the Commission will have a second reading of Commission Policy 51 and may take action to adopt the policy.
[Click Here for Staff Report](#)
- 9.E Draft Fiscal Year 2027 Predation Management Plan - At the May 8, 2026, meeting of the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners, the Commission will review the final draft of the Fiscal Year 2027 Draft Predation Management Plan with the Department. The Commission may take action to modify or approve the plan.
[Click Here for Staff Report](#)
- 9.F Petition - Mr. Henry Evans - At the May 8, 2026, meeting of the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners, the Commission will consider the removal of the compound bow let-off limit from NAC 503.144.
[Click Here for Staff Report](#)
- 9.G Commission General Regulation 529 - Disability Permit Program Revisions - At the May 8, 2026, meeting of the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners, the Commission will hold a workshop to consider regulation language amending Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) that would update business rules and requirements related to the archery, visual and special assistance disability permits.
[Click Here for Staff Report](#)
- 9.H Commission General Regulation 527 - Wildlife Salvage Permits - At the May 8, 2026, meeting of the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners, the Commission will consider adopting a regulation amending Chapter 501 of the Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) to create a salvage process and salvage permits for certain wildlife species through the direction of Senate Bill 215 (2025).
[Click Here for Staff Report](#)
- 9.I Appeal - Mr. Braxton Bilbao - At the May 8, 2026, meeting of the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners, Mr. Bilbao is appealing the denial of his sub-guide license.
[Click Here for Staff Report](#)
- 9.J Appeal - Mr. Paul Padilla - At the May 8, 2026, meeting of the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners, Mr. Padilla is appealing the denial of his sub-guide license.
[Click Here for Staff Report](#)
- 9.K Biennial Big Game Release Plan for Fiscal Years 2026 and 2027 - Amendment #2 - At the May 9, 2026, meeting of the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners, the Commission will review and may take action to approve an amendment to the Department's Biennial Big Game Release Plan for Fiscal years 2026 and 2027.
[Click Here for Staff Report](#)
- 9.L Commission General Regulation 517 - Automatic Range Finding Scopes - At the May

9, 2026, meeting of the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners, the Commission will consider adopting a regulation amending Chapter 503 of the Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) that would prohibit the use of range finding scopes that automatically adjust the sight reticle or aiming point while hunting certain species with a firearm, bow, or crossbow.

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- 9.M Commission Regulation 26-11, Big Game Quotas for the 2026-2027 Seasons - At the May 9, 2026, meeting of the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners, the Commission will consider and may take action to approve setting regulations for the number of tags to be issued for mule deer, antelope, elk, moose, bighorn sheep and mountain goat for the 2026-2027 season.

[Click Here for Staff Report](#)

- 9.N Commission Regulation 26-12, 2026 Black Bear Quotas - At the May 9, 2026, meeting of the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners, the Commission will consider adopting the 2026 hunting season quotas and harvest limits for black bear.

[Click Here for Staff Report](#)

(End of Consent Agenda)

. **Item(s) pulled from the Consent Agenda will be heard at this time.**

- 10. For Discussion Only: The Carson City Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife will discuss members' commitments to the meetings on May 8 and 9, 2026 in Reno and June 26 and 27, 2026 in Winnemucca.**

- 11. For Discussion Only: Future Agenda Items.**

- 12. Public Comment:****

The public is invited at this time to provide comment on any topic that relates to a matter over which this public body has supervision, control, jurisdiction or advisory power, including any such matter that is not specifically included on the agenda as an action item. No action may be taken on a matter raised during this period for public comment.

- 13. For Possible Action: To Adjourn**

****PUBLIC COMMENT LIMITATIONS** - The Carson City Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife will provide at least two public comment periods in compliance with the minimum requirements of the Open Meeting Law prior to adjournment. Public comment will be limited to three minutes per speaker to facilitate the efficient conduct of a meeting and to provide a reasonable opportunity for comment from all members of the public who wish to speak. Testimony from a person who is directly involved with an item, such as City staff, an applicant, or a party to an administrative hearing or appeal, is not considered public comment and is not subject to the three-minute time limitation. No action may be taken on a matter raised under public comment unless the item has been specifically included on the agenda as an item upon which action may be taken.

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Community Center 851 East William Street
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STAFF REPORT

Report To: _____ **Meeting Date:** May 4, 2026

Staff Contact: _____

Agenda Title: March 11, 2026

Agenda Action: Formal Action / Motion **Time Requested:** _____

Proposed Motion

I move to approve the minutes of March 11, 2026.

Board's Strategic Goal

Previous Action

Background/Issues & Analysis

Applicable Statute, Code, Policy, Rule or Regulation

Financial Information

Is there a fiscal impact? No

If yes, account name/number:

Is it currently budgeted? No

Explanation of Fiscal Impact:

Alternatives

Attachment(s):

[03-11-2026 Draft Minutes.pdf](#)

Motion: _____	1) _____	Aye/Nay
	2) _____	_____

(Vote Recorded By)

DRAFT MINUTES
Regular Meeting
Carson City Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife (WAB)
Wednesday, March 11, 2026 ● 5:30 PM
Community Center Bonanza Room
851 East William Street, Carson City, Nevada 89701

Board Members

Chair – Corbett Fleming	Vice Chair – Robert Boehmer
Member – Doris Dimmitt	Member – Stephen Stewart
Member – Daniel Thompson	

Staff

Zach Pettit, Public Meetings Clerk

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1. CALL TO ORDER

(5:34:28) – Chair Fleming called the meeting to order at 5:34 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL AND DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

Attendee Name	Status	Arrived
Corbett Fleming, Chair	Present	
Robert Boehmer, Vice Chair	Present	
Doris Dimmitt	Absent	
Stephen Stewart	Present	
Daniel Thompson	Present	

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

(5:34:55) – The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Member Thompson.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

(5:35:15) – Chair Fleming introduced the item and entertained public comments; however, none were forthcoming.

5. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: APPROVAL OF MINUTES

5.A SEPTEMBER 22, 2025

5.B JANUARY 22, 2026

(5:36:32) – Chair Fleming introduced the item. Vice Chair Boehmer clarified that Board Members may vote to approve meeting minutes of meetings which they were not present provided they have read the minutes per

instruction received from the District Attorney's Office. Discussion ensued regarding NRS 241 violations and Board Member attendance.

(5:39:52) – MOTION: Vice Chair Boehmer moved to approve the minutes of the September 22, 2025 meeting and the January 22, 2026 meeting. Member Stewart seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-0-0.

6. FOR DISCUSSION ONLY: UPDATE FROM ATTENDEES OF THE JANUARY 23 AND 24, 2026, NEVADA BOARD OF WILDLIFE COMMISSIONERS' MEETINGS.

(5:40:08) – Chair Fleming introduced the item. Vice Chair Boehmer noted that Member Dimmitt attended the meeting but that no update would be provided since she was absent tonight.

7. FOR DISCUSSION ONLY: UPDATE AND ACTIVITY REPORT ON THE CARSON CITY URBAN WILDLIFE COMMITTEE.

(5:40:40) – Chair Fleming introduced the item. Vice Chair Boehmer referenced the 2025 NDOW (Nevada Department of Wildlife) Urban Wildlife Report, which was provided as Late Material and is incorporated into the record. He explained that some urban wildlife calls had not been logged correctly, but NDOW was able to review and categorize most of them retroactively. Mr. Boehmer highlighted the difference in call volumes between Carson City (187), Washoe County (1,548), and Clark County (2,032), noting that Carson City's education and outreach efforts appear to be effectively reducing the number of reports. He stated that the continued decrease in Carson City's calls suggests residents are becoming more informed and more accustomed to cohabitating with urban wildlife. He added that he is forwarding the report and an accompanying PowerPoint presentation to Mayor Bagwell and the Board of Supervisors for their review.

8. FOR DISCUSSION ONLY: REPORTS – INFORMATIONAL

(5:48:34) – Chair Fleming introduced the item and entertained requests to pull informational items for discussion. Vice Chair Boehmer requested to pull Item 8.E for further discussion.

8.A Division Activity Reports – At the March 13, 2026, meeting of the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners, a report will be provided on highlights from the Nevada Department of Wildlife and recent activities.

8.B Litigation Report – At the March 13, 2026, meeting of the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners, a report will be provided on the Nevada Department of Wildlife litigation.

8.C Administrative Procedures, Regulations, and Policy (APRP) Committee Report – At the March 13, 2026, meeting of the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners, a report will be provided on the recent APRP meeting.

8.D Wildlife Damage Management Committee Report – At the March 13, 2026, meeting of the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners, a report will be provided on the recent Wildlife Management Damage Committee meeting.

8.E Mountain Lion Predation Patterns on Mule Deer and Feral Horses in Southeastern Nevada – At the March 13, 2026, meeting of the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners, the Commission will be

provided with a presentation on the results of a multi-year research effort on the effects of mountain lion predation and prey switching following wild horse removal in the Delmar Mountains of Lincoln County, Nevada.

(5:48:56) – Vice Chair Boehmer recalled a conversation he had with a member of the public who opined that the Board should oppose any proposed regulations that would prevent mountain lions and/or bears from preying on mule deer and feral horse populations in southeastern Nevada.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

9. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: ACTION ITEMS

(5:51:08) – Chair Fleming introduced the item and entertained requests to pull items from the Consent Agenda. Members sought to pull Items 9.G, 9.H, 9.J, 9.L, and 9.M.

(5:54:45) – MOTION: Vice Chair Boehmer moved to approve Consent Agenda Items 9.A through 9.F, 9.K, and 9.N through 9.P. Member Stewart seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-0-0.

9.A Commission Policy 1 – General Guidelines for the Commission – At the March 13, 2026, meeting of the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners, the Commission will have a first reading of Commission Policy 1 and may take action to revise the policy and move to a second reading.

9.B Commission Policy 4 – Petition Process and Adoption of Regulations – At the March 13, 2026, meeting of the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners, the Commission will have a first reading of Commission Policy 4 and may take action to revise the policy and move to a second reading.

9.C Commission Policy 51 – Kirch Award – At the March 13, 2026, meeting of the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners, the Commission will have a first reading of Commission Policy 51 and may take action to revise the policy and move to a second reading.

9.D Elk Management Committee Report and Recommendations – Desired Elk Herd Population Objective Adjustments – At the March 13, 2026, meeting of the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners, a report will be provided on the recent Committee meeting. The Commission will consider adopting recommendations for adjustments to annual elk population objectives as outlined in Addendum 2 to the Elk Species Management Plan – Adaptive Population Objectives and as discussed at the Elk Management Committee Meeting.

9.E Draft Fiscal Year 2027 Predation Management Plan – At the March 13, 2026, meeting of the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners, the Commission will be presented with the second draft of the proposed Fiscal Year 2027 Predation Management Plan. Comments and revisions from the State Predatory Animal and Rodent Committee (PARC), the Wildlife Damage Management Committee, County Advisory Boards to Manage Wildlife and any other interested entity will be compiled and shared with the Commission for consideration. The Commission may take action to provide recommendations or modifications of the second draft.

9.F Petition – Mr. Christian Reilly – At the March 13, 2026, meeting of the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners, the Commission will review a petition requesting the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners to consider the removal of freshwater stingrays (*Potamotrygon* spp.) from Nevada's Prohibited Aquatic Species List or reclassification of the species to a regulated/controlled species category.

9.G Appeal – Mr. Daniel King – At the March 13, 2026, meeting of the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners, Mr. King will appeal the denial of his sub-guide license.

(5:56:26) – Chair Fleming introduced the item. Vice Chair Boehmer informed the Board that Mr. King is appealing a three-year revocation that he received resulting from a trail cam violation back in 2025. Mr. Boehmer voiced his support for the Department’s revocation given that guides are held to a higher standard.

(5:58:37) – MOTION: Vice Chair Boehmer moved to support and uphold the revocation in place for Item 9.G. Member Stewart seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-0-0.

9.H Appeal – Mr. Tyrel Hubbard – At the March 13, 2026, meeting of the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners, Mr. Hubbard is appealing the denial of his sub-guide license.

(6:00:14) – Chair Fleming introduced the item. Vice Chair Boehmer explained that Mr. Hubbard’s license has been revoked due to an outstanding warrant that he has failed to remedy despite being provided with multiple opportunities to do so. In response to a question regarding the status of the warrant, Mr. Boehmer clarified that it remains in effect as of the meeting today.

(6:03:12) – MOTION: Vice Chair Boehmer moved to support the revocation in place for Item 9.H. Member Thompson seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-0-0.

9.I Appeal – Mr. Paul Padilla – At the March 13, 2026, meeting of the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners, Mr. Padilla is appealing the denial of his sub-guide license.

(5:53:19) – Vice Chair Boehmer clarified that this item was removed from NDOW’s agenda after the agenda for Carson City’s Advisory Board had already been published, adding that the item was settled outside of the meeting.

(5:55:43) – MOTION: Vice Chair Boehmer moved to take no action on Consent Agenda Item 9.I. Member Thompson seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-0 -0.

9.J Commission Regulation 26-10, Migratory Game Bird Seasons, Bag Limits, and Special Regulations for Waterfowl and Webless Migratory Game Birds; Public Hunting Limited on Wildlife Management Areas and Designated State Lands 2026-2027 Season – At the March 14, 2026, meeting of the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners, the Commission will consider recommendations for seasons, bag limits, and special regulations for migratory game birds for the 2026-2027 season and adopt regulations consistent with the proposed regulation framework for the 2026-2027 hunting seasons on certain migratory game birds established by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. The Commission will also consider rules regulating public hunting on Wildlife Management Areas and designated state lands.

(6:03:39) – Chair Fleming introduced the item and acknowledged public comment received in support of the later date of October 17, 2026, for this business item.

(6:04:24) – Vice Chair Boehmer referenced the Staff Report and Supporting Material, all of which are incorporated into the record. He noted that the Regulation takes into consideration the federal government’s 105-day maximum season limit. According to his understanding, most of the waterfowl-hunting community prefers a later season start to allow opportunities to hunt mature birds. While he stated that he supports the Regulation as written, he also

expressed displeasure that swan permits were again made available to non-residents this year. He added that this was the first time in history that applicants were turned away for swan permits.

(6:08:05) – MOTION: Member Thompson moved to approve Item 9.J as written. Member Stewart seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-0-0.

9.K Commission General Regulation 516 – Boating Equipment and Operation Revisions – At the March 14, 2026, meeting of the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners, the Commission will hold a workshop to consider regulation language amending Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) that is mandated by the United States Coast Guard on the requirements of fire extinguishers and clean up language for operating at a flat wake.

9.L Commission General Regulation 517 – Automatic Range Finding Scopes – At the March 14, 2026, meeting of the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners, the Commission will hold a workshop to consider regulation language amending Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) that would prohibit the use of range finding scopes that automatically adjusts the sight reticle or aiming point while hunting certain species with a firearm, bow, or crossbow.

(6:08:20) – Chair Fleming introduced the item. Vice Chair Boehmer referenced the Staff Report and the Supporting Material, all of which are incorporated into the record. Discussion ensued regarding ethical shots and fair chase principles.

(6:13:15) – Member Stewart clarified that the automatic range finding scopes still require the user to input the data correctly, adding that the process isn't entirely automated.

(6:15:13) – Member Stewart questioned how the Department intends to enforce the Regulation should it be adopted. Vice Chair Boehmer answered that he was uncertain on how the Department would enforce the Regulation, but added that being caught with such a scope on your firearm would be deemed as a violation of the proposed Regulation.

(6:15:32) – Member Stewart stated that he doesn't agree with the proposed Regulation since he views it as removing a tool from the toolbox of someone who could benefit from it.

(6:18:41) – MOTION: Vice Chair Boehmer moved to state that the Board is not in support of this Regulation for the reason that it potentially provides a better opportunity for an ethical shot. Member Stewart seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-1-0.

9.M Commission General Regulation 526 – Thermal Imaging Equipment – At the March 14, 2026, meeting of the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners, the Commission will hold a workshop to consider regulation language amending Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) that would amend dates and set location or possession restrictions when the use of thermal imaging equipment is unlawful.

(6:21:25) – Chair Fleming introduced the item. Vice Chair Boehmer referenced the Staff Report and Supporting Material, all of which are incorporated into the record.

(6:22:43) – Member Stewart questioned why the proposed Regulation only pertains to certain management unit areas. Vice Chair Boehmer responded that most big game kills are in those areas.

(6:23:05) – Vice Chair Boehmer noted rebuttal against the Regulation that he received from George Forbush of the Nevada Predator Hunting Association, adding that the Association is 100 percent against this Regulation unless there is intent to exclude coyotes from the Regulation. Mr. Boehmer recognized the challenge this could present to NDOW Law Enforcement who would be responsible for enforcing such a regulation. He added that he views the proposed legislation as over-regulation.

(6:25:43) – Vice Chair Boehmer clarified that the use of thermal imaging devices to hunt and locate big game mammals or birds is illegal in Nevada, and that current regulations prohibit the possession or use of thermal imaging, infrared, and other enhanced night vision equipment for hunting as they are deemed to provide an unfair advantage.

(6:27:53) – Member Thompson stated that the geographic isolation of the proposed Regulation does not logically make sense and opined that it shouldn't cover all animals. He added that he supported a statewide exception to the Regulation exclusively for predator hunting.

(6:29:45) – MOTION: Member Thompson moved to support an amendment dedicating the provision to the entire state and excluding non-regulated wildlife. Vice Chair Boehmer seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-0-0.

9.N Commission General Regulation 529 – Disability Permit Program Revisions – At the March 14, 2026, meeting of the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners, the Commission will hold a workshop to consider regulation language amending Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) that would update business rules and requirements related to the archery, visual and special assistance disability permits.

9.O Commission General Regulation 530 – Master Guides – At the March 14, 2026, meeting of the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners, the Commission will hold a workshop to consider regulation language amending Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) that creates consistent guidelines for the Department to follow to deny, revoke or suspend a guide's license for specified convictions, unethical conduct, or regulatory violations, and to establish clear penalty tiers based on offense type and demerit values.

9.P Commission General Regulation 531 – Shed Antler Revisions – At the March 14, 2026, meeting of the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners, the Commission will hold a workshop to consider regulation language amending Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) that creates different seasons for shed antler collection, adding certain private lands and definitions.

(End of Consent Agenda)

10. FOR DISCUSSION ONLY: THE CARSON CITY ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE WILL DISCUSS MEMBERS' COMMITMENTS TO THE MEETINGS ON MARCH 13 AND 14, 2026 IN BOULDER CITY AND MAY 8 AND 9, 2026 IN RENO.

(6:30:23) – Chair Fleming introduced the item. He noted that he will be in attendance for the meetings in Boulder City.

(6:30:49) – Vice Chair Boehmer stated that he may be able to attend the meeting in Reno on May 8, 2026. Member Thompson noted that he could potentially attend the meetings in Reno pending any scheduling conflicts. Chair Fleming noted that he was not too concerned about the group's attendance at the meetings in Reno.

(6:31:14) – Chair Fleming inquired about the field trip during the Boulder City meetings. Vice Chair Boehmer noted plans to visit Lake Mead to view hatchery-related activities.

11. FOR DISCUSSION ONLY: FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS.

(6:31:30) – Chair Fleming introduced the item and entertained Members’ requests for future agenda items; however, none were forthcoming.

12. PUBLIC COMMENT:

(6:31:40) – Chair Fleming entertained any final public comments; however, none were forthcoming.

13. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: TO ADJOURN.

(6:31:55) – Chair Fleming adjourned the meeting at 6:31 p.m.

The minutes of the March 11, 2026 meeting of the Carson City Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife are approved on this 6th day of May 2026.



STAFF REPORT

Report To: _____ **Meeting Date:** May 4, 2026

Staff Contact: _____

Agenda Title: Division Activity Reports - At the May 8, 2026, meeting of the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners, a report will be provided on highlights from the Nevada Department of Wildlife recent activities.

Agenda Action: Other / Presentation **Time Requested:** _____

Proposed Motion

Board's Strategic Goal

Previous Action

Background/Issues & Analysis

Applicable Statute, Code, Policy, Rule or Regulation

Financial Information

Is there a fiscal impact? No

If yes, account name/number: _____

Is it currently budgeted? No

Explanation of Fiscal Impact: _____

Alternatives

Motion: _____	1) _____	Aye/Nay
	2) _____	_____

(Vote Recorded By)



STAFF REPORT

Report To:

Meeting Date: May 4, 2026

Staff Contact:

Agenda Title: Litigation Report - At the May 8, 2026, meeting of the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners, a report will be provided on the Nevada Department of Wildlife litigation.

Agenda Action: Other / Presentation

Time Requested:

Proposed Motion

Board's Strategic Goal

Previous Action

Background/Issues & Analysis

Applicable Statute, Code, Policy, Rule or Regulation

Financial Information

Is there a fiscal impact? No

If yes, account name/number:

Is it currently budgeted? No

Explanation of Fiscal Impact:

Alternatives

Attachment(s):

[7B-Litigation-Report.pdf](#)

Motion: _____

1) _____
2) _____

Aye/Nay

(Vote Recorded By)

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MEMORANDUM

To: Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners
Alan Jenne, Director, Nevada Department of Wildlife

From: Richard Yien, Senior Deputy Attorney General and Nicole N. Ting,
Deputy Attorney General

Date: April 23, 2026

Subject: May Board Meeting Litigation Update

1. *United States and Walker River Paiute Tribe v. Walker River Irrigation Dist., et al. (Walker River Litigation)*, (USDC, Reno).

This action involves federal, tribal and Mineral County claims for additional water from Walker River, in addition to those already established by the Walker River Decree. NDOW and others moved to dismiss certain claims against groundwater rights by the United States.

Subfile 3:73-CV-00127-RCJ-WGC (federal reserved rights)

This case involves claims by the United States for federal reserved water rights for all federal lands on the Walker River system. All claims are stayed except those concerning the Walker River Indian Reservation.

Currently, this case is before the District Court on remand from the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals' May 22, 2018, decision. *The United States and the Tribe filed Amended Counterclaims on May 3, 2019. Answers to the Counterclaims were filed on August 1, 2019.* The next deadline is February 19, 2020 for the principle defendants and the United States to agree to a discovery plan. This deadline was extended from November 22, 2019.

On May 28, 2015, the District Court ruled that the United States' action to acquire federal reserved water rights for the Walker River Paiute Tribe and several smaller tribes within the Walker River watershed were to be dismissed on "preclusion"; a doctrine that means the U.S. had its chance to make claims at the time of the original decree but failed to do so and thus cannot make them now.

On May 22, 2018, the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals reversed the District Court's decision mostly based on the fact that the United States and the Tribe had not been given a chance to brief the issue before the District Court. In fact, the District Court specifically requested that the issue of preclusion should not be briefed.

On September 21, 2021 Plaintiffs' motion for summary judgment (ECF No. [2638]) was granted. Plaintiffs are entitled to judgment as a matter of law in their favor as to Defendants' Third, Seventh, Twelfth, and Fourteenth Affirmative Defenses. Nevertheless, Principal Defendants retain all other affirmative defenses and litigation remains ongoing.

The Principal Defendants have filed status reports regarding the status of access to tribal archives for discovery purposes. These archives remain closed due to the pandemic.

Discovery remains ongoing.

As of March 7, 2023, the case remains staid for 90 days pending settlement discussions. As of May 31, 2023, the parties appear to have reached a settlement agreement. the US, Tribe and WRID are now working through their internal approval processes. On February 13, 2024, the Court signed an Order issuing a 90 day stay of the proceedings to give the parties time to obtain approval from all the appropriate authorities to resolve the outstanding water rights claims.

Subfile 3:73-CV-00128-RCJ-WGC (public trust doctrine)

This case involves a claim filed by Mineral County for the court to recognize a public trust duty to provide water to Walker Lake to support the fishery therein.

This case has gone through an extensive appellate and procedural history. A summary of this procedural appellate history is as follows:

- A) On May 28, 2015, the District Court held that Mineral County did not have standing to pursue the public trust claims. The Court also held that a shift of water from irrigators to Walker Lake would be considered a taking of property

under the 5th amendment and compensation would be owed to the individual property holders.

- B) On May 22, 2018, the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals reversed the District Court's ruling on standing. The Appeals Court further held that the Public Trust Doctrine is a state law issue that has not been decided in Nevada. The Appeals Court sent two Certified Questions to the Nevada Supreme Court.
- C) On September 18, 2020, the Nevada Supreme Court held that: (1) the Public Trust Doctrine applies to rights already adjudicated and settled under the doctrine of prior appropriation; (2) the public trust doctrine applies to all waters within the state; and (3) the public trust doctrine does not permit reallocating water rights already adjudicated and settled under the doctrine of prior appropriation.
- D) The case was returned to the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals and on January 28, 2021 the Appeals Court issued its Opinion and held that the District Court properly dismissed the County's public trust claim to the extent it sought a reallocation of water rights adjudicated under the Decree and settled the doctrine of prior appropriation. The Appeals Court further remanded to the District Court for the Court to consider the County's public trust doctrine claim to the extent it sought remedies that would not involve a reallocation of adjudicated water rights.

This case is now in discovery. Initial disclosures were exchanged in April 2023. On November 6, 2023, Mineral County/Plaintiffs served their initial expert reports. On April 8, 2024, Walker River Irrigation District/Defendants served their initial expert reports. The discovery schedule and deadlines have been extended a number of times due to Counsel for Mineral County having a serious cancer condition and subsequently passing away. Most recently in March 2025 the newest discovery schedule with deadlines was agreed to and signed by the Court.

At this point, rebuttal expert reports have been submitted and Counsel for NDOW is working with Counsel Gordon DePaoli, who is the coordinating Counsel for all the Defendants who represents the Walker River Irrigation District to coordinate discovery in this matter. Counsel expects the next stage in discovery and for the case will be to take expert depositions.

Mineral County v. Lyon County, 136 Nev. Adv. Op. 58 (2020).

On June 30, 2021, Mineral County filed its Second Amended Complaint. Mineral county asserted that by permitting excessive and unreasonable upstream consumptive uses to reduce average annual inflows to Walker Lake to the detriment of the Lake's public trust values, the Decree Court and State of Nevada have violated this continuing duty under the public trust doctrine to maintain Walker Lake in a reasonable state of environmental health.

On October 28, 2021, the Principal Defendants filed a Motion to Dismiss Mineral County's Second Amended Complaint. The main arguments for dismissal are as follows: Paragraph XIV of the Walker River Decree does not give the Court subject matter jurisdiction to grant Declaratory Relief as to Nevada's, or the Court's purported obligation to Walker Lake; Mineral County's public trust claim is also inconsistent with the public trust doctrine as interpreted by the above Nevada supreme court opinion.

Defendants' Motion to Dismiss was denied on August 5, 2022. Judge Du found that Plaintiffs were still able to state a claim upon which relief can be granted, largely technical claims asserted by Mineral County against WRID. Judge Du further found that NDOW and the State of Nevada are both ex rel. parties, meaning that NDOW is not simply a standalone rights holder in this case. As well, the political question doctrine does not apply to this case because caselaw cited provides authority for courts to modify or interpret the decree. It remains unclear from the ruling how this will impact NDOW. The relief sought by Mineral County is for NDOW to develop and fund a plan to improve the resource of Walker Lake, the legal argument against that is that such funding would more appropriately be decided by the legislature.

Because counsel for Mineral County has been gravely ill, the court has been deferential to Mineral County and allowed for a generous discovery schedule, as follows:

Discovery may commence on April 7, 2023, and shall close on **April 4, 2025**. Dispositive Motions due no later than 60 days after the close of discovery (**6/3/2025**).

On April 18, 2023, the AG's office received Mineral County's initial disclosures. Document review remains ongoing.

On May 31, principal Defendants served their first joint discovery requests upon Mineral County.

Subfile 3:73-CV-00125-RCJ-WGC (main adjudication docket)

This subfile is not a case in the traditional sense, but rather constitutes the ongoing court-managed administration of the Walker River Decree. Decreed rights must be adjusted and administered consistent with the Court's decisions documented in the court's docket.

Walker Basin Conservancy's Permit Approvals: On July 28, 2023, NDOW filed Application 92910-T with the Nevada State Engineer seeking a temporarily change in the manner of use and place of water rights for the benefits of Walker Lake ("Application"). This is a matter of course for any change in the Decreed water rights. The Nevada State Engineer approved the Application on March 7, 2024. Subsequently, on March 13, 2024 a Joint Petition between NDOW and the Walker Basin Conservancy was filed asking for the Court's approval of the temporary modification of the Walker River Decree regarding water rights permit No. 92910-T. This Joint Petition asked for temporary instream flows to benefit Walker River and Walker Lake only during the 2024 irrigation season, which begins March 1, 2024 and ends on October 31, 2024.

NDOW first attempted to obtain approval of a temporary modification of the Walker River Decree for an instream flow permit in 2021. However, NDOW subsequently withdraw its petition asking for a modification because it was not approved by the Court in time to call for any instream flows during the irrigation season. NDOW attempted again in 2022 to obtain the same temporary modification which was approved by the Court, but only after the flows of the Walker River had receded significantly in the late summer such that NDOW's water rights were out of priority and unable to be served with any water. In 2023, the Court granted an expedited review of NDOW's third request for the temporary modification and the Court granted the expedited review and approved the modification.

After again asking for an expedited review in 2024, the Court approved the Joint Petition of NDOW and Walker Basin Conservancy for the temporary modification on March 21, 2024.

The California version of the process to temporarily modify the Walker River Decree for the 2024 irrigation season was similarly conducted and on July 10, 2024 the Court approved the temporary modification of water rights for the water rights of California.

2. Pershing County Water District v. Adam Sullivan, Division of Water Services

This Petition for Judicial Review was filed on June 26, 2024, by the Pershing County Water District ("PCWCD") against the State of Nevada Division of Water Resources and involves an application by NDOW for a temporary one year change to move 10,000 acre feet of water from the Humboldt Sink to South Fork Reservoir. The diversion assisted the state in flood control efforts and preservation of wildlife habitat, among other benefits. The Petition

claims the decision allowing the diversion was in error for multiple reasons, including failure to timely act on the petition, failing to provide evidence in support of the decision, and generally arguing the water right source was not appropriate for a diversion. *NDOW intervened in the case.* On February 4, 2025, the Court granted an order dismissing the lawsuit. On March 6, 2025, PCWCD filed a Notice of Appeal of the case to the Nevada Supreme Court. The parties subsequently determined the case is not capable of settlement. The Petitioner has filed its opening brief, and Water Resources and NDOW filed an Answering brief. PCWCD filed its Reply Brief on October 23, 2025.

3. *NDOW v. Nevada State Engineer, Division of Water Resources*

There are two Petitions for Judicial Review NDOW anticipates filing in early May, 2026 regarding decisions made by Water Resources reinstating cancelled water rights permits, but resetting priority dates that make those rights junior to others. The two water permits supply water to the Oxbow Nature Study Area and the Mason Valley Fish Hatchery. The two Petitions seek equitable relief from the District Courts (District Courts 2 and 3 Washoe County and Lyon County respectively) to reset the priority dates back to the originally set dates thereby making them superior to other rights and guaranteeing continued water access to the over-appropriated water basins.

Italicized material, if any, (other than case name) is updated information since the last litigation update.



STAFF REPORT

Report To:

Meeting Date: May 4, 2026

Staff Contact:

Agenda Title: Wildlife Heritage Committee Report - At the May 8, 2026, meeting of the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners, a report will be provided on the recent Wildlife Heritage Committee meeting.

Agenda Action: Other / Presentation

Time Requested:

Proposed Motion

Board's Strategic Goal

Previous Action

Background/Issues & Analysis

Applicable Statute, Code, Policy, Rule or Regulation

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Explanation of Fiscal Impact:

Alternatives

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Motion: _____

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Agenda Action: Other / Presentation **Time Requested:** _____

Proposed Motion

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Agenda Action: Other / Presentation

Time Requested:

Proposed Motion

Board's Strategic Goal

Previous Action

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Explanation of Fiscal Impact:

Alternatives

Motion: _____

1) _____
2) _____

Aye/Nay

(Vote Recorded By)



STAFF REPORT

Report To: _____ **Meeting Date:** May 4, 2026

Staff Contact: _____

Agenda Title: Commission Policy 24 - Hunting Opportunities Among Weapons and Hunter Groups - At the May 8, 2026, meeting of the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners, the Commission will have a first reading of Commission Policy 24 and may take action to revise the policy and move to a second reading.

Agenda Action: Formal Action / Motion **Time Requested:** _____

Proposed Motion

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Alternatives

Attachment(s):

[8-Policy-24-and-Memo-First-Reading.pdf](#)

Motion: _____ 1) _____ Aye/Nay
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MEMORANDUM**May 01, 2026**

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

From: Alejandra Medina, Management Analyst 3, Director's Office

Title: Commission Policy Review

Description: The Administrative Policies, Regulations and Procedures (APRP) Committee has reviewed Commission Policy 24. The committee has forwarded the policies to the Commission for consideration.

The APRP Committee reviewed Commission Policy 24 at their March meeting which included a new section detailing that junior tag applicants are limited to one junior tag per year (mule deer and HSTE) in the main draw and that they may only apply for five years before the age of 18, the removal of the party hunt quota minimums, the adjustment of post-hunt mule deer male-to-females ratio to 30-40 bucks per 100 does, and inclusionary language for junior horn shorter than ear hunts with 50 percent of HSTE tags being issued to juniors.

Recommendation:

The Department recommends that the Commission advance the following policy for a second reading:

Commission Policy 24

EXPLANATION – Matter in *italics* is new; matter in brackets ~~[omitted material]~~ is material to be omitted.

STATE OF NEVADA
BOARD OF WILDLIFE COMMISSIONERS

Commission Policy Number 24

Number: P-24

Title : Hunting Opportunities Among Various Weapon Classes and Hunter Groups

Reference: NRS 501.105, 501.181

Effective Date: May 13, 2006

Amended Date: Month Day, Year

PURPOSE

To establish hunting opportunities for the various weapon and hunter groups.

POLICY

It is the policy of the Board of Wildlife Commissioners to approve harvest levels for big game species based on a fixed allocation for the various weapon and hunter groups for hunting opportunity and incorporating hunter success rates for those weapon groups.

FINDINGS

After due deliberation and consideration of the relevant information presented, the Commission makes the following findings:

1. The Commission has a duty to provide hunting opportunit~~ies~~ y in Nevada.
2. Hunting in Nevada is an important activity for its citizens for many reasons, including but not limited to the following values that hunting provides:
 - A lean, healthy source of protein.
 - Family and other social interaction.
 - A link to Nevada's outdoor history, culture, and traditions.
 - A source of physical exercise important for maintaining health and fitness.
 - Appreciation for the natural habitat and scenic landscape, which is a major component of Nevada's quality of life.
 - Public support for Nevada's wildlife management programs.
 - One of the principal sources of wildlife management funding in Nevada.
3. The Commission takes administrative notice of Nevada's wildlife-limiting climatic and habitat conditions. These include precipitation averages that make Nevada the

driest state in the nation, and Great Basin and Mojave Desert vegetation and geography types that provide limited forage and cover. These limiting conditions prevent Nevada's wildlife populations from reaching numbers comparable to those of other states.

4. Due to Nevada's relatively low wildlife numbers and its increasing human population, it is necessary to manage big game hunting opportunities in the State.

5. Nevada's already-limited resident hunting opportunities would be significantly lowered if nonresidents competed equally with residents for big game tags or were given a greater advantage. Such a change would be against the public interest.

6. Given the geographic and climatic constraints of Nevada's natural environment, the Commission — with the support of both resident and nonresident hunters — has elected to emphasize a sustained quality hunting experience rather than attempt to match the quantity of hunting opportunities available in other states. To do so, the Commission has consistently applied a conservative strategy that, compared to other states, maintains a high male-to-female ratio among big game populations.

7. When given the option, hunters overwhelmingly choose any legal weapon hunts on their big game application. However, hunters generally experience higher success rates during any legal weapon season than other weapon groups (i.e., muzzleloader, archery). Higher success rates yield fewer tags when expanding desired harvest to tag quotas. The Commission has adopted a Fixed Allocation-Tag Success formula for determining tag quotas. In most cases, this will result in the redistribution of desired harvest from any legal weapon to primitive weapon groups, yielding a greater number of tags available for primitive weapon hunts.

TERMS AND DEFINITIONS

Antelope With Horns Shorter Than Ears: In accordance with NAC 502.003, any pronghorn antelope without horns or with both horns that are shorter than its ears. Generally considered to be a doe (female), fawn, or young male antelope.

Antelope With Horns Longer Than Ears: In accordance with NAC 502.002, "antelope with horns longer than its ears," any pronghorn antelope having at least one horn that is longer than either ear of the antelope. Generally considered to be a mature male antelope.

Antlered Deer: In accordance with NAC 502.007, "antlered deer," any deer having at least one antler that is visible above the hairline of the deer. Generally considered to be a buck (male) deer.

Antlered Elk: In accordance with NAC 502.0074, "antlered elk" means any elk having at least one antler that is visible above the hairline of the elk. Generally considered to be a bull (male) elk.

Antlered Moose: Any moose having at least one antler that is visible above the hairline of the moose. Generally considered to be a bull (male) moose.

Antlerless Deer: In accordance with NAC 502.008, “antlerless deer,” any deer without antlers. Generally considered to be a doe (female) or fawn deer.

Antlerless Elk: In accordance with NAC 502.009, any elk without antlers. Generally considered to be a cow (female) or calf.

Antlerless Moose: Any moose without antlers. Generally considered to be a cow (female) or calf.

Big Game: For this policy, big game means all big game mammals except mountain lion.

Billy: Any male mountain goat.

Boar: Any male black bear.

Demand*: Demand is defined as the measure of interest that a particular hunter group has in attaining a big game tag based on applications from previous years for a given weapon group. Demand is defined as the First Choice of unsuccessful applicants combined with successful applicants for all choices.

*The definition of demand is provided for historical context.

Ewe: In accordance with NAC 502.345, any female bighorn sheep having a horn or horns of at least 5 inches in length each as measured on the outside curve of the horn from the skull to the tip.

Expand: Taking a projected number of harvested animals and dividing by the expected hunter success rate to generate a tag allocation.

Fixed Allocation: A fixed percentage of desired harvest allocated to any big game species and weapon group.

Hunter Groups: Residents of Nevada, resident juniors, and people who are not residents of Nevada.

Harvest Objectives: The numbers of male and female big game animals that the Department has determined can be safely removed from a population through harvest without causing detrimental impacts to that population.

Hunter Success: Percentage of tag holders reporting they hunted and harvested a big game animal. Hunter success calculations omit those tag holders that did not hunt. This definition is provided merely for clarification purposes as this metric is not used in the Tag-Demand Success formula for developing a quota for any species.

Junior Hunter: In accordance with NAC 502.063, generally a person between 12 years and 18 years.

Management Ram Hunt: Ram hunts that seek to achieve a specific population management objective beyond a standard hunt and may vary for the type of ram targeted. These may include broken-horn hunts, young ram hunts, hunts in areas where rams are extremely difficult to locate, or hunts designed to remove rams due to disease or rams found in undesirable areas.

Nanny: Any female mountain goat.

Nonresident: Anyone who does not meet the requirements for residents set in NRS 502.015.

Projected Male Harvest: A projected number of males reported to be harvested that will result in a desired post-hunt male-to-female ratio objective.

Projected Female (*antlerless deer, antlerless elk, antelope with horns shorter than ears, or bighorn ewe*) Harvest: A projected number of females reported to be harvested to achieve various management objectives; maintaining population numbers in balance with habitat conditions, optimal levels for a given species, or below a level set in local management plans; optimum sustained yield during periods of average to exceptional environmental conditions; and/or providing for recreational opportunity.

Ram: Any male bighorn sheep.

Resident: In accordance with NRS 502.015, a person is a resident of the State of Nevada if they are a United States citizen who has maintained his or her principal and permanent residence in Nevada for six months next preceding the application and has not purchased or applied for any resident hunting, fishing, or trapping privileges in another state, country, or province.

Sow: Any female black bear.

Spike Elk: In accordance with NAC 502.104, spike-only elk hunts are intended to target young bulls (males). A spike elk means any antlered elk having no more than 2 antler points on either antler.

Tag Success: Percentage of tag holders responding to their hunt survey stating they were successful in harvesting a big game animal. Tag success calculations treat those that did not hunt as unsuccessful. Tag success, used in the Fixed Allocation-Tag Success formula, will be primarily based on tag success rates from previous years for a given hunter group and unit group. A long-term or statewide average may be used to moderate erratic variations in tag success rates.

Unit Groups: A defined geographic area within Nevada where separate or conjoined population assessments, harvest objectives, and other management actions are applied.

Weapons Groups: Any legal weapon, muzzleloader, and archery.

GENERAL RULES — ALL SPECIES

Population estimates of males and females (one year-old or older) for each unit group at the pre-hunt period (late summer) will be the basis for determining desired harvest levels for each species class.

The Commission approves the projected male and female harvest levels among those weapons and hunter groups that are identified for each unit group through the public scoping process involving the County Advisory Boards to Manage Wildlife and interested publics and approved by the Board of Wildlife Commissioners.

FIRST COME FIRST SERVED

Any tag remaining after the big game draws, returned to the Department with no eligible alternate, or returned to the Department with less than 14 days before the season opener may be offered for purchase to both residents and nonresidents in the First Come, First Served program. Returned resident tags will be designated for residents and returned nonresident tags will be designated for nonresidents.

FIXED ALLOCATION-TAG SUCCESS

A Fixed Allocation-Tag Success formula will be used to generate tag quotas for various weapon groups for deer, elk, and antelope.

Tag success, used in the Fixed Allocation-Tag Success formula, will be primarily based on tag success rates from previous years for a given hunter group and unit group. A long-term or statewide average may be used to moderate erratic variations in tag success rates. Tag success must be used in the Fixed Allocation-Tag Success Formula to achieve desired harvest while accommodating tag holders that do not hunt.

RESIDENT AND NONRESIDENT TAG ALLOCATION

The Commission strives to allocate approximately 90 percent of available quota to resident hunters and 10 percent of available quota to nonresident hunters for males of each big game species in the Main Draw.

JUNIOR TAG LIMITATIONS

Junior hunters will be limited to one junior tag (junior antlered mule deer or junior horns shorter than ears antelope) from the main draw. A second junior tag may be obtained

as an alternate, through the second big game draw, or the First-Come, First-Served program. Juniors can apply for five years before the age of 18.

~~[PARTY HUNT QUOTA MINIMUM]~~

~~[For deer, antlerless elk, and horns shorter than ears antelope hunts, the minimum tag quota will be two to allow applicants who wish to apply as a party to apply and have a chance of drawing those tags.]~~

SPECIFIC RULES — BY SPECIES

MULE DEER

Allocation of Desired Harvest by Weapon Group

The Fixed Allocation – Tag Success process for determining antlered mule deer hunting quotas will be as follows:

For Standard, Alternative and Non-Standard Hunt Units (see Game Division Big Game Management Objectives)

1. Determine the desired animal harvest for each unit group based on the pre-hunt population estimate and *the* desired *post-hunt* male-to-female ratio (typically 30-40 bucks per 100 does).
 - a. *When post-season surveys and/or modeled estimates exceed or are approaching the desired buck ratio range, the Department will recommend elevated quotas to reduce the buck ratio to be within this range.*
2. Apportion the desired harvest into the various weapon groups based on Fixed Allocation.
3. Apportion the desired harvest of 25 percent to Junior Hunters (Juniors).
 - a. Junior hunts may be divided into Any Legal Weapon, Archery, Muzzleloader, or any combination of the three weapon groups to allow for increased Junior participation.
 - b. Junior deer tags will be considered antlered deer tags except in areas that have open antlerless deer hunts, where they will be considered either-sex tags.
 - c. ~~Juniors can apply for five years before the age of 18.~~

4. For standard, alternative, and non-standard hunt units, the fixed allocation will be set as follows:

- Any Legal Weapon = 57 percent

- Archery = 10 percent
- Muzzleloader = 8 percent.

5. Determine final quota for each unit group and weapon group by dividing the desired harvest by the previous 3-year average tag success rate.

A long-term or statewide average may be used to moderate erratic variations in tag success rates.

ELK

Allocation of Desired Harvest by Weapon Group

1. Modeled changes in population size, bull-cow ratios, and percent of main beams $\geq$ 50-inch reported by hunters from previous years will be assessed to determine desired elk harvest. Using fixed allocations, the projected antlered and antlerless harvest will be distributed among the various weapon groups identified for a given elk class and unit group. The projected harvest, once allocated among the weapon groups, will then be divided by tag success for the appropriate weapon group to determine the recommended tag quota.
2. Apportion the desired harvest into the various weapon groups based on a fixed allocation for all hunt units as follows:

	Any Legal Weapon	Archery	Muzzleloader
Antlered Elk	75%	15%	10%
Antlerless Elk	80%	8%	12%

3. Infrequently, deviations from fixed allocation will occur to accommodate special circumstances (i.e., changing season structures, unit groups without all weapon classes, low tag success, etc.).
4. Weapon groups for depredation hunts and spike-only hunts will be solely Any Legal Weapon. Allocation of spike harvest may be a portion of the desired antlered harvest attributed to Any Legal Weapon or may be independent of desired antlered harvest to meet bull ratio objectives.

ANTELOPE

Allocation of Desired Harvest by Weapon Group

The Fixed Allocation-Tag Success process for determining quotas for antelope with Horns Longer than Ears will be as follows:

For standard Hunt Units (see Game Division Big Game Management Objectives)

1. Determine the desired animal harvest for each unit group based on the pre-hunt population estimate and desired male-to-female ratio (typically 20-30 bucks, 2 years old or greater, per 100 does).

2. Apportion the desired harvest into the various weapon classes based on a fixed allocation for all standard hunt units as follows:

- Any Legal Weapon = 85 percent
- Archery = 10 percent
- Muzzleloader = 5 percent

Horns shorter than ears harvest will be based on the tag success of the previous 3 years for a given hunter group and unit group. A long-term or statewide average may be used to moderate erratic variations in tag success rates.

1. Apportion the desired harvest of 50 percent to Junior Hunters for horns shorter than ears antelope (HSTE) hunts.

a. Junior HSTE hunts will be considered for the Any Legal Weapon group.

BIGHORN SHEEP

Weapon, Hunter Groups, and Animal Classes

Bighorn ram and ewe hunting opportunities will involve any legal weapon and archery weapon groups. Management ram hunts may be implemented in unit groups where broken-horned rams may exist, where reduced ram densities are desired, and where consistently low ram tag success occurs.

Allocation of Desired Harvest by Hunter Group

Tag success rates will not be used to expand either the projected ram or ewe harvest.

MOUNTAIN GOAT

Weapon, Hunter Groups, and Animal Classes

Mountain goat hunting opportunities may consist of any mountain goat (male or female), or billy only. Hunts are any legal weapon only.

Allocation of Desired Harvest by Hunter Group

Tag success rates will not be used to expand the projected mountain goat harvest.

MOOSE

Weapon, Hunter Groups, and Animal Classes

Hunting opportunities for moose may consist of any moose (male or female), antlered-only, or antlerless-only. Initial hunts will only be offered for antlered moose. The designated weapon group will initially be Any Legal Weapon but may be subject to other weapon groups if the population increases sufficiently.

Allocation of Desired Harvest by Hunter Group

The Fixed Allocation-Tag Success formula will not be used to expand the desired moose harvest.

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

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF WILDLIFE COMMISSIONERS IN REGULAR SESSION, **JANUARY 27, 2024**.

Chairman Shane Rogers~~Tommy Caviglia~~
Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners



STAFF REPORT

Report To:

Meeting Date: May 4, 2026

Staff Contact:

Agenda Title: Commission Policy 1 - General Guidelines for the Commission - At the May 8, 2026, meeting of the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners, the Commission will have a second reading of Commission Policy 1 and may take action to adopt the policy.

Agenda Action: Formal Action / Motion **Time Requested:**

Proposed Motion

Board's Strategic Goal

Previous Action

Background/Issues & Analysis

Applicable Statute, Code, Policy, Rule or Regulation

Financial Information

Is there a fiscal impact? No

If yes, account name/number:

Is it currently budgeted? No

Explanation of Fiscal Impact:

Alternatives

Attachment(s):

[Policy-1-and-Memo-Second-Reading-2.pdf](#)

Motion: _____

1) _____

2) _____

Aye/Nay

(Vote Recorded By)



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MEMORANDUM

May 01, 2026

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

From: Alejandra Medina, Management Analyst 3, Director's Office

Title: Commission Policy Review

Description: The Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners advanced Commission Policy 1, 4, and 51 for a second reading and final adoption.

The Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners reviewed Commission Policy 1 at their March meeting which included updates to provide clarification of the term and term limits for a Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioner, an explanation of what constitutes a commission policy and the rationale for reviewing policies every three years, the addition of a definition for resolutions, and guidance on the issuance and repeal of a resolution, and lastly updating language regarding donations to the Wildlife Trust Fund.

The Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners reviewed Commission Policy 4 at their March meeting which included updates to explain why commission regulations are exempt from the Nevada Administrative Rulemaking process, an explanation of commission general regulations (permanent regulations) along with a brief overview of the Nevada Administrative Rulemaking process, a requirement that petitioners must attend the Commission meeting at which their petition is agendaized, and clarifying language stating that if a petitioner withdraws an agendaized petition, the Commission's discretion to act on the petition is not affected.

The Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners reviewed Commission Policy 51 at their March meeting which included an update to remove the requirement that certificates of appreciation be sent to Wayne E. Kirch Conservation Award nominees.

Recommendation:

The Department recommends that the Commission adopt the following policies as revised:

Commission Policy 1
Commission Policy 4
Commission Policy 51

STATE OF NEVADA
BOARD OF WILDLIFE COMMISSIONERS

Commission Policy Number 1

Number: P-1

Title: General Guidelines for the Commission

Reference: [NRS Chapter 241](#), NRS [233B.050](#),
[501.167](#), [501.177](#), 501.179, 501.181, 502.253(3),
501.2585, [501.275](#), 501.320, 501.356(4),
[501.3585](#), [353.335](#)

Effective Date: February 15, 1980

Reviewed Date: 2022

Amended Dates: September 22, 2007; August 15,
2009; June 25, 2016; March 26, 2022; January 29,
2022; [Month Day, Year](#)

POLICY

It is the policy of the Board of Wildlife Commissioners (the Commission) to conduct the business matters of the ~~Board~~-[Commission](#) according to the official duties and authority granted by the State laws and regulations.

PURPOSE

To guide the Commission in the transaction of business including selection and terms of a chair and vice chair, conduct of meetings, preparation of meeting schedules and agendas, definition of official duties, adoption of commission policies, [adoption of resolutions](#), and to ensure that the Commission formally recognizes individuals and entities that provide any gifts, grants, donations, or bequests to the Nevada Department of Wildlife (~~Department~~[NDOW](#)).

PROCEDURE

1. Terms of Office: Selection of Chair and Vice Chair

[Pursuant to NRS 501.275 each Governor appointed Commission member shall serve a term of three years. Following the three-year term a Commission member may be reappointed by the Governor, there are no term limits for Board of Wildlife Commissioners.](#)

During ~~the its~~ first regularly scheduled meeting following July 1 of each year, the first order of business will be election of officers. The Commission shall select a Chair and Vice Chair from among its members who will continue to serve until the new election in the following year. In case of the temporary absence of the Chair, powers and duties shall devolve upon the Vice Chair. A Commissioner cannot serve more than two consecutive terms as Chair.

2. Meetings

[All Commission meetings will be conducted in compliance with Chapter 241 of Nevada Revised Statue pertaining to Nevada Open Meeting Law.](#)

~~In conformance with~~[Pursuant to](#) NRS 501.177, the Commission may hold not more than nine regular meetings every year but may hold special meetings at such times and places if necessary. A meeting ~~calendar~~-[schedule](#) for the next two years will be approved no

later than at the regularly scheduled meeting closest to March of the ~~even odd~~-numbered year. The Commission's regularly scheduled meetings will be posted to the website and provided to ~~members~~Commissioners, County a~~Advisory b~~Boards Members to Manage Wildlife (CABMW), and interested persons.

Meeting dates and places will not be changed from those listed on the meeting ~~calendar~~ schedule unless there is a majority vote of the Commission to do so. Any change to the schedule must be done in sufficient time to allow for legal noticing of the meeting according to ~~the~~ NRS 241, Nevada Open Meeting Law, ~~in NRS 241~~. ~~All meetings will be noticed and conducted in compliance with the Nevada Open Meeting Law.~~

3. Agendas

A draft agenda will be developed by the Secretary to the Commission and approved by the Chair four weeks prior to the scheduled meetings. A final agenda will be approved by the Chair, and distributed to Commissioners, ~~county advisory board members~~ CABMW, interested individuals or groups and staff with support material two weeks prior to the meeting. The agenda will be posted according to NRS 241.020.

4. Conduct of Meetings

"Robert's Rules of Order, Revised Edition," shall guide the Chair in the conduct of all meetings; however, the Chair may vote on all actions requiring a vote.

5. Compensation of Members: ~~Official Duties~~

~~As provided in NRS 501.179, members of the Commission are entitled to receive compensation, travel expenses and per diem for official duties. Reimbursement is not allowed while in travel status, except for regular travel per diem.~~

Pursuant to NRS 501.179 members of the Commission are entitled to receive a daily salary while performing official duties for the Commission. While engaged in business of the Commission, each member is entitled to receive travel reimbursement and per diem.

a. Business of the Commission~~Official duties are:~~

- Attend regularly scheduled or special meetings of the Commission.
- Committee work established by the Commission or delegated by the Chair.
- Assignments by the Chair between meetings.
- Special events designated by a vote of the Commission to be official duties or assigned by the Chair.
- Establishing broad policies, regulations, and guidance of the D~~e~~partment, and ~~county advisory boards~~ CABMW as detailed in NRS 501.181-(1-8).

b. Method of Compensation:

- The Secretary to the Commission will process payment based upon a compensation form signed by the Chair of the Commission. The form will be prepared for the Chair by the Recording Secretary at each regularly scheduled meeting and will include any interim approval activities.
- Reimbursement for transportation shall be by the most economical means considering total cost and time spent in transit. ~~All travel, per diem rates, and associated records required shall be as prescribed in the NDOW~~

~~Travel Policy-~~

- Reimbursement for mileage will be based on the mileage chart shown on the official Nevada State Map when between two communities.
- All travel, Per diem claims and associated documents will be ~~completed~~recorded and affixed on the Travel Expense Reimbursement Claim form at the rates prescribed in the NDOW Travel and Per Diem Policy and Procedure.

6. Adoption of Commission Policies, Resolutions, and Record Keeping

a. Commission Policies:

Commission policies provide rules of practice for the Department and Commission. Commission policies will be reviewed by the Administrative Procedures, Regulations, and Policy Committee as well as the Commission every three years pursuant to NRS 233B.050, however policies may be created, amended or repealed as necessary.

Notice of Proposed policies, amendments, or requests to repeal commission policies shall be ~~mailed or emailed as acceptable,~~ provided to the Commission, ~~county advisory boards to manage wildlife~~CABMW, and interested persons. The Commission will have a minimum of two readings not on consecutive days of the revised or proposed policy in public meetings before the Commission takes action to adopt, amend, or repeal, or disapprove the policy. The effective date, review date, amended date, and statutory authority of the policy shall be recorded as part of the commission policy.

Exception: If the commission policy is declared an emergency the Commission may read, amend, and adopt the policy in two readings on 2 consecutive days.

~~_____ b. _____ The effective date, amended date, and statutory authority of the policy shall be recorded as part of the policy.~~

- e. An individual may request the Commission to adopt, amend, or repeal a commission policy by submitting a letter addressed to the Chair, in care of (c/o) the Secretary of the Board of Wildlife Commissioners, at the Nevada Department of Wildlife, ~~Headquarters,~~ 6980 Sierra Center Parkway, Ste. 120, Reno, Nevada 89511. The letter must contain the policy number and title for an existing policy, the intent or purpose of a new or revised policy, and the suggested language. Such requests for a new or revised policy, or to repeal a policy may be placed on a future Committee agenda, and ultimately for a Commission meeting ~~according to subsection 6.a. of this section.~~

b. Resolutions:

~~d.~~

Resolutions are a formal expression of facts, and opinions of the Commission provided in response to individual requests, inquiries of the Department, federal or state legislation, judicial cases and hearings, to address any policy or regulatory matters pursuant to NRS 501.181.

Notice of proposed resolutions or requests to repeal resolutions shall be provided to the Commission, CABMW, and interested persons. The Commission will have

a minimum of one reading before taking action to adopt or repeal a resolution.

An individual may request that the Commission issue or repeal a resolution by submitting a letter addressed to the Chair/Care of Secretary of the Commission, at the Nevada Department of Wildlife, 6980 Sierra Center Parkway, Ste. 120, Reno, Nevada 89511. The letter must contain the intent and reasoning for the requested resolution. Such requests may be placed on a future Commission meeting agenda.

c. Record Keeping:

Record ~~k~~Keeping of ~~Wildlife~~~~c~~Commission ~~p~~Policies and resolutions shall be maintained by the Director's Office for the ~~a~~Agency, and Secretary of the Commission. Any historical record of older ~~C~~commission ~~p~~Policies or ~~r~~Resolutions that precede this shall be forwarded to the Management Analyst 3.

Upon the suspension or amendment of a ~~c~~Commission ~~p~~Policy or ~~r~~Resolution, a copy of the previous version along with a memo will be sent to the State Library and Archives within a year from its amendment or suspension. The documenting memo will be maintained in the Director's Office with the title and number of that commission policy and or resolution.

All new policies will be uniquely numbered; suspended or repealed ~~C~~cmission ~~P~~policy numbers shall not be used again.

7. Acceptance of Gifts, Grants, Donations and Bequests

In 2011, the Wildlife Trust Fund was created in Statute as the non-executive account for donations to the Department from groups or individuals and is to be used per the donor's intent. Donations into the Wildlife Trust Fund are exempt from Interim Finance Committee (IFC) approval pursuant to NRS 353.335(6)(f).

A comprehensive annual report will be presented by the Deputy Director of Administrative Services at a Nevada Board of Wildlife Commission meeting for public recognition, in accordance with NRS 501.3585. The report will be posted annually to the Department's website.

~~In 2021, the Nevada Legislature amended the Wildlife Trust Fund statutes to allow for the acceptance of gifts, donations, or bequests of not more than \$250,000 without previous IFC approval in the event of an unanticipated emergency event.~~

~~Per statute, a report concerning the investment and expenditure of the money will be provided to the Wildlife Commission and the Interim Finance Committee annually. That report must contain the following information:~~

- ~~(a) The unanticipated emergency event for which the gift, donation, bequest or devise was received;~~
- ~~(b) The amount of the gift, donation, bequest or devise;~~
- ~~(c) The amount of the gift, donation, bequest or devise that was expended for the unanticipated emergency event; and~~
- ~~(d) The private source from which the gift, donation, bequest or devise was received.~~

~~Additionally, the anticipated amount and proposed expenditures of the money is provided to the Budget Director of the Governor's Finance Office and the Fiscal Analysis Division of the Legislative Counsel Bureau in a separate statement at the same time as the budget request.~~

~~All gifts, grants, donations, and bequests made to the Nevada Department of Wildlife, or any Division thereof, will be presented to the Commission in a public meeting for recognition.~~

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

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF WILDLIFE COMMISSIONERS IN REGULAR SESSION,
JANUARY 29, 2022.

[Chairman Shane Rogers](#)

~~Tiffany East, Chairwoman~~

Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners



STAFF REPORT

Report To:

Meeting Date: May 4, 2026

Staff Contact:

Agenda Title: Commission Policy 4 - Petition Process and Adopting of Regulations - At the May 8, 2026, meeting of the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners, the Commission will have a second reading of Commission Policy 4 and may take action to adopt the policy.

Agenda Action: Formal Action / Motion **Time Requested:**

Proposed Motion

Board's Strategic Goal

Previous Action

Background/Issues & Analysis

Applicable Statute, Code, Policy, Rule or Regulation

Financial Information

Is there a fiscal impact? No

If yes, account name/number:

Is it currently budgeted? No

Explanation of Fiscal Impact:

Alternatives

Attachment(s):

[Policy-4-and-Memo-Second-Reading-3.pdf](#)

Motion: _____

1) _____
2) _____

Aye/Nay

(Vote Recorded By)



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Recommendation:

The Department recommends that the Commission adopt the following policies as revised:

Commission Policy 1
Commission Policy 4
Commission Policy 51

STATE OF NEVADA
BOARD OF WILDLIFE COMMISSIONERS

Commission Policy Number 4

Number: P-4

Title: Petition Process and Adoption of Regulations Policy

Reference: NRS 233B.100, 233B.038, NRS 501, NAC 501.195

Effective Date: August 15, 2009

Reviewed Date: 2022

Amended Date: Month Day, Year

POLICY

It is the policy of the Board of Wildlife Commissioners (the Commission) to accept input on proposed regulations, seasons and quotas ~~bags~~.

PURPOSE

To guide the Commission and inform all parties of their responsibilities and opportunities for input on proposed regulations, seasons, and quotas ~~bags~~; their opportunities to comment on proposed regulations; and opportunities for new regulations.

PROCEDURE

1. ~~Input on~~ Proposed Seasons and Quotas: ~~(also known as Commission Regulations (CR) or CR's)~~

County Advisory Boards to Manage Wildlife (CABMW) ~~and~~ ~~or~~ members of the public may provide input to proposed seasons and quotas ~~bags~~ via letter, email, fax, phone, or in person at a Commission meeting.

~~Since NRS 501.260 to 501.325, inclusive, establishes a process for county advisory boards to manage wildlife Pursuant NRS 501.297 and NRS 501.303, CABMW to shall~~ solicit and evaluate local opinion for wildlife management and to submit recommendations to the Commission for seasons, quotas, hours, and regulations. ~~Individuals are encouraged to initiate requested changes or make recommendations through their local CABMW.~~

Letters should be addressed to the Chair, in care of (c/o) the Secretary of the Board of Wildlife Commissioners, at the Nevada Department of Wildlife, 6980 Sierra Center Parkway, Suite 120-, Reno, Nevada -89511. Contact by phone: 775-688-1500, or fax: 775-688-1207 or email wildlifecommission@ndow.org.

~~The~~ All input must contain the Ccommission regulation number ~~-(if applicable) for an existing regulation~~, the intent or purpose of a new or amended regulation, and the

suggested seasons, quotas, or proposed language ~~for the special regulations~~. Such ~~R~~requests for a new or amended ~~C~~commission regulation will be placed on the agenda for the next regularly scheduled Commission meeting for discussion; however, but may not receive final action to adopt or deny will not occur until the regularly scheduled meeting for that specific type of season, quotas, or ~~special~~ regulation. To be considered for the upcoming ~~hunting~~ season, the suggestions must be sent prior to the Commission season-setting meeting. The input must contain the author's name, address, and phone number; ~~at a minimum~~.

The classification of wildlife or the designation of seasons for hunting, fishing or trapping by regulation of the Commission are not subject to the administrative rulemaking process pursuant NRS 223B.038(2)(o).

2. ~~Input on~~ Proposed Permanent Regulations: ~~(also known as~~ Commission General Regulations ~~(or CGRs)~~

Permanent regulations amend Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) and are subject to the Nevada rulemaking process. Proposed language (Department or LCB draft) will be scheduled for a workshop to receive stakeholder input. After the workshop, all approved edits will be incorporated into the proposed regulation and submitted to the Legislative Counsel Bureau (LCB), to review, and refine. Once LCB returns a final draft of the proposed regulation the Commission may schedule it for an adoption hearing. After the regulation is adopted by the Commission, it is submitted to the Legislative Commission, for final approval, after which it can be filed and made effective in NAC.

~~NRS also permits~~ CABMWs or members of the public ~~to may~~ provide input on proposed regulations (in conjunction ~~with a current~~ to the rulemaking process) via letter, email, fax, phone, or in person at the Commission meeting. Input should be in the same format as stated above and must contain the same identification information as above. Individuals are encouraged to initiate these changes through the county in which they reside.

3. Suggesting Changes to Regulations Not in Conjunction with Current Rulemaking

Pursuant to NRS 233B.100, the Department has created by regulation a form for the submission of petitions and the procedure for their submission, consideration and disposition. ~~permits any individual that petition the Commission for filing, amending, or repealing a permanent regulation by submitting a completed petition form developed by the agency and following the agency's prescribed process. A petition is required to change or amend permanent regulations that are not in conjunction with a current rulemaking process. If accepted by the Commission, the rulemaking process will begin, legal entities will assist in drafting proposed language, which then will be placed on future agendas for workshop and then a vote (on separate days). This is a lengthy process.~~

Petitioner Responsibilities

A person who wishes to request that the Commission adopt, file, amend or repeal a permanent regulation, must submit a written petition to the Commission on a form provided by the Department pursuant NAC 501.195. The Department petition form must be complete, ~~conforming to NAC 501.195~~ and the petitioners should be prepared to submit complete documentation in support of the rule changes that are being proposed. If

the petition form is not substantially complete, it may be returned to the petitioner indicating the deficiencies and not placed on a Commission agenda. The petitioner may resubmit a revised form that completely answers the questions.

Petitioners should contact staff in the pertinent Division for assistance with the process or clarification related to the information that is suggested.

~~The petitioner should attend the Commission meeting and make a presentation with background material. Petitioners should be aware that the following requests generally are disfavored absent compelling new information: reconsideration of regulations that have been amended in the preceding 5 years, or reconsideration of rules that have been petitioned and denied in the preceding 5 years.~~

The petitioner must attend the Commission meeting to present their agendized petition and any support material, either virtually or physically. Petitioners should note that the Commission strongly encourages physical attendance. Requests to reconsider regulations amended within the past five years, or petitions denied within the past five years, are generally disfavored absent compelling new information. Withdrawal of an agendized petition does not affect the Commission's discretion; the Commission may still hear a properly agendized issue and may deny future similar petitions regardless of whether an agendized petition is withdrawn.

Staff Responsibilities

The Department will consult with the Deputy Attorney General to ~~In the event the Department determines whether that~~ the Commission ~~does not have~~has the statutory authority needed to adopt, file, amend or repeal a permanent regulation; ~~I~~the Department will notify the petitioner in an effort to let the petitioner retract or revise the petition.

The Directors Office will work with the petitioner to agendize their petition at a Commission meeting.

CABMWs and Public Input

CABMWs ~~members~~ and the public will have the full opportunity to provide input before a vote is taken by the Commission, during the public comment period after the petitioner and staff presentations. Due to the nature of a live hearing, CABWMs will not receive sufficient information before the hearing on the petition to make a recommendation. CABMWs and members of the public will have opportunity for input after a petition is accepted but before any action takes place to implement the request.

Commission Decision-Making

With petitions, the question for the Commission is solely whether to begin a rulemaking process.

Any decision to accept, deny, or modify the petition will be made based upon all of the information placed in the record at the time of the hearing; that includes the information presented by the petitioner, staff analysis, and public comment. The Commission must follow procedures for petitions outlined in NAC 501.195.

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

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF WILDLIFE COMMISSIONERS IN REGULAR SESSION,
AUGUST 2022.

~~Chairman Tommy Caviglia~~

Chairman Shane Rogers

Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners



STAFF REPORT

Report To: _____ **Meeting Date:** May 4, 2026

Staff Contact: _____

Agenda Title: Commission Policy 51 - Wayne E. Kirch Nevada Wildlife Conservation Award -
At the May 8, 2026, meeting of the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners, the Commission will have a second reading of Commission Policy 51 and may take action to adopt the policy.

Agenda Action: Formal Action / Motion **Time Requested:** _____

Proposed Motion

Board's Strategic Goal

Previous Action

Background/Issues & Analysis

Applicable Statute, Code, Policy, Rule or Regulation

Financial Information

Is there a fiscal impact? No

If yes, account name/number: _____

Is it currently budgeted? No

Explanation of Fiscal Impact: _____

Alternatives

Attachment(s):

[Policy-51-and-Memo-Second-Reading.pdf](#)

Motion: _____ 1) _____ Aye/Nay
2) _____

(Vote Recorded By)



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MEMORANDUM

May 01, 2026

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

From: Alejandra Medina, Management Analyst 3, Director's Office

Title: Commission Policy Review

Description: The Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners advanced Commission Policy 1, 4, and 51 for a second reading and final adoption.

The Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners reviewed Commission Policy 1 at their March meeting which included updates to provide clarification of the term and term limits for a Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioner, an explanation of what constitutes a commission policy and the rationale for reviewing policies every three years, the addition of a definition for resolutions, and guidance on the issuance and repeal of a resolution, and lastly updating language regarding donations to the Wildlife Trust Fund.

The Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners reviewed Commission Policy 4 at their March meeting which included updates to explain why commission regulations are exempt from the Nevada Administrative Rulemaking process, an explanation of commission general regulations (permanent regulations) along with a brief overview of the Nevada Administrative Rulemaking process, a requirement that petitioners must attend the Commission meeting at which their petition is agendaized, and clarifying language stating that if a petitioner withdraws an agendaized petition, the Commission's discretion to act on the petition is not affected.

The Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners reviewed Commission Policy 51 at their March meeting which included an update to remove the requirement that certificates of appreciation be sent to Wayne E. Kirch Conservation Award nominees.

Recommendation:

The Department recommends that the Commission adopt the following policies as revised:

Commission Policy 1
Commission Policy 4
Commission Policy 51

STATE OF NEVADA
BOARD OF WILDLIFE COMMISSIONERS

Commission Policy Number 51

Number: P-51
Title: Wayne E. Kirch Nevada Wildlife
Conservation Award
Effective Date: August 8, 2003
Reviewed Date: 2022
Amended Date: September 24, 2011;
March 16, 2018; August 20, 2022; Month
Day, Year

PURPOSE

To establish a policy for the administration of the Wayne E. Kirch Nevada Wildlife Conservation Award.

POLICY

1. The Wildlife Commission's Wayne E. Kirch Nevada Wildlife Conservation Award is presented annually to bestow a richly deserved honor on the individual, nonprofit organization, outdoor sports club or business that has shown outstanding achievement and significant results in the conservation, management or enhancement of wildlife in the State of Nevada during the calendar year preceding the award. Two Board of Wildlife Commissioners, to be named by the chairman, will be represented on the Kirch Award Committee.
2. Nominations Schedule: Nominations for the award will be printed each August and mailed out September 1 to all County Advisory Boards to Manage Wildlife (CABMW), the agency's established sportsman's directory list, the wildlife commissioners, and all agency offices. A press release to announce the award will be sent out statewide. Nominations will be accepted until November 15 of the current year at 5 p.m., and judges will receive nominations for review by December 1. The judging panel must review nominations and return ratings sheets to Department staff by December 15 of the current year. Staff will report to the Kirch Award Committee at the earliest date possible as to the outcome of the award and to determine whether a tie-breaker is needed.
3. Judging Panel: The recipient will be selected by a judging panel made up of two wildlife commissioners, Department staff assigned to the Kirch Award Committee, and Marlene Kirch, daughter, or other appointed family member of former commissioner Wayne E. Kirch. In addition, four judges representing CABMWs or outdoor groups will be selected biennially by the Habitat Division, Game Division, Diversity Division and Fisheries Division Administrators. Each judge will independently rank the nominees and provide a final ranking sheet to the Department staff. Any tie breakers will be decided by the two Wildlife Commissioners serving on the Kirch Award Committee and Department staff assigned to the Kirch Award Committee. The award will be presented to the selected candidate at the next Wildlife Commission meeting held closest to the recipient's home.

4. Judging Criteria: Selection of the award winner will be made solely from the official Conservation Award nomination form. The following criteria will be considered in evaluating nominees:
 - a. Time and depth of commitment to conservation, management, or enhancement of wildlife in the State of Nevada during the current calendar year.
 - b. Influence of the person/project on the public and in presenting positive public relations in regard to wildlife conservation in Nevada.
 - c. Quantity and quality of measurable results for wildlife conservation.
 - d. Obstacles, difficulties and personal sacrifice involved in meeting wildlife conservation goals.
5. Type of Award: The perpetual award is a plaque made out of wood and bronze to which each year's recipient's name will be added. The perpetual award is permanently installed in the lobby of the Department. In addition, each annual recipient will receive a smaller version to commemorate the award. The perpetual plaque and annual awards will be sponsored by Marlene Kirch or other appointed family member of their choosing, in her father's name, in perpetuity.
6. Publicity: An announcement of the availability of nomination forms will be made each September. Announcements will be emailed statewide to sportsmen/outdoor retail stores. An email notification of the announcement will be sent to NGO's and Conservation Partnerships for their review and dissemination to members. The Conservation Education Division will air information through the Nevada Wild Podcast, as well. A statewide press release acknowledging the award recipient and their contributions on behalf of wildlife conservation will be prepared and sent out after the announcement of the award.
7. All costs for printing and any other administrative costs of the Kirch Award are to be paid out of the commission budget.
8. Copies of the Wayne Kirch nominations will be retained by Nevada Department of Wildlife and/or a permanent repository preserving the history of the Nevada Department of Wildlife and the wildlife of Nevada. ~~Certificates of appreciation should also be sent to nominees.~~

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

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF WILDLIFE COMMISSIONERS IN REGULAR SESSION,
AUGUST 20, 2022.

Chairman Shane Rogers
Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners



STAFF REPORT

Report To:

Meeting Date: May 4, 2026

Staff Contact:

Agenda Title: Draft Fiscal Year 2027 Predation Management Plan - At the May 8, 2026, meeting of the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners, the Commission will review the final draft of the Fiscal Year 2027 Draft Predation Management Plan with the Department. The Commission may take action to modify or approve the plan.

Agenda Action: Formal Action / Motion **Time Requested:**

Proposed Motion

Board's Strategic Goal

Previous Action

Background/Issues & Analysis

Applicable Statute, Code, Policy, Rule or Regulation

Financial Information

Is there a fiscal impact? No

If yes, account name/number:

Is it currently budgeted? No

Explanation of Fiscal Impact:

Alternatives

Attachment(s):

[10-Predator-Management-Plan-FY-2027-Draft.pdf](#)

Motion: _____

1) _____
2) _____

Aye/Nay

(Vote Recorded By)

Nevada Department of Wildlife

Predator Management Plan

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Fiscal Year 2027
July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027



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Introduction

The Nevada Department of Wildlife (NDOW) maintains a philosophy that predator management is a tool to be applied strategically with specific objectives in mind. For the purposes of this plan, predator management includes lethal removal of mammalian predators and corvids. Pursuant to changes made to NRS 502.253 (1) (b) during the 82nd session of the Nevada State Legislature through Assembly Bill 70 (AB-70), a “non-lethal” apportionment of funds identified annually by big game and turkey tag applicants will be made available for habitat, research, and management (HRM) to benefit non-predatory game species. These funds will be distributed and reported on through a process similar to, and concurrent with, the Wildlife Heritage Account annually and are not reflected in this plan.

NDOW intends to use predator management actions thoughtfully, with clear goals and management actions based on objective scientific principle and analysis of resulting data. To be effective, predator management should be applied with proper intensity and at a focused scale. Recognizing the variability in nature, projects should be monitored to the extent practicable to determine whether desired results are achieved. This approach is supported by the scientific literature on predation management. NDOW is committed to using all available tools and all relevant science, including strategic use of predator management, to preserve our wildlife heritage for the long-term.

NDOW is a state agency that must balance the biological needs of wildlife and statutory mandates. As mentioned above, but more specifically, AB-70 amended NRS 502.253 to read:

- 1) a fee of \$3 must be charged for processing each application for a game tag, the revenue from which must be accounted for separately, deposited with the State Treasurer for credit to the Wildlife Account in the State General Fund and used by the Department, at the direction of the applicant, for costs related to:
 - a. Developing and implementing an annual program for the lethal removal of predatory wildlife; or
 - b. Developing and implementing an annual program for the improvement of wildlife habitat and research or management activities beneficial to non-predatory game species.

The \$3 game tag application fee from the 2025 game application period totaled \$1,138,260. During that process, approximately 63 percent was identified for lethal removal of predatory wildlife (\$722,529) while 37 percent (\$415,731) was identified for HRM projects.

Budget Summary

Proposed predator projects for fiscal year 2027 include \$614,000 for lethal work. Revenues from 2026 game tag applications are estimated to be similar to 2025 at approximately \$722,529. Taking this estimate into consideration, an anticipated carryforward of approximately \$486,000 in reserve is expected. The purpose of the reserve account is to account for volatility from AB 70 in how people select where their 3-dollar fee will be allocated. For instance, the 2025 game application period had 63% of applications electing for lethal removal and 37% choosing HRM. These percentages are expected to fluctuate from year to year to some extent. Our goal is to establish a

balance in excess of \$700,000 by the end of Fiscal Year 2028 so cash flow is adequate to fund approved projects adequately.

TYPES OF PROJECTS

With the passage of AB 70, all projects within the FY 2027 predation management plan fall within the Implementation criteria which is a deviation from previous plans. All experimental management and experiments will now fall under the HRM (Habitat, Research and Management).

1. **Implementation:** The primary objective is to implement management of predators through lethal or non-lethal means. NDOW will collaborate with USDA Wildlife Services and private contractors to conduct lethal and non-lethal management of predators. Identifying and monitoring a response variable is not a primary objective for implementation.
2. **Experimental Management:** The primary objectives are management of predators through lethal or non-lethal means and to learn the effects of a novel management technique. NDOW will collaborate with USDA Wildlife Services, private contractors, and other wildlife professionals to conduct lethal or non-lethal management of predators and will put forethought into project design. Response variables will be identified, and data will be collected to determine project effectiveness. Expected outcomes will include project effectiveness, agency reports, and possible peer-reviewed publications.
3. **Experimentation:** The primary objective is for increasing knowledge of predators in Nevada. NDOW may collaborate with other wildlife professionals to study and learn about predators of Nevada. Expected outcomes will include agency reports, peer-reviewed publications, and information on how to better manage Nevada's predators.

Project 21: Greater Sage-Grouse Protection (Common Raven Removal)

Justification	This project proposes to lethally remove Common Ravens (<i>Corvus corax</i> , hereafter “ravens”) from known Greater sage-grouse (<i>Centrocercus urophasianus</i> , hereafter “sage-grouse”) habitat. Raven predation on sage-grouse nests and broods can limit population growth. Ravens will be removed around known sage-grouse leks because most nest sites are located within 5 km of lek sites. In addition, ravens will be removed in core winter use areas. Ravens will be removed in areas of known greater abundance to benefit sensitive populations of sage-grouse.
Project Manager	Joe Bennett, Predator Management Staff Specialist, Nevada Department of Wildlife
Project Type	Implementation
Potentially Affected Species	Common raven, Greater sage-grouse
Span More Than One Fiscal Year	Yes
Project Area	Elko, Eureka, Humboldt, Lander, Lincoln, Lyon, Nye, Washoe, and White Pine counties.
Limiting Factor Statement	Though predation is a naturally occurring phenomenon for sage-grouse, their populations can be suppressed by abiotic factors such as dry climate and loss of or reduction in habitat quality. Increases in predator numbers can also cause decreases in sage-grouse populations; raven abundance has increased throughout their native ranges, with increases as much as 1,500% in some areas (Boarman 1993, Coates et al. 2007, 2014, Sauer et al. 2011, O’Neil et al. 2018). Under these circumstances, raven predation can have a negative influence on sage-grouse nesting success, recruitment, and population trend (Coates and Delehanty 2010).
Response Variable	Common raven point counts may be conducted before, during, and after removal to detect changes in common raven densities.
Project Goals	1. Reduce raven populations in high abundance areas that overlap sensitive sage-grouse populations identified by NDOW and USDA Wildlife Services wildlife biologists with assistance from USGS raven abundance modeling and cost-benefit tools. 2. Increase populations of sage-grouse in specific areas where deemed feasible.

Habitat Conditions	Areas of raven removal will be either on winter range valleys or near sage-grouse leks, nesting habitat, and brood-rearing habitat. Persistent drought throughout Nevada has reduced herbaceous cover, along with nesting and brood rearing habitat; these effects are exacerbated by wildfire and the invasion of cheatgrass. Transmission lines, substations, and nearby agriculture production often attract ravens which may threaten nearby sage-grouse populations.
Comments from FY 2025 Predator Report	Raven management, including lethal removal, is imperative to maintain and improve certain sage-grouse vital rates and the ecosystems they depend on. NDOW recommends continuing Project 21 while common ravens are believed to be a limiting factor for sage-grouse.
Methods	<i>Lethal Removal</i> Chicken eggs treated with corvicide (DRC-1339) will be deployed to remove ravens (Coates et al. 2007). To reduce non-target species exposure, no eggs will be left in the environment for over 168 hours. No leftover eggs will be used on subsequent treatments. All remaining eggs and any dead common ravens found will be collected and disposed of properly as per DRC-1339 protocol. DRC-1339 is effective only on corvids and most mammals and other birds are not susceptible to the specific effects from this agent.
Anticipated Result	The removal of common ravens is intended to result in long-term protection for Greater Sage-grouse populations through increases in nest success, brood survival, and recruitment. This project will continue until evidence demonstrating Greater sage-grouse nest success and recruitment are not limiting population growth due to common raven predation or common raven populations are in decline from non-lethal measures. The Departments USFWS raven depredation permit increased from 2,500 to 12,500.
Staff Comment	Project 21 will be informed through the SMaRT tool that was generated from USGS from data collected through project 41 and now the HRM approved project. It is the Department's desire to ultimately use Project 21 to create temporary voids of ravens for sage-grouse during sensitive times and to reverse the raven population growth curve. An additional \$60,000 will be applied for through the Upland Gamebird fund to supplement this work.
Project Direction	Fund Project 21.

Proposed Budget

<u>\$3 Predator Fee</u>	<u>Pittman-Robertson</u>	<u>Total</u>
\$40,000	N/A	\$40,000

Previous Budgets and Expenditures

Year	Budget Proposed	Expenditures
2008	\$12,000	\$12,000
2009	\$17,475	\$17,475
2010	\$15,000	\$14,298
2011	\$16,261	\$0
2012	\$16,261	\$9,842
2013	\$60,000	\$0
2014	\$60,000	\$0
2015	\$60,000	\$63,297
2016	\$128,000	\$72,710
2017	\$103,000	\$69,674
2018	\$125,000	\$55,846
2019	\$125,000	\$113,938
2020	\$200,000	\$25,518
2021	\$175,000	\$57,094
2022	\$175,000	\$36,517
2023	\$175,000	\$150,465
2024	\$175,000	\$221,216
2025	\$175,000	\$143,022
Average:	\$100,722	\$63,050
Total:	\$1,812,997	\$1,062,912

Expenditures were combined with Project 21 and previously funded 21-02. Heritage and upland gamebird stamps expenditures were not included.

Project 37: Big Game Protection-Mountain Lions

Justification	Predation issues frequently arise in a very short timeframe. 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.
Project Manager	Joe Bennett, Predator Management Staff Specialist, Nevada Department of Wildlife
Project Type	Implementation
Potentially Affected Species	Mountain lion, mule deer, bighorn sheep, antelope
Span More Than One Fiscal Year	Yes
Project Area	Statewide
Limiting Factor Statement	Mountain lions are known predators of bighorn sheep, mule deer and other big game species (Rominger et al. 2004). Though predation is a naturally occurring phenomenon for bighorn sheep and other big game, their populations can be lowered or suppressed by abiotic factors such as dry climate and loss of quality habitat. Mitigating abiotic factors by removing predators is imperative for some bighorn sheep populations to stabilize (Rominger 2007).
Response Variable	Measuring response variables are not a primary objective of this project. Response variables may include reduction of prey taken by mountain lions, removal of a mountain lion that was documented consuming the concerned big game species, or a reduction in mountain lion sign. Because of the quick nature of the project, there may be times when no response variable will be measured.
Project Goal	Remove specific, problematic mountain lions to benefit game species.
Habitat Conditions	Persistent drought, frequency and size of wildfires, extremely high numbers of wild and feral equids and human developments throughout Nevada have reduced herbaceous cover, lambing, and browsing habitat. These effects have reduced mule deer and other big game populations below population potential (Ballard et al. 2001).
Comments from FY 2025 Predator Report	NDOW supports continuing Project 37 for the protection of bighorn sheep, mule deer and pronghorn. NDOW supports the ability to remove mountain lions as deemed necessary with efficiency and expediency.
Methods	NDOW will specify locations of mountain lions that may be influencing local declines of sensitive game populations. Locations will be determined with GPS collar points, trail cameras, and discovered mountain lion kill sites. Removal

	efforts will be implemented when indices levels are reached, these include low annual adult survival rates, poor fall young:female ratios, spring young:female ratios, and low adult female annual survival rates (table 3). Staff and biologists will identify species of interest, species to be removed, measures and metrics, and metric thresholds. This information will be recorded on the Local Predator Removal Progress Form and included in the annual predator report. Project 37 will be used to decrease mountain lion densities immediately before a bighorn sheep translocation and be used to keep mountain lion densities decreased after new translocations or augmentations. All translocated bighorn sheep mortalities will be investigated, and mountain lion efforts will be pursued if they are determined to have caused the mortality.
Anticipated Results	1. Lethal removal of individual, problematic mountain lions will provide a precise tool, protecting reintroduced and sensitive big game populations. 2. Implementation will occur in association with game populations that are sensitive (e.g., small in size, limited in distribution, in decline) and will benefit from rapid intervention from specific predation scenarios.
Staff Comment	Proactive mountain lion removal to assist struggling bighorn sheep populations is well documented within the scientific literature.
Project Direction	Fund Project 37.

Table 3. Indices used to initiate predator removal.

Species	Annual Adult Survival Rates	Fall Young: Female Ratios	Spring Young: Female Ratios	Adult Female Annual Survival Rates
California Bighorn Sheep	< 90%	< 40:100	--	--
Rocky Mountain Bighorn Sheep	< 90%	< 40:100	--	--
Desert Bighorn Sheep	< 90%	< 30:100	--	--
Mule Deer	--	--	< 35:100	< 80%
Pronghorn	< 90%	< 40:100	--	--

Budget

<u>\$3 Predator Fee</u>	<u>Pittman-Robertson</u>	<u>Total</u>
\$250,000	N/A	\$250,000

Previous Budgets and Expenditures

Year	Budget Proposed	Expenditures
2016	\$90,000	\$26,670
2017	\$125,000	\$192,427
2018	\$175,000	\$175,217
2019	\$50,000	\$67,233
2020	\$75,000	\$71,465
2021	\$75,000	\$60,357
2022	\$100,000	\$52,764
2023	\$100,000	\$160,735
2024	150,000	\$211,842
2025	\$150,000	\$224,603
Average:	\$109,000	\$119,054
Total:	\$1,090,000	1,243,313

Project 38: Big Game Protection - Coyotes

Justification	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.
Project Manager	Joe Bennett, Predator Management Staff Specialist, Nevada Department of Wildlife
Project Type	Implementation
Potentially Affected Species	Coyote, mule deer, antelope, Greater Sage-grouse
Span More Than One Fiscal Year	Yes
Project Area	Statewide
Limiting Factor Statement	Though predation is a naturally occurring phenomenon for mule deer and other big game, their populations can be lowered or suppressed by abiotic factors such as dry climate and loss of quality habitat. Predation from coyotes may further suppress these populations (Ballard et al. 2001).
Response Variable	Response variables may include reduction of prey taken by coyotes, removal of a coyote that was documented consuming the concerned big game species, or a reduction in coyote sign. Because of the quick nature of the project, there may be times when no response variable will be measured.
Project Goal	Conduct focused coyote removal to protect game species.
Habitat Conditions	Persistent drought combined with fires and human disturbances throughout Nevada have reduced herbaceous cover, lambing, and browsing habitat. These effects may have reduced mule deer and other big game populations below population potential. These effects may also be suppressing mule deer or big game populations below population potential (Ballard et al. 2001).
Comments from FY 2025 Predator Report	NDOW supports continuing Project 38.
Methods	USDA Wildlife Services and private contractors, working under direction of NDOW, will use foothold traps, snares, fixed-wing aircraft and helicopters for aerial gunning, calling and gunning from the ground to remove coyotes in sensitive areas during certain times of the year. Work will be implemented when

	indices levels are reached, these include low annual adult survival rates, poor fall young:female ratios, poor spring young:female ratios, and low adult female annual survival rates (table 3). Depending on the indices identified, standard to intermediate levels of monitoring will be implemented to determine the need for or effect of predator removal. These additional monitoring efforts may be conducted by NDOW employees, USDA Wildlife Services, or private contractors.
Anticipated Results	1. Removal of coyotes in winter range and fawning and lambing areas in certain situations will provide a valuable tool for managers. 2. Implementation will occur during times and locations where sensitive game species are adversely affected (e.g., local decline, reduced recruitment) based on the best available biological information.
Staff Comment	Proactive coyote removal to assist struggling pronghorn populations is well documented within the scientific literature.
Project Direction	Fund Project 38.

Table 3. Indices used to initiate predator removal.

Species	Annual Adult Survival Rates	Fall Young: Female Ratios	Spring Young: Female Ratios	Adult Female Annual Survival Rates
California Bighorn Sheep	< 90%	< 40:100	--	--
Rocky Mountain Bighorn Sheep	< 90%	< 40:100	--	--
Desert Bighorn Sheep	< 90%	< 30:100	--	--
Mule Deer	--	--	< 35:100	< 80%
Pronghorn	< 90%	< 40:100	--	--

Budget

<u>\$3 Predator Fee</u>	<u>Pittman-Robertson</u>	<u>Total</u>
\$100,000	N/A	\$100,000

Previous Budgets and Expenditures

Year	Budget Proposed	Expenditures
2016	\$90,000	\$97,794
2017	\$125,000	\$135,507
2018	\$175,000	\$133,720
2019	\$50,000	\$50,569
2020	\$75,000	\$73,480
2021	\$75,000	\$60,905
2022	\$100,000	\$1,270
2023	\$100,000	\$150,757
2024	\$100,000	\$93,200
2025	\$65,000	\$2,145.46
Average:	\$95,500	\$79,934
Total:	\$955,000	\$799,347.46

Project 40: Coyote and Mountain Lion Removal to Complement Multi-faceted Management

Justification	The Department is proposing an intensive 4-year coyote control and mountain lion removal project in Management Area 13 to assist with fawn recruitment which has been below the threshold of 35 fawns per adults during the spring for an extended period. The MA13 deer herd has underperformed due to drought and increasing feral horse numbers within the Mokemoke Hills area in Hunt Unit 131.
Project Manager	Joe Bennett, Predator Management Staff Specialist, Nevada Department of Wildlife
Project Type	Implementation
Potentially Affected Species	Coyote, Greater Sage-grouse, mule deer, mountain lion
Span More Than One Fiscal Year	Yes
Project Area	MA 13
Limiting Factor Statement	Though predation is a naturally occurring phenomenon for mule deer and other big game, their populations can be reduced or suppressed by abiotic factors such as dry climate and loss of quality habitat, these populations can be suppressed by predation from coyotes (Ballard et al. 2001).
Response Variable	The response variable will be the fawn to doe ratios in Management Area 13. This ratio will be observed throughout the life of the project. The project will be altered or discontinued after three consecutive years of observed spring fawn:adult ratios averaging 50:100 or higher.
Project Goal	To increase mule deer and Greater Sage-grouse populations by removing coyotes and mountain lions.
Habitat Conditions	Persistent drought combined with fires and human disturbances throughout Nevada have reduced herbaceous cover, fawning, and browsing habitat. These effects may have reduced mule deer below population potential. These effects may also be suppressing mule deer below population potential (Ballard et al. 2001).
Comments from FY 2025 Predator Report	NDOW supports continuing Project 40 until mule deer populations reach levels defined in the annual Predator Plan.
Methods	USDA Wildlife Services and private contractors working under direction of NDOW will use foothold traps, snares, fixed-wing aircraft and helicopters for aerial gunning, and calling and gunning from the ground to remove coyotes and mountain lions in Management Area 13

Anticipated Result	Coyote and mountain lion removal will complement some of the habitat improvement work conducted by the U.S. Forest Service and Nevada Department of Wildlife within the White Pine Range/Mokemo Hills complex which includes pinyon and juniper removal work and spring improvement/protection projects.
Staff Comment	The Department supports multi-faceted management projects such as Project 40.
Project Direction	Fund Project 40. Evaluate efficacy of Project 40 annually.

Additional Information

Spring fawn ratios in Management Area 13 have, like Management Area 14, averaged 37 fawns per 100 adults from 2023-2025. We recommend experimenting with intensive coyote and mountain lion control in Management Area 13 to benefit fawn recruitment and adult survival. Through project 38, the Department plans on implementing maintenance for Hunt Unit 144 in fiscal year 2027.

Budget

<u>\$3 Predator Fee</u>	<u>Pittman-Robertson</u>	<u>Total</u>
\$100,000	N/A	\$100,000

Previous Budgets and Expenditures

Year	Budget Proposed	Expenditures
2016	\$60,000	\$36,402
2017	\$100,000	\$109,432
2018	\$100,000	\$110,960
2019	\$100,000	\$107,461
2020	\$100,000	\$83,213
2021	\$100,000	\$100,445
2022	\$100,000	\$97,251
2023	\$150,000	\$134,269
2024	\$100,000	\$76,973
2025	\$65,000	\$58,360
Average:	\$97,500	\$91,476
Total:	\$975,000	\$914,784

Project 43: Meso-predator removal to protect waterfowl and upland gamebirds on Wildlife Management Areas

Justification	Mesopredators including coyotes, striped skunks, and raccoons often consume waterfowl, quail, pheasant, and turkey eggs and broods. Consuming these eggs may limit fowl species population growth and could be causing declines of these populations at Mason Valley, Steptoe and Overton Wildlife Management Areas.
Project Manager	Isaac Metcalf, Adam Henriod and Bennie Vann, Nevada Department of Wildlife
Project Type	Implementation
Potentially Affected Species	Assorted waterfowl, turkey, pheasant, coyote, striped skunk, raccoon
Span More Than One Fiscal Year	Yes
Project Area	Mason Valley, Overton and Steptoe Wildlife Management Areas
Limiting Factor Statement	Though predation is a naturally occurring phenomenon for waterfowl and upland gamebirds, their populations can be lowed or suppressed by abiotic factors such as dry climate and loss of quality habitat.
Response Variable	The response variable for waterfowl, turkeys, quail species and pheasants will be the number of females with clutches, and the number of young per clutch.
Project Goals	To increase clutch size and survival of waterfowl and upland gamebirds (particularly turkey and quail species) on Mason Valley, Overton and Steptoe WMAs.
Habitat Conditions	Persistent drought throughout Nevada has reduced herbaceous cover, nesting, and browsing habitat.
Comments from FY 2025 Predator Report	NDOW recommends continuing project 43.
Methods	USDA Wildlife Services and private contractors working under direction of NDOW, will use foothold traps, snares, calling and gunning from the ground to remove coyotes, striped skunks, and raccoons during waterfowl, turkey, quail and pheasant nesting seasons.
Anticipated Results	1. Increase nest success of female turkeys, waterfowl, quail species and pheasants on Wildlife Management Areas. 2. Increase brood success of female turkeys, waterfowl, quail and pheasants that have clutches within or near Wildlife Management Areas.

	This project will be cancelled or altered once there are two consecutive three-year averages where: • The average hen turkey successfully raises 3 poults. • Area biologists and management area supervisors believe that quail and pheasants no longer need predator removal.
Staff Comment	Area managers have noticed a substantial increase in waterfowl nest success and an increase in clutch size since the inception of project 43.
Project Direction	Fund Project 43.

Budget

<u>\$3 Predator Fee</u>	<u>Pittman-Robertson</u>	<u>Total</u>
\$30,000	N/A	\$30,000

Previous Budgets and Expenditures

Year	Budget Proposed	Expenditures
2017	\$50,000	\$42,246
2018	\$50,000	\$28,447
2019	\$50,000	\$38,038
2020	\$50,000	\$20,849
2021	\$50,000	\$17,350
2022	\$50,000	\$20,933
2023	\$50,000	\$22,282
2024	\$50,000	\$36,960
2025	\$32,500	\$5,805
Average:	\$48,055	\$25,878
Total:	\$432,500	\$232,910

Project 47: Mule Deer Enhancement Program Mule Deer Protection and Assessment

Justification	Many of the 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.
Project Manager	Joe Bennett: Predator Staff Specialist, Nevada Department of Wildlife
Project Type	Implementation
Potentially Affected Species	Mule deer, coyote, mountain lion
Span More Than One Fiscal Year	Yes
Project Area	Statewide
Limiting Factor Statement	Drought, fire, degraded habitat, and competition from feral horses may all be limiting factors. Predation and its interactions with these factors are the primary focus.
Response Variable	Fawn to adult ratios and adult survival in project areas.
Project Goals	1. Increase mule deer population numbers or minimize loss to mule deer populations. 2. Increase understanding of predator removal on mule deer populations.
Habitat Conditions	Persistent drought combined with fires and human disturbances throughout Nevada have reduced herbaceous cover, fawning or lambing, and browsing habitat. These effects may have reduced mule deer and other big game populations below population potential. These effects may also be suppressing mule deer or big game populations below population potential (Ballard et al. 2001).
Comments from FY 2025 Predator Report	NDOW recommends continuing project 47.
Methods	Underperforming mule deer populations will be identified by local mule deer enhancement program committees. NDOW staff, along with the mule deer oversight committee.

	1. Lion and coyote removal will be conducted in these areas that are identified through the Mule Deer Enhancement Process.
Staff Comment	Nevada Mule deer populations have declined overall over the last 20-30 years. Recent precipitation patterns have seen improved fawn recruitment the last three years. However, populations are below levels seen prior to 2019. Removal projects will contribute to higher annual adult survival and recruitment in these areas.
Project Direction	Fund Project 47

Budget

<u>\$3 Predator Fee</u>	<u>Pittman-Robertson</u>	<u>Total</u>
\$80,000	N/A	\$80,000

Previous Budgets and Expenditures

<u>Year</u>	<u>Budget Proposed</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>
2025	\$75,000	\$70,537.35
Total:	\$75,000	\$70,537.35

Proposed Predator Management Budget for State Fiscal Year 2027

Project	Predator Fee	PR Funds	Total
Department of Agriculture Administrative Support Transfer ^a	\$14,000	N/A	\$14,000
Project 21: Greater Sage-Grouse Protection (Common Raven Removal)	\$40,000	N/A	\$40,000
Project 37: Big Game Protection-Mountain Lions	\$250,000	N/A	\$250,000
Project 38: Big Game Protection-Coyotes	\$100,000	N/A	\$100,000
Project 40: Coyote and Mountain Lion Removal to Complement Multi-faceted Management in White Pine County	\$100,000	N/A	\$100,000
Project 43: Meso-predator Removal to Protect Waterfowl, Turkeys, and Pheasants on Wildlife Management Areas	\$30,000	N/A	\$30,000
Project 47: Mule Deer Enhancement Program Mule Deer Protection and Assessment	\$80,000	NA	\$80,000
Total^b	\$614,000	\$0	\$614,000

^a This transfer of \$3 game tag application fees for administrative support to the Department of Agriculture partially funds state personnel that conduct work for the benefit of wildlife at the direction of USDA Wildlife Services (e.g., mountain lion removal to benefit wildlife).

^b The projects that contain lethal removal as a primary aspect, making them ineligible for Federal Aid funding.

Expected Revenues and Beginning Balance of \$3 Game Tag Application Fee for Lethal Removal

	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2026 Projected	FY 2027 Estimated
Beginning balance	\$930,654	\$768,922	\$326,650	\$398,798	\$486,798
Revenues	\$944,410	\$1,095,252	\$1,138,260	\$722,529	\$722,529
Plan Budget	\$1,159,000	\$1,059,000	\$1,028,500	\$634,000	\$614,000
Expenditures	\$1,106,142	\$1,164,413	\$650,380	\$634,000	\$614,000
Ending balance	\$768,922	\$326,650	\$398,798	\$486,798	\$595,327

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STAFF REPORT

Report To:

Meeting Date: May 4, 2026

Staff Contact:

Agenda Title: Petition - Mr. Henry Evans - At the May 8, 2026, meeting of the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners, the Commission will consider the removal of the compound bow let-off limit from NAC 503.144.

Agenda Action: Formal Action / Motion **Time Requested:**

Proposed Motion

Board's Strategic Goal

Previous Action

Background/Issues & Analysis

Applicable Statute, Code, Policy, Rule or Regulation

Financial Information

Is there a fiscal impact? No

If yes, account name/number:

Is it currently budgeted? No

Explanation of Fiscal Impact:

Alternatives

Attachment(s):

[11-Petition-Mr.-Henry-Evans.pdf](#)

Motion: _____

1) _____
2) _____

Aye/Nay

(Vote Recorded By)

Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners, County advisory Boards to Manage Wildlife, and interested Public

General Public, David P. Catalano, Henry Evans

Why Nevada should remove the 80% let-off maximum limit on compound bows

Modernizing NAC 503.144

The petition request: Remove the phrase in Nevada regulation NAC 503.144 that states “compound bows must have **a let-off of not more than 80 percent**”

This petition does not ask to change or remove:

- Minimum draw weight
- Minimum arrow weight and length
- Broadhead rules & requirements
- Archery seasons

This is a modernization update, not a reduction in hunting standards.

What Is Let-Off?

Let-off is the amount of weight reduced when holding a compound bow at full draw (archers anchor).

Example

- 70 lb bow @ 80% let-off = 14 lbs holding weight at anchor
- 70 lb bow @ 90% let-off = 7 lbs holding weight at anchor

This does not change the bow's power or lethality. It only changes how much weight the hunter must hold while at full draw, the archer must still draw the max poundage set for the bow, this does not make it easier to draw the bow. Let-off only affects holding comfort and stability.

It does not affect ethical harvest, ethical harvest depends on, the bows peak draw weight, arrow weight, broadhead design, shot placement and hunters skill level.

Colorado specifically cited that removing the cap may improve shot accuracy, supporting better ethical shot placement, and reduced wounding of big game.

The regulation is extremely difficult to enforce. Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks formally concluded that let-off limits are not practical to enforce in the field because officers do not have a reliable way to measure the let-off. That same concern applies in Nevada. A regulation should be clear, measurable and consistently enforceable.

Modern Compound Bows Commonly Exceed 80% out of the box. Today's modern cam designs for hunting bows are sold with:

- 85% to 90% let-off
- Adjustable let-off on modern cam systems, gears and draw stops.

Montana's own agency review found that modern manufacturers increasingly build bows above 80%, making compliance difficult for ordinary hunters. Hunters can unknowingly buy a legal, safe bow almost everywhere else and still be out of compliance in Nevada.

Other Western States Have Already Modernized. Colorado removed its let-off cap effective March 2, 2022, stating the change will give hunters more flexibility, reduces confusion in regulation, helps retailers, eliminates difficulty with enforcement, and improves accuracy and better harvest.

Western States without current caps:

- Colorado
- Oregon
- Utah
- Wyoming

Nevada is increasingly becoming an outlier. Only 4 states still have let-off requirements.

The removal of the 80% let-off maximum will help Women, Youth, Older Hunters, and Injured Archers. Removal of the 80% let-off maximum will help, women with smaller frame strength, youth archers learning proper form, older hunters with reduced shoulder endurance and hunters recovering from injuries.

Better for Hunter Recruitment, Retention, Reactivation (R3)

Keeping hunters involved matters. Removing this outdated barrier:

- New hunters stay in the sport
- Older hunters continue participating
- Families bring youth into archery
- Injured hunters remain active

This directly supports long-term conservation funding through continued license participation.

Key Terms to Know

- **Peak Weight:** The maximum poundage felt during the middle of the draw cycle.
- **Holding Weight (~~Let-off~~):** The actual weight you feel while aiming at full draw.
- **The Valley:** The "sweet spot" at full draw where the weight is at its lowest before hitting the "back wall".
- **Back Wall (anchor):** The firm stopping point at the end of the draw cycle.



STAFF REPORT

Report To: _____ **Meeting Date:** May 4, 2026

Staff Contact: _____

Agenda Title: Commission General Regulation 529 - Disability Permit Program Revisions - At the May 8, 2026, meeting of the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners, the Commission will hold a workshop to consider regulation language amending Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) that would update business rules and requirements related to the archery, visual and special assistance disability permits.

Agenda Action: Formal Action / Motion **Time Requested:** _____

Proposed Motion

Board's Strategic Goal

Previous Action

Background/Issues & Analysis

Applicable Statute, Code, Policy, Rule or Regulation

Financial Information

Is there a fiscal impact? No

If yes, account name/number: _____

Is it currently budgeted? No

Explanation of Fiscal Impact: _____

Alternatives

Attachment(s):

[12A-CGR-529-Disability-Permit-Program-Revision.pdf](#)

Motion: _____ 1) _____ Aye/Nay
2) _____

(Vote Recorded By)



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MEMORANDUM:

APRIL 17, 2026

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

From: Division Administrator Matt Maples, Data and Technology Services Division

Title: Commission General Regulation 529 – Disability Permits

Description: The Commission will hold its third workshop to consider regulation changes to Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) Chapter 503 describing the permits available for visual disability and archery disability.

Summary

This regulation was initiated by a petition heard by the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners during the September 2025 meeting. Potential regulation changes include the duration of permit terms, qualifying medical conditions, the types of medical professionals that can issue a certificate, and equipment exceptions. Included in those changes is increasing the term of the permit from one year to five years.

Brief Explanation of the Proposed Regulation

Proposed changes to NAC 503 depicting authority for the issuance of permits related to specific disabilities.

Recommendation

The Department recommends that the Commission review, amend as needed, and move towards an additional workshop or adoption of the proposed regulation.

**PROPOSED REGULATION OF THE
BOARD OF WILDLIFE COMMISSIONERS
COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 529**

LCB File No. R004-26

EXPLANATION - Matter in *italics* is new; matter in brackets ~~[omitted material]~~ is material to be omitted. Matter in **green bold underlining** is language proposed to be added by the Department following the previous workshop; matter in ~~purple strike-through~~ is new language proposed to be deleted by the Department following the previous workshop.

AUTHORITY: §§1-4, NRS 501.105, 501.181, 502.103, 502.160 and 502.250; §5, NRS 501.105, 501.181, 502.160, 502.219 and 502.250.

A REGULATION relating to licensing and permits for individuals with disabilities.....

SPECIAL ASSISTANCE PERMITS

NAC 502.42903 Special assistance permit: Eligibility; application; designated licensed assistant. (NRS 501.181)

1. The holder of a tag issued by the Department authorizing the holder to hunt a big game mammal may apply for a special assistance permit authorizing a designated licensed assistant to assist the holder in accordance with NAC 502.42905 if the holder:

- (a) Is a paraplegic;
- (b) Has had one or both legs amputated; or
- (c) Has suffered a paralysis of one or both legs which severely impedes the holder's walking.

2. An application for a special assistance permit must:

(a) Be submitted on a form provided by the Department and must include, without limitation:

(1) The applicant's legal name, physical address, mailing address if different from the physical address and telephone number;

(2) The ~~social security number and~~ client number of the applicant;

(3) The class and number of the hunting license issued to the applicant in this State;

(4) The legal name of each designated licensed assistant;

(5) The physical mailing address and telephone number of each designated licensed assistant; and

(6) The hunting license number and client number of each designated licensed assistant.

(b) Include:

(1) A statement signed by the applicant which affirms that the applicant is eligible for the special assistance permit pursuant to subsection 1; and

(2) A signed statement from each designated licensed assistant named in the application affirming that the designated licensed assistant meets the requirements of subsection 4.

(c) Be accompanied by a certificate issued by a licensed physician certifying that the applicant meets the requirements of subsection 1.

3. An applicant for a special assistance permit pursuant to this section who holds more than one tag issued by the Department authorizing the holder to hunt a big game mammal must complete a separate application *designating licensed assistants* for each tag. The applicant:

- (a) Is not required to use the same designated licensed assistant for each tag; and
- (b) May list more than one designated licensed assistant for each tag.

4. To be a designated licensed assistant, a person:

- (a) Must be 18 years of age or older;
- (b) Must hold a valid hunting license in this State;
- (c) Must not have any license, permit or privilege issued to him or her pursuant to title 45 of NRS suspended or revoked; and
- (d) Is not required to hold a tag for the big game mammal which the holder of the special assistance permit is authorized to take.

5. A special assistance permit issued pursuant to this section *excluding the requirement of subsections 3. and 4., is valid for five (5) years after the date it is issued and* must be issued free of charge to the applicant.

VISUAL DISABILITY PERMIT

NAC 503.146 Scope permit for person with visual disability: Issuance; application; validity. (NRS 501.105, 501.181, 503.150)

1. The Department may issue a scope permit to a person with a visual disability. The scope permit authorizes a person with a visual disability to hunt, during a type of hunt that is restricted to ~~bows or~~ muzzle-loading firearms, using a non-magnified 1x magnification sight rifle scope or electronic red-dot sight with no magnification that is mounted on a ~~bow or~~ muzzle-loading rifle. A person using such a permit shall present the permit upon the request of a law enforcement officer.

2. An application for a scope permit must:

- (a) Be submitted to the Department on a form provided by the Department;
- (b) Include a certificate issued by a licensed ~~physician~~ *ophthalmologist or optometrist* certifying that the applicant has a visual disability; and
- (c) Include any other information required by the Department to issue the permit.

3. A scope permit issued pursuant to this section is valid for *five (5)* ~~1~~-years after the date it is issued.

4. *Pursuant to NRS 483.790* ~~As~~ used in this section, "visual disability" means a visual impairment which *is a permanent, uncorrectable disease or disorder which meets one or more of the following criteria: substantially limits a major life activity and is not correctable by glasses or contact lenses.*

- (a) *visual acuity with correcting lenses does not exceed 20/70 in the better eye, or;*
(b) *vision in the better eye is restricted to a field which subtends an angle of not greater than 30 degrees.*

ARCHERY DISABILITY PERMIT

NAC 503.1465 Archery disability permit for person with permanent disability: Issuance; application; expiration. (NRS 501.105, 501.181, 503.150)

1. The Department may issue an archery disability permit to a person with a disability. The permit authorizes a person with a disability, as defined in this regulation, to hunt, during a hunt that is restricted to the use of archery, using:

(a) a crossbow with open or peep sights, a non-magnified sight, or electronic sight with no magnification, or

(b) a bow ~~that uses~~ along with modified archery equipment which assists in drawing back and firing a bow and a mechanical device that is capable of anchoring a nocked arrow at full draw or partial full draw and complies with the requirements of subsection 2 of NAC 503.144. ~~This authorization does not include the use of a crossbow.~~

2. A person using an archery disability permit shall present the permit upon the request of a law enforcement officer.

3. An application for an archery disability permit must:

(a) Be submitted to the Department on a form provided by the Department;

(b) Include a certificate issued by a ~~licensed physician~~ a Doctor of Medicine (M.D.), Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine (D.O.), nurse practitioner (NP, APRN, ARNP), physician assistant or physician associate (PA-C) serving in the field related to a medical condition included in subsection 5(c) certifying that the applicant has a disability; and

(c) Include any other information required by the Department to issue the permit.

4. An archery disability permit issued pursuant to this section is valid for five (5) years ~~expires 1 year~~ after the date on which the permit is issued.

5. As used in this section, "disability" means a permanent lifetime and uncorrectable medical condition resulting in muscular or neurological deficit resulting in disability of at least 80 percent to the neck, back, shoulder, arm, wrist, or hand and that prohibits use of an un-modified bow, including at least one of the following: ~~disability which prohibits a person from manually drawing and holding at full draw a bow that complies with the provisions of subsection 2 of NAC 503.144.~~

(a) amputation involving four fingers, wrist, elbow or shoulder,

(b) peripheral nerve damage or spinal cord damage at level of T-1 or above,

(c) metastatic disease impacting the ~~bones of the~~ neck, back, chest, shoulder, arm, wrist, or hand,

(d) spinal stenosis graded as severe or extreme and confirmed through medical imaging,

(e) *coordination deficit caused by a central nervous system disorder including but not limited to Parkinson's Disease, Cerebral Palsy, Hemiplegia, Hemiparesis, or closed head trauma, or progressive neuromuscular diseases, including but not limited to Muscular Dystrophy, Multiple Sclerosis, and Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis.*



STAFF REPORT

Report To: _____ **Meeting Date:** May 4, 2026

Staff Contact: _____

Agenda Title: Commission General Regulation 527 - Wildlife Salvage Permits - At the May 8, 2026, meeting of the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners, the Commission will consider adopting a regulation amending Chapter 501 of the Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) to create a salvage process and salvage permits for certain wildlife species through the direction of Senate Bill 215 (2025).

Agenda Action: Formal Action / Motion **Time Requested:** _____

Proposed Motion

Board's Strategic Goal

Previous Action

Background/Issues & Analysis

Applicable Statute, Code, Policy, Rule or Regulation

Financial Information

Is there a fiscal impact? No

If yes, account name/number:

Is it currently budgeted? No

Explanation of Fiscal Impact:

Alternatives

Attachment(s):

[12B-CGR-527-Wildlife-Salvage-Permit.pdf](#)

Motion: _____ 1) _____ Aye/Nay
2) _____

(Vote Recorded By)



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MEMORANDUM:

APRIL 2, 2026

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

From: Jake Kreamer, Game Warden Captain

Title: **Commission General Regulation 527-Wildlife Salvage permit**

Purpose: The Commission will workshop draft amendments to Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) Chapter 501, to allow for salvage of wildlife in accordance with direction from Senate Bill 215 (2025).

Summary

The proposed amendments to Chapter 501 of Nevada Administrative Code will allow for salvage of certain wildlife species related to incidental events and motor vehicle collisions. The draft regulation defines circumstances where certain wildlife may be salvaged and the process and restrictions for lawful salvaging of wildlife.

**PROPOSED REGULATION OF THE
BOARD OF WILDLIFE COMMISSION**

LCB File No. R059-26

COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 527

EXPLANATION – Matter in *italics* is new; matter in brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

Section 1. Chapter 501 of NAC is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:

1. The following definitions are for the purpose of administering wildlife salvage permits
 - a. Vehicle collision involving wildlife refers to an incident in which a motorized vehicle makes physical contact with any wildlife, resulting in mortal injury or death to the animal.
 - i. Vehicle collisions which result in mortal injury to wildlife must be euthanized by a sworn peace officer by the State of Nevada.
 - b. Incidental events involving wildlife refer to unintentional occurrences that result in death to the animal. To include:
 - i. Natural death from non-human-related causes including disease, wildlife predation, old age, starvation, exposure to severe weather, and environmental disasters including wildfires, floods, habitat shifts.
 - ii. Mortal injury or death sustained due to structures such as property fencing injury.
 - iii. Incidental events involving suspected mortal injury of wildlife must be determined by a representative of the Department before euthanizing the wildlife.
 - iv. Each incidental event will be evaluated by the Department to determine if a wildlife salvage permit may be issued.
 - c. Non-incidental events involving wildlife refer to intentional, reckless, or negligent human behavior that directly or indirectly causes injury or death to the animal.
2. For the purpose of [Senate Bill 215](#), any individual may apply for a wildlife salvage permit for any:
 - a. Game mammal as defined in NAC 503.020, except for black bear.
 - b. Game bird as defined in NAC 503.045, except for crow.

That was killed as a result of a vehicle collision, or incidental event, not involving negligence or any unlawful act of any individual.
3. Salvaged wildlife may be transported from the location the salvaged wildlife was found, provided the salvaging individual physically documents the possession with the following information prior to leaving the salvage location:
 - a. A photograph of the entire salvaged animal, including the head. The photograph must contain location metadata information. (location information turned on during photo)
 - b. The name and address of the individual salvaging the wildlife.

- c. A description of the salvaged wildlife including the species, gender and number of antler points on either side if applicable.
 - d. The date and time on which the salvaged wildlife was taken and possessed.
 - e. A description of the motorized vehicle involved in the collision, if applicable.
 - f. The destination where the salvaged wildlife carcass will be transported.
4. The individual salvaging the wildlife must surrender to the Department, the skull, including any associated horns or antlers if applicable within 48 hours from the time the wildlife was salvaged and present to the Department all information required as outlined in subsection 2 of this regulation, after which, the Department will issue a wildlife salvage permit.
5. The Department may deny possession of any salvaged wildlife based on suspicion of disease, or suspicion of the wildlife being killed due to negligence or an unlawful act.
6. Any individual who is issued a wildlife salvage permit is prohibited from using any portion of the carcass to sell, trade or barter.
7. Any wildlife taken for salvage:
 - a. Must be removed in its entirety from the site of collection. Cleaning, field dressing or quartering is permitted at the site of collection provided that all un-salvaged parts including internal organs and entrails be removed and placed out of view of the roadway and a minimum of 200 feet from the roadway or easement. Processing of meat or parts is not permitted at the site of collection.
 - b. Must not impede the movement of any vehicular traffic on the roadway at any time.
 - c. Is not permitted within an active travel lane.
 - d. Is not permitted along any portion of any roadway with a speed limit of 75 miles per hour or greater.
 - e. Wildlife salvage is not permitted within any construction zone or active emergency responder scene.
8. Salvage permits:
 - a. Are not transferable.
 - b. Do not authorize the pickup and possession of a threatened or endangered species carcass or its parts.
9. Hunting license or game tags are not required for the purpose of issuance of a wildlife salvage permit.
10. The issuance of salvage permits may be prohibited if Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) is detected in the state pursuant [Senate Bill 215](#).
11. Any individual who possesses a salvaged wildlife ungulate within an area under a State quarantine order must comply with the restrictions of the carcass as provided by the provisions of the quarantine order.
12. No person shall salvage wildlife except in accordance with this regulation.



STAFF REPORT

Report To:

Meeting Date: May 4, 2026

Staff Contact:

Agenda Title: Appeal - Mr. Braxton Bilbao - At the May 8, 2026, meeting of the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners, Mr. Bilbao is appealing the denial of his sub-guide license.

Agenda Action: Formal Action / Motion **Time Requested:**

Proposed Motion

Board's Strategic Goal

Previous Action

Background/Issues & Analysis

Applicable Statute, Code, Policy, Rule or Regulation

Financial Information

Is there a fiscal impact? No

If yes, account name/number:

Is it currently budgeted? No

Explanation of Fiscal Impact:

Alternatives

Motion: _____	1) _____	Aye/Nay
	2) _____	_____

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Proposed Motion

Board's Strategic Goal

Previous Action

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Alternatives

Motion: _____	1) _____	Aye/Nay
	2) _____	_____

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STAFF REPORT

Report To: _____ **Meeting Date:** May 4, 2026

Staff Contact: _____

Agenda Title: Biennial Big Game Release Plan for Fiscal Years 2026 and 2027 - Amendment #2 - At the May 9, 2026, meeting of the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners, the Commission will review and may take action to approve an amendment to the Department's Biennial Big Game Release Plan for Fiscal years 2026 and 2027.

Agenda Action: Formal Action / Motion **Time Requested:** _____

Proposed Motion

Board's Strategic Goal

Previous Action

Background/Issues & Analysis

Applicable Statute, Code, Policy, Rule or Regulation

Financial Information

Is there a fiscal impact? No

If yes, account name/number:

Is it currently budgeted? No

Explanation of Fiscal Impact:

Alternatives

Attachment(s):

[21-FY26-27_Big_Game_Release_Plan_Amend2-May-2026.pdf](#)

Motion: _____ 1) _____ Aye/Nay
2) _____

(Vote Recorded By)



Nevada Department of Wildlife

Biennial Big Game Release Plan

Fiscal Years 2026 and 2027



Wildlife Commission approved September 13, 2025

Amendment #1 - November 2025

Amendment #2 - May 2026

EXPLANATION – Matter in *italics* is new; matter in brackets ~~[omitted material]~~ is material to be omitted.

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[~~DESERT BIGHORN~~ ~~STILLWATER RANGE~~]

**[~~RELEASE TYPE:~~ Augmentation ~~MOUNTAIN RANGE/AREA:~~ Stillwater Range
~~UNIT:~~ 182 ~~SITE NAME(S):~~ Release Site not yet identified ~~COUNTY:~~ Churchill**

~~APPROXIMATE NUMBER TO BE RELEASED:~~ 20-25

~~COOPERATING LAND MANAGEMENT AGENCY:~~

~~Bureau of Land Management, Carson City District, Stillwater Field Office~~

~~AGENCY APPROVAL DOCUMENT AND STATUS:~~

~~It is likely that a Categorical Exclusion (CX) for this proposed bighorn sheep release will be the appropriate level of NEPA by the Stillwater Field Office Staff in concert with the Carson City District Resource Management Plan (RMP). Coordination will soon be initiated with the Stillwater Field Office to discuss approval process and NEPA documentation.~~

~~OTHER DOCUMENTS AND THEIR STATUS:~~

~~NOTIFICATION OF USER GROUPS:~~

~~The Churchill County Wildlife Advisory Board, local bighorn conservation groups, and livestock permittees will be notified to participate in the release.~~

~~HABITAT AND POPULATION ASSESSMENT (be specific; include any limiting factors both short and long term):~~

~~The Stillwater and East Ranges are excellent bighorn habitat. Bighorns were extirpated from the combined mountain ranges in the early 1900s and the first bighorn reintroduction occurred in 1981. The mountain range is over 80 miles long and through several augmentations scattered from north to south, the population eventually reached a sustainable level in the 2000s. Sub herds were well distributed across the entire range, and likely surpassed a population level threshold that was able to grow even with moderate predation rates. It is likely that experienced ewe groups were finally well versed in escape terrain use and availability/distribution of key resources to reduce predation rates. Then in 2019, the population experienced a pneumonia die off starting on the south end of the range which eventually spread to the north end with a 30% decline in the entire population. We believe certain sub herds have fallen below a population threshold where predation rates will prolong their inability to recover from the die off event. Therefore, we recommend augmenting certain sub herds, along with short term predation management to assist the herds in reaching a population level that can once again allow herd growth under moderate predation rates.~~

~~PREDATOR MANAGEMENT NEEDS:~~

~~Predator surveys and control by USDA/APHIS Wildlife Services (WS) with assistance from private contractor will be initiated in the bighorn terrain surrounding the release site prior to the bighorn release. Close coordination will occur with NDOW biologists and predation management specialists during the first 3 years post release to respond to bighorn mortalities. GPS collared bighorn will be intensively monitored by NDOW and predator control efforts will be targeted in response to lion caused bighorn mortalities~~

~~COMMENTS:~~ ~~Pre sampling for disease profiles of 10-15 animals will be conducted in the Stillwater Range, prior to any augmentation to assess if *Mycoplasma ovipneumoniae* (trigger pathogen to causing pneumonia) is still actively being shed in the herd.~~

~~NDOW REGION:~~ Western ~~DATE PREPARED:~~ September 4, 2025

~~[DESERT BIGHORN] HOT CREEK RANGE]~~

~~[RELEASE TYPE: Augmentation] MOUNTAIN RANGE/AREA: Hot Creek Range~~
~~UNIT: 163] SITE NAME(S): Hot Creek Canyon] COUNTY: Nye~~

~~APPROXIMATE NUMBER TO BE RELEASED: 20~~

~~COOPERATING LAND MANAGEMENT AGENCY:~~

~~Bureau of Land Management, Battle Mountain District, Tonopah Field Office~~

~~AGENCY APPROVAL DOCUMENT AND STATUS:~~

~~A Categorical Exclusion (CX) for this proposed bighorn sheep release will be the appropriate level of NEPA from the Tonopah Field Office in concert with the Battle Mountain District Resource Management Plan (RMP), as bighorn sheep already exist in the area. Coordination has been initiated with the Tonopah Field Office to discuss the necessary approval process and NEPA documentation.~~

~~OTHER DOCUMENTS AND THEIR STATUS:~~

~~NOTIFICATION OF USER GROUPS:~~

~~The Nye County Wildlife Advisory Board, local bighorn conservation groups, and livestock permittees will be notified to participate in the release.~~

~~HABITAT AND POPULATION ASSESSMENT (be specific; include any limiting factors both short and long term):~~

~~The following explains the history of the North Pancake and White Pine Ranges bighorn herds and provides the basis to find a viable release site for removing live ("clean") bighorn sheep as the first stage of depopulating the North Pancake herd.~~

~~A small desert bighorn sheep herd on the White Pine Range (Unit 131) had survived the extensive pneumonia events that extirpated bighorn sheep from the entire northern half of the state in the early 1900s. Annual NDOW reports estimated 40 animals for several years through 1982 with 8 bighorn observed on survey in 1982 and 17 observed in 1979. Between 1983 and 1990, the herd was assumed to have died out and surveys were discontinued. Fast forward to January 1999 when 25 desert bighorn were reintroduced into the White Pine Range from Monte Cristo Range. In May 1999, bighorn from the release were sighted in the Duckwater Hills. By September 1999, bighorn sheep had dispersed 25 miles south to the Pancake Range near Black Rock Summit. In 2007, an additional augmentation of 24 animals from Mt. Jefferson occurred into the White Pine Range. The pioneering herd in the Duckwater Hills and North Pancake Range, combined with a smaller herd that remained on the White Pine Range grew to a peak population estimate of 160 by 2012. Due to pneumonia events, likely from interacting with the long-standing domestic sheep winter grazing in the North Pancake Range and Duckwater Hills, the bighorn population declined to less than 60 in 2025. From 2007-2024, 51 rams were harvested from the Hunt Units 131 and 164 population.~~

~~In 2012, the first series of pneumonia events hit the herds in Units 131, 132, and 164, causing all these bighorn herds to decline, including the adjacent South Pancake herd (Unit 134) that went from 300 to 120. The current justification to depopulate the Unit 164 bighorn herd that shares winter range with domestic sheep is to support the recovery of the South Pancake Herd and reduce the probability of another deadly disease event. NDOW has never supported allowing bighorn herds to directly overlap or be adjacent to permitted domestic sheep use on public lands to reduce disease transmission.~~

~~An important criteria for this transplant is for the release site bighorn herd to have been previously exposed to the same *Mycoplasma ovipneumoniae* (*M. ovi.*) strain as the North Pancakes—that being the "Pancake" strain.~~

~~The release site herd must also be in recovery mode with no active shedding of *M. ovi*, based on both health and demographic metrics.~~

~~PREDATOR MANAGEMENT NEEDS:~~

~~Close coordination will occur with NDOW biologists and predation management specialist during the first 3 years post release to respond to bighorn mortalities. GPS collared bighorn will be intensively monitored by NDOW and predator control efforts will be targeted in response to lion-caused bighorn mortalities.~~

~~COMMENTS:~~ ~~Pre-sampling for *M. ovi*, targeting bighorn lambs, will be conducted in the Hot Creek Canyon area prior to any augmentation. If a positive test result occurs, the release will not be conducted.~~

NDOW REGION: Southern

DATE PREPARED: October 16, 2025]

DESERT BIGHORN

REVEILLE RANGE

RELEASE TYPE: Augmentation MOUNTAIN RANGE/AREA: Reveille Range
UNIT: 251 SITE NAME(S): Reveille Range COUNTY: Nye

APPROXIMATE NUMBER TO BE RELEASED: 20

COOPERATING LAND MANAGEMENT AGENCY:

Bureau of Land Management, Battle Mountain District, Tonopah Field Office

AGENCY APPROVAL DOCUMENT AND STATUS:

It is likely that a Categorical Exclusion (CX) for this proposed bighorn sheep release will be the appropriate level of NEPA by the Tonopah Field Office Staff in concert with the Battle Mountain District Resource Management Plan (RMP), since bighorn sheep already exist in the area. Coordination has been initiated with the Tonopah Field Office to discuss the necessary approval process and NEPA documentation.

OTHER DOCUMENTS AND THEIR STATUS:

NOTIFICATION OF USER GROUPS:

The Nye County Wildlife Advisory Board, local bighorn conservation groups, and livestock permittees will be notified to participate in the release.

HABITAT AND POPULATION ASSESSMENT (be specific; include any limiting factors both short- and long-term):

See the Hot Creek Range Habitat and Population Assessment. The same explanation applies to this Reveille Range Augmentation.

PREDATOR MANAGEMENT NEEDS:

Close coordination will occur with NDOW biologists and predation management specialist during the first 3 years post release to respond to bighorn mortalities. GPS collared bighorn will be intensively monitored by NDOW and predator control efforts will be targeted in response to lion-caused bighorn mortalities.

COMMENTS: Pre-sampling for *M ovi*, targeting bighorn lambs, will be conducted in the Reveille Range, prior to any augmentation. If a positive test result occurs, the release will not be conducted.

NDOW REGION: Southern

DATE PREPARED: October 16, 2025

DESERT BIGHORN**QUINN CANYON RANGE**

RELEASE TYPE: Augmentation **MOUNTAIN RANGE/AREA:** Quinn Canyon Range
UNIT: 132 **SITE NAME(S):** Quinn Canyon Range **COUNTY:** Nye/Lincoln

APPROXIMATE NUMBER TO BE RELEASED: 20

COOPERATING LAND MANAGEMENT AGENCY:

Bureau of Land Management, Battle Mountain/Ely Districts, Tonopah/Caliente Field Offices

AGENCY APPROVAL DOCUMENT AND STATUS:

~~It is likely that a Categorical Exclusion (CX) for this proposed bighorn sheep release will be the appropriate level of NEPA by the Tonopah/Caliente Field Office Staff in concert with the Battle Mountain/Ely Districts Resource Management Plan (RMP), since bighorn sheep already exist in the area. Coordination has been initiated with the Tonopah Field Office to discuss the necessary approval process and NEPA documentation.~~

OTHER DOCUMENTS AND THEIR STATUS:**NOTIFICATION OF USER GROUPS:**

~~The Nye and Lincoln County Wildlife Advisory Boards, local bighorn conservation groups, and livestock permittees will be notified to participate in the release.~~

HABITAT AND POPULATION ASSESSMENT (be specific; include any limiting factors both short and long term):

~~See the Hot Creek Range Habitat and Population Assessment. The same explanation applies to this Quinn Canyon Range Augmentation.~~

PREDATOR MANAGEMENT NEEDS:

~~Close coordination will occur with NDOW biologists and predation management specialist during the first 3 years post release to respond to bighorn mortalities. GPS collared bighorn will be intensively monitored by NDOW and predator control efforts will be targeted in response to lion-caused bighorn mortalities.~~

COMMENTS: ~~Pre-sampling for *M. ovi*, targeting bighorn lambs will be conducted in the Quinn Canyon Range prior to any augmentation. If a positive test result occurs, the release will not be conducted.~~

NDOW REGION: Eastern **DATE PREPARED:** October 16, 2025

DESERT BIGHORN

TOBIN RANGE

(HUNT UNIT 045)

RELEASE TYPE: Augmentation

MOUNTAIN RANGE/AREA: Tobin Range

UNIT: 045 SITE NAME(S): China Mountain, Garden Canyon

COUNTY: Pershing

APPROXIMATE NUMBER TO BE RELEASED: 30

COOPERATING LAND MANAGEMENT AGENCY:

Bureau of Land Management, Winnemucca District, Humboldt River Field Office

AGENCY APPROVAL DOCUMENT AND STATUS:

Winnemucca District Resource Management Plan (RMP) 2015 supports bighorn sheep restoration efforts. Coordination will occur with the Winnemucca District and Humboldt River Field Office to determine the appropriate level of NEPA documentation.

OTHER DOCUMENTS AND THEIR STATUS:

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NOTIFICATION OF USER GROUPS:

The Pershing County Wildlife Advisory Boards, local bighorn conservation groups, and livestock permittees will be notified to participate in the release.

HABITAT AND POPULATION ASSESSMENT (be specific; include any limiting factors both short- and long-term):

Tobin Range is excellent bighorn habitat. The mountain range is approximately 40 miles long. The mountain has great escape terrain in a series of steep canyons/slopes that snake up from the valley to the top ridgeline of both the west and east sides of the north trending mountain. Many of the canyons have perennial water sources (flowing creeks or spring sources). The plant community is a sagebrush steppe with great perennial grass and forb understory in the mid- to high-elevations to support native bighorn sheep. Lower elevations and south facing slopes are more dominated by annual grasses. Bighorns were extirpated from the mountain sometime in the early 1900s and the first bighorn reintroduction occurred in 1984 of desert bighorn from the River Mountains. It was augmented in 1991 from the Black Mountains near Lake Mead, and then 2 augmentations from the Toquima Range in 2003 and 2008. The Tobin population took off in 2010 and reached its peak population level at 260. But then in 2021, the Tobin herd succumbed to a severe pathogen spillover/pneumonia die-off (Fairview/Slate *Mycoplasma* strain) that killed an estimated 65% of the herd in 2 years. Based on strong lamb recruitment values in 2022 – 2024 with added support from Mycoplasma testing in March 2025 (all negative test results for active shedding and recent exposure), the Tobin bighorn herd is in recovery mode and can support bighorn sheep augmentations. The first augmentation occurred in June 2025 with 2 releases of 43 total desert bighorn. A second augmentation is proposed for the very northern end of the mountain range, 5 miles north of the previous release in Pollard Canyon.

PREDATOR MANAGEMENT NEEDS:

Predator surveys and control by USDA/APHIS Wildlife Services (WS) or private contractor will occur prior to the bighorn release until the new bighorn sheep identify the juxtaposition of their escape terrain in relation to lambing and foraging areas and bedding sites. Close coordination will occur with predation management specialists the first 3 years post release to respond to bighorn mortalities. GPS collared bighorn will be monitored by NDOW and predator control efforts will be targeted in response to lion-caused bighorn mortalities.

COMMENTS:

NDOW REGION: Western

DATE PREPARED: April 16, 2026

CALIFORNIA BIGHORN

MONTANA MOUNTAINS

RELEASE TYPE: Augmentation **MOUNTAIN RANGE/AREA:** Montana Mountains
UNIT: 031 **SITE NAME(S):** Garden Creek, Calavera Canyon, or Pole Canyon **COUNTY:** Humboldt

APPROXIMATE NUMBER TO BE RELEASED: 20-25

COOPERATING LAND MANAGEMENT AGENCY:

Bureau of Land Management, Winnemucca District, Humboldt River Field Office

AGENCY APPROVAL DOCUMENT AND STATUS:

Categorical Exclusion (CX) written by the Humboldt River Field Office Staff in concert with the Winnemucca District Resource Management Plan (RMP) was recently completed.

OTHER DOCUMENTS AND THEIR STATUS:

Extensive coordination has occurred with John Olagaray, woolgrower, who grazes domestic sheep lambs on private irrigated alfalfa fields in Kings River Valley at the base of the Montana Mountains (since 2014). Mr. Olagaray respectfully declined to sign a cooperative agreement to limit his domestic sheep grazing on private lands in Kings River Valley. Mr. Olagaray has agreed to cooperate with NDOW to have his herders, guard dogs, and electric fencing in confining his domestic sheep to the private fields. NDOW in cooperation with volunteers during the weeks the domestic sheep are on the fields in Kings River Valley, will attempt to maintain vigilance for bighorn sheep forays off the mountain. All these efforts and more must be maintained every year to maintain separation between bighorn and domestic sheep in Kings River Valley and the Montana Mountains.

NOTIFICATION OF USER GROUPS:

The Humboldt County Wildlife Advisory Boards, local bighorn conservation groups, and livestock permittees will be notified to participate in the release.

HABITAT ASSESSMENT (be specific; include any limiting factors both short- and long-term):

Montana Mountains was historic bighorn habitat and bighorn were extirpated prior to 1950. NDOW reintroduced bighorn sheep here in 1991. The bighorn population flourished and became a self-sustaining and productive wild sheep herd providing source stock for other bighorn translocations and 18 years of ram hunting. The bighorn herd experienced a severe die-off in late 2014 and early 2015 and the few remaining survivors were lethally removed to prevent the spread of disease to adjacent healthy bighorn herds. Mr. Olagaray first brought his entire domestic sheep flock to graze on private irrigated alfalfa fields in Kings River Valley in the Fall 2014 to graze and breed his ewes. Since then, he has each fall only brought his lambs to graze on the fields.

PREDATOR MANAGEMENT NEEDS:

Predator surveys and control by USDA/APHIS Wildlife Services (WS) will be initiated in prior to the bighorn release. Close coordination will occur with NDOW biologists and WS during the first 3 years post release to respond to bighorn mortalities. GPS collared bighorn will be intensively monitored and WS predator control efforts will be targeted in response to lion-caused bighorn mortalities

COMMENTS: The initial augmentation occurred in March 2024 with 15 ewes and 3 rams, then followed by 3 additional rams in November 2024. Unfortunately, due to Epizootic Hemorrhagic Disease (EHD)/Bluetongue, lion predation, and ram dispersal, only 11 of the original 21 adult bighorn remain on the mountain. We hope that an additional 20 adults will build the herd large enough to sustain any additional mortalities and allow for the herd to grow to a sustainable level.

NDOW REGION: Western

DATE PREPARED: September 4, 2025

[CALIFORNIA BIGHORN ————— SHELDON NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE]

[RELEASE TYPE: Augmentation **— MOUNTAIN RANGE/AREA:** Virgin/Hell Creek Canyons
UNIT: 033 **— SITE NAME(S):** Virgin/Hell Creek **COUNTY:** Humboldt and Washoe

APPROXIMATE NUMBER TO BE RELEASED: 20

COOPERATING LAND MANAGEMENT AGENCY:
USFWS, Sheldon-Hart Mountain National Wildlife Refuge Complex

AGENCY APPROVAL DOCUMENT AND STATUS:
An MOU between the USFWS and NDOW will be developed. USFWS has agreed to draft the initial MOU for NDOW review.

OTHER DOCUMENTS AND THEIR STATUS:

NOTIFICATION OF USER GROUPS:

The Humboldt County Wildlife Advisory Boards, local bighorn conservation groups, and livestock permittees will be notified to participate in the release.

HABITAT AND POPULATION ASSESSMENT (be specific; include any limiting factors both short and long term):

The first California bighorn sheep translocation into the state of Nevada was on the Sheldon National Wildlife Refuge (SNWR) in northern Humboldt County in 1968, where 8 bighorn from Hart Mountain, Oregon were released into the Virgin Creek Canyon. The Hart Mountain bighorn sheep originated from source stock in the Williams Lake region of southern British Columbia. The SNWR received 2 augmentations — 1) 1991 with 15 bighorn from the Steens Mountains, Oregon to the Catnip Canyon and 2) 1996 with 18 bighorn from Hart Mountain, Oregon to Badger Mountain. Two additional augmentations occurred directly adjacent to the SNWR on McGee Mountain — the first in 1987 with 15 bighorn from Hart Mountain, Oregon and the second in 2021 with 20 bighorn from the Sheep Creek Range. During the 2010's the SNWR experienced harsh drought conditions, which were exacerbated by free roaming horse populations on the refuge. As a result of the degraded habitat, several of the sub-herds became disjunct. After several horse gathers, the SNWR was down to less than a dozen horses remaining on the refuge in 2020. With reduced grazing competition, the construction of three big game guzzlers and improved precipitation patterns, habitat quality has vastly improved on the SNWR. The various sub-herds that exist across the SNWR are showing positive signs of growth, however the Virgin Creek population shrunk to as few as ten individuals at one point. We believe an augmentation into the core herd in the Virgin/Hell Creek Canyons would greatly support the continued recovery of this bighorn population. The population estimate for the metapopulation that includes both the refuge area and the adjacent McGee Mountain on BLM lands is 130. We believe the habitat could support over 200 bighorn sheep.

PREDATOR MANAGEMENT NEEDS:

GPS-collared bighorn will be intensively monitored by NDOW and USFWS. Agency coordination will be conducted to develop a predator management plan for pre-release surveys and post-release response to address bighorn sheep mortalities.

COMMENTS:

NDOW REGION: Western **— DATE PREPARED:** October 16, 2025

ANTELOPE

CALICO MOUNTAINS

RELEASE TYPE: Augmentation **MOUNTAIN RANGE/AREA:** Calico Mountains
UNIT: 012 **SITE NAME(S):** Release Site not yet identified **COUNTY:** Washoe County
APPROXIMATE NUMBER TO BE RELEASED: 50-75

COOPERATING LAND MANAGEMENT AGENCY:

Bureau of Land Management, Winnemucca District and Carson City District (source)

AGENCY APPROVAL DOCUMENT AND STATUS:

The BLM will be notified and consulted prior to any release but since this is an augmentation to an existing herd no additional clearance should be necessary.

OTHER DOCUMENTS AND THEIR STATUS:

NOTIFICATION OF USER GROUPS:

The Washoe County, Pershing County, and Humboldt County Wildlife Advisory Boards, and local wildlife conservation groups, and livestock permittees will be notified.

HABITAT AND POPULATION ASSESSMENT (be specific; include any limiting factors both short- and long-term):

Habitat is suitable. Pronghorn currently reside in the project area. During the past few years 2024-2025, several spring protection projects have been completed (or in progress) for Units 012, 013, and 015 to help mitigate the impacts of heavy grazing around springs. These spring fencing projects are in prime antelope habitat and should benefit both mule deer and antelope in future years. In 2023, NDOW and Nevada Bighorns Unlimited built a big game guzzler near Division Peak in Unit 012 for the benefit of bighorn sheep and pronghorn. In 2024, NDOW completed additional big game guzzlers in the northern part of Unit 012 which will benefit bighorn sheep, and antelope. Historically, these ranges supported abundant populations of antelope although recent drought, wildfires, and rangeland degradation have reduced antelope populations in the area. NDOW biologists believe an augmentation from other healthy population in Nevada may help improve the age structure of prime-aged breeding females in the population and stimulate herd growth over time with improving habitat conditions.

PREDATOR MANAGEMENT NEEDS:

Predator control by USDA/APHIS Wildlife Services (WS) will be initiated in the antelope release site and immediate area before the augmentation and possibly be maintained for several years, if necessary. Close coordination will occur with NDOW biologists and predation management specialists during the first 2-3 years post release to respond to any antelope mortalities. Some translocated animals will be released with GPS collars to monitor survival and movement patterns to assess any additional needs for predation management.

COMMENTS:

NDOW REGION: Western

DATE PREPARED: 9/4/2025

[ANTELOPE _____ BLACK ROCK/PINE FOREST]

RELEASE TYPE: Augmentation **MOUNTAIN RANGE/AREA:** Black Rock—Pine Forest Range
UNIT: 032-034 **SITE NAME(S):** Release Site not yet identified **COUNTY:** Humboldt County
APPROXIMATE NUMBER TO BE RELEASED: 50-75

COOPERATING LAND MANAGEMENT AGENCY:

Bureau of Land Management, Winnemucca District and Carson City District (source)

AGENCY APPROVAL DOCUMENT AND STATUS:

~~The BLM will be notified and consulted prior to any release but since this is an augmentation to an existing herd no additional clearance should be necessary.~~

OTHER DOCUMENTS AND THEIR STATUS:

NOTIFICATION OF USER GROUPS:

~~The Washoe County, Pershing County, and Humboldt County Wildlife Advisory Boards, and local wildlife conservation groups, and livestock permittees will be notified.~~

HABITAT AND POPULATION ASSESSMENT (be specific; include any limiting factors both short and long term):

~~Habitat is suitable. Pronghorn currently reside in the project area. Historically, these ranges supported abundant populations of antelope although recent drought, wildfires, and rangeland degradation have reduced antelope populations in the area. NDOW biologists believe an augmentation from other healthy population in Nevada may help improve the age structure of prime-aged breeding females in the population and stimulate herd growth over time with improving habitat conditions.~~

PREDATOR MANAGEMENT NEEDS:

~~Predator control by USDA/APHIS Wildlife Services (WS) will be initiated in the antelope release site and immediate area before the augmentation and possibly be maintained for several years, if necessary. Close coordination will occur with NDOW biologists and predation management specialists during the first 2-3 years post release to respond to any antelope mortalities. Some translocated animals will be released with GPS collars to monitor survival and movement patterns to assess any additional needs for predation management.~~

COMMENTS:

NDOW REGION: Western **DATE PREPARED:** 9/4/2025

ANTELOPE

SEVEN TROUGHS RANGE

(Hunt Unit 041)

RELEASE TYPE: Augmentation MOUNTAIN RANGE/AREA: Seven Troughs Range
UNIT: 041 SITE NAME(S): Stonehouse Canyon COUNTY: Pershing

APPROXIMATE NUMBER TO BE RELEASED: 50-75

COOPERATING LAND MANAGEMENT AGENCY:

Bureau of Land Management, Winnemucca District, Humboldt River Field Office

AGENCY APPROVAL DOCUMENT AND STATUS:

OTHER DOCUMENTS AND THEIR STATUS:

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NOTIFICATION OF USER GROUPS:

The Pershing County Wildlife Advisory Board, conservation groups will be notified and will be able participate in the release.

HABITAT AND POPULATION ASSESSMENT (be specific; include any limiting factors both short- and long-term):

Units 041 042 antelope population has declined from an estimate of 2,000 animals in 2016 to 950 in 2026. This decline was thought to be due to a multitude of factors including feral horse and burro numbers well beyond BLM's ALM (Appropriate Management Level), limited water availability and EHD (Epizootic Hemorrhagic Disease). Annual composition surveys and field observations have shown a decline in antelope observations, particularly within the Seven Troughs Range. Additionally, a large-scale wildfire occurred in the Seven Troughs Range in the early 2000s. Recent management improvements made in the Seven Troughs include a robust growth of kochia in much of the burned area and the removal of 360 burros and 1,305 feral horses in the Blue-Wing Complex in July 2024. Results were noticed immediately; springs and seeps became functional again and accessible to antelope. Also, 9 big game guzzlers have been constructed in hunt unit 041 since 2020 with more guzzler builds occurring every year to help address water availability issues. These improvements support an augmentation to spur this herd's growth. The identified release site in the Seven Troughs Range is Stonehouse Canyon located on the east side of the range. Stonehouse Canyon and the surrounding canyons all offer year-round water sources, abundant kochia stands and improved meadow complexes from less burro and feral horse over-utilization.

PREDATOR MANAGEMENT NEEDS:

No predator management is considered necessary pre-release. However, if marked animal mortality is attributable to predation, action will be taken to subdue those effects.

COMMENTS:

NDOW REGION: Western

DATE PREPARED: April 16, 2026

ANTELOPE

PINE NUT MOUNTAINS (Hunt Unit 291,203)

RELEASE TYPE: Augmentation

MOUNTAIN RANGE/AREA: Pine Nuts

UNIT: 291, 203

SITE NAME(S): East side of Pine Nuts

COUNTY: Douglas-Lyon

APPROXIMATE NUMBER TO BE RELEASED: 50

COOPERATING LAND MANAGEMENT AGENCY:

Bureau of Land Management, Carson City District, Sierra Front Field Office

AGENCY APPROVAL DOCUMENT AND STATUS:

This is an augmentation to an existing herd, so no additional agency approval is needed.

OTHER DOCUMENTS AND THEIR STATUS:

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NOTIFICATION OF USER GROUPS:

The Douglas and Lyon Count Advisory Boards to Manage Wildlife, and the North American Pronghorn Foundation will all be notified of the release and encouraged to attend.

HABITAT AND POPULATION ASSESSMENT (be specific; include any limiting factors both short- and long-term):

Following the release of 42 pronghorn antelope in 1999 at Churchill Spring on the eastern side of the Pine Nut Mountains and another augmentation of 45 animals in 2001 near the same area, the population has expanded to approximately 160 animals in 2026. This population is managed as unit group 291,203 in Lyon and Douglas counties and was first hunted in 2005. Pronghorns are widely scattered through the unit group from Mill Canyon basin in the north to Artesia Lake in Smith Valley, and high use areas include the eastern flanks of the Pine Nuts along the Artesia/Sunrise Pass roads and the area around the Buckskin range. There have been increasing reports of pronghorn in the south end of the Pine Nuts, between Como peak and Mount Seagal, and a few down in Carson Valley on the west slopes.

Prior to 2013, the dense pinyon-juniper stands found throughout Unit 291 limited the amount of available habitat for pronghorn. However, across the past 15 years, several fires have occurred in some of the dense pinyon-juniper stands within Unit 291. Much of the tree cover has been converted into native bunchgrass, forbs, and other desirable forage for pronghorn. Habitat within the burn scars of the Bison Fire, Numbers Fire, and Monarch Fire have come back exceptionally well. The past few years of favorable precipitation patterns have helped further improve the nutritional quality of the vegetation within the unit and have also helped to recharge some of the ample water sources along the east side of the range. Despite the improved habitat conditions, the pronghorn herd in Unit 291,203 hasn't grown as quickly as we hoped and would benefit from augmentation to boost demographic productivity.

PREDATOR MANAGEMENT NEEDS:

No predator management is considered necessary pre-release. However, if marked animal mortality is attributable to predation, action will be taken to subdue those effects.

COMMENTS:

NDOW REGION: Western

DATE PREPARED: April 16, 2026

ANTELOPE

Garden and Coal Valley (Hunt Unit 133)

RELEASE TYPE: Augmentation **MOUNTAIN RANGE/AREA:** Calico Mountains
UNIT: 133 **SITE NAME(S):** Garden and Coal Valley **COUNTY:** Lincoln and Nye County
APPROXIMATE NUMBER TO BE RELEASED: 100

COOPERATING LAND MANAGEMENT AGENCY:

Bureau of Land Management, Ely District, Caliente Field Office

AGENCY APPROVAL DOCUMENT AND STATUS:

The BLM will be notified and consulted prior to any release but since this is an augmentation to an existing herd no additional clearance should be necessary.

OTHER DOCUMENTS AND THEIR STATUS:

NOTIFICATION OF USER GROUPS:

The Lincoln County, Nye County and White Pine County Wildlife Advisory Boards, and local wildlife conservation groups, and livestock permittees will be notified.

HABITAT AND POPULATION ASSESSMENT (be specific; include any limiting factors both short- and long-term):

In 2007, NDOW's Guzzler Crew rebuilt four water developments in Garden and Coal valleys that were more than 20 years old. These guzzlers remain functional today and continue to provide a reliable water source for antelope. In January 2008, 184 antelope were captured in Unit 068 and released into these valleys. Historically, Garden and Coal valleys supported abundant antelope populations. However, past drought conditions and rangeland degradation led to population declines. Above-average precipitation during the winter of 2025–2026 significantly improved forage availability across the area. In September 2025, the Mount Irish Fire burned approximately 6,300 acres of dense pinyon-juniper habitat on the southern end of these valleys. Post-fire rehabilitation efforts included aerial seeding in December 2025 with a wildlife-focused mix of browse and grass species. In February 2026, Wyoming big sagebrush and basin big sagebrush were also aerially applied to further enhance habitat recovery. These restoration efforts are expected to improve habitat conditions and provide additional suitable habitat for antelope in the area. Additional water developments will be constructed to North in the Golden Gate Range that will also provide available water for antelope.

PREDATOR MANAGEMENT NEEDS:

No predator management is considered necessary pre-release. Adjacent Units have an ongoing coyote removal project. However, if marked animal mortality is attributable to predation, action will be taken to subdue those effects.

COMMENTS:

NDOW REGION: Eastern

DATE PREPARED: April 17, 2026



STAFF REPORT

Report To:

Meeting Date: May 4, 2026

Staff Contact:

Agenda Title: Commission General Regulation 517 - Automatic Range Finding Scopes - At the May 9, 2026, meeting of the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners, the Commission will consider adopting a regulation amending Chapter 503 of the Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) that would prohibit the use of range finding scopes that automatically adjust the sight reticle or aiming point while hunting certain species with a firearm, bow, or crossbow.

Agenda Action: Formal Action / Motion **Time Requested:**

Proposed Motion

Board's Strategic Goal

Previous Action

Background/Issues & Analysis

Applicable Statute, Code, Policy, Rule or Regulation

Financial Information

Is there a fiscal impact? No

If yes, account name/number:

Is it currently budgeted? No

Explanation of Fiscal Impact:

Alternatives

Attachment(s):

[21A-CGR-517-Automatic-Range-Finding-Scopes.pdf](#)

Motion: _____

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2) _____

Aye/Nay

(Vote Recorded By)



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MEMORANDUM:

APRIL 7, 2026

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

From: Jake Kreamer, Game Warden Captain

Title: **Commission General Regulation 517- Automatic Range Finding Scopes**

Purpose: The Commission will consider for adoption, draft amendments to NAC 503.145.

The proposed amendment prohibits any person from hunting any game mammal, big game mammal or game bird with any firearm, bow or crossbow which is equipped with an electronic sight designed to automatically adjust the reticle or aiming point within the scope.

Summary:

The proposed amendments to NAC 503.145 add section 2(b) which will prohibit any person from hunting any game mammal, big game mammal or game bird with any firearm, bow or crossbow that is equipped with an electronic sight which has been designed to receive data from any internal or external source that aids in an automatic adjustment of the sight reticle or aiming point.

Section 1 of this regulation creates a definition of a "Sight" which will be applicable to all of chapter 503 of NAC.

**PROPOSED REGULATION OF THE
BOARD OF WILDLIFE COMMISSIONERS**

LCB File No. R029-26

March 24, 2026

EXPLANATION – Matter in *italics* is new; matter in brackets ~~[omitted material]~~ is material to be omitted.
Matter in green bold underlining is language proposed to be added by the
Department; matter in ~~purple strike-through~~ is new language proposed to be deleted by
the Department.

AUTHORITY: §§ 1-3, NRS 501.105, 501.181 and 503.150.

A REGULATION relating to wildlife; revising provisions relating to the use of a sight while hunting game mammals or game birds with certain weapons; and providing other matters properly related thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

Existing law provides for the manner in which a person may hunt certain game mammals or game birds unless otherwise specified by regulation of the Board of Wildlife Commissioners. (NRS 503.150) Existing regulations: (1) provide for the use of an open sight, a peep sight and a telescopic sight or scope when hunting big game mammals, game mammals and game birds; and (2) establish certain exceptions for such use. (NAC 503.142, 503.144, 503.145, 503.1455, 503.146) **Section 1** of this regulation defines the term “sight” for the purposes of such existing regulations relating to hunting. **Section 2** of this regulation applies the definitions in existing regulations and **section 1** to the provisions of existing regulations relating to hunting, fishing and trapping.

Existing law prohibits hunting any game bird or game mammal with the aid of artificial light unless otherwise specified by regulation of the Board of Wildlife Commissioners. (NRS 503.150) Existing regulations: (1) establish certain exceptions to this prohibition; and (2) prohibit a person from hunting a big game mammal, game mammal or game bird with a weapon equipped with a sight that is capable of casting a projecting beam of light that is visible to the unaided human eye from the sight to the animal. (NAC 503.145) **Section 3** of this regulation also prohibits a person from hunting such a mammal or bird with an electronic sight.

Section 1. Chapter 503 of NAC is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:

“Sight” means any magnified, ~~or non-magnified,~~ or electronic device attached to a firearm, bow or crossbow that is designed to improve the visual alignment of the weapon with ~~a target~~. The term includes peep sights, open sights and telescopic sights or scopes.

Sec. 2. NAC 503.0001 is hereby amended to read as follows:

503.0001 As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise requires, the words and terms defined in NAC 503.0005 to 503.0045, inclusive, *and section 1 of this regulation* have the meanings ascribed to them in those sections.

Sec. 3. NAC 503.145 is hereby amended to read as follows:

503.145 **1.** The Commission hereby establishes the following exception to paragraph (f) of subsection 1 of NRS 503.150. Except as otherwise provided by paragraph (c) of subsection 1 of NAC 503.142, a sight attached to a firearm or bow that is used to hunt a game mammal or game bird, or a sight attached to a crossbow that is used to hunt a big game mammal, may be illuminated or powered by:

- ~~{1.}~~ **(a)** A battery contained within the sight;
- ~~{2.}~~ **(b)** Light-gathering fiber optics;
- ~~{3.}~~ **(c)** A radioactive isotope such as tritium; or
- ~~{4.}~~ **(d)** Iridescent or fluorescent paint.

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2. It is unlawful for a person to hunt a big game mammal, a game mammal or a game bird with a ~~{weapon}~~ *firearm, bow or crossbow* that is equipped with ~~{a}~~ :

(a) A sight that is capable of casting or projecting a beam of light that is visible to the unaided human eye from the sight to the animal ~~{.}~~ ; *or*

(b) An electronic sight that has been designed to receives data from any internal or external source that aids in the automatic adjustment of the sight reticle or aiming point.



STAFF REPORT

Report To:

Meeting Date: May 4, 2026

Staff Contact:

Agenda Title: Commission Regulation 26-11, Big Game Quotas for the 2026-2027 Seasons - At the May 9, 2026, meeting of the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners, the Commission will consider and may take action to approve setting regulations for the number of tags to be issued for mule deer, antelope, elk, moose, bighorn sheep and mountain goat for the 2026-2027 season.

Agenda Action: Formal Action / Motion **Time Requested:**

Proposed Motion

Board's Strategic Goal

Previous Action

Background/Issues & Analysis

Applicable Statute, Code, Policy, Rule or Regulation

Financial Information

Is there a fiscal impact? No

If yes, account name/number:

Is it currently budgeted? No

Explanation of Fiscal Impact:

Alternatives

Attachment(s):

[22A-CR-26-11-Big-Game-Quotas-for-the-2026-207-Seasons.pdf](#)

Motion: _____

1) _____
2) _____

Aye/Nay

(Vote Recorded By)



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MEMORANDUM:

APRIL 17, 2026

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

From: Shawn Espinosa, Game Division Administrator and Staff including:
 Mike Cox – Bighorn Sheep and Mountain Goat Staff Specialist
 Cody McKee – Elk and Moose Staff Specialist
 Cody Schroeder – Antelope and Mule Deer Staff Specialist

Title: Commission Regulation 26-11, Big Game Quotas for the 2026-2027 Season

Purpose: The Commission will establish regulations for the numbers of tags to be issued for mule deer, pronghorn antelope, elk, bighorn sheep, moose and mountain goats for the 2026-2027 season

Summary

This regulation will set the 2026-2027 big game season quotas for mule deer, antelope, elk, bighorn sheep, moose and mountain goat. The Game Division continues to use the Big Game Season Prescriptions and Management Objectives for Quota Recommendations as well as Policy 24 to provide over-arching guidance on the recommended big game tag quotas for each species.

Mule Deer

The Department is recommending a total of 15,016 buck tags for the 2026 season representing a 5.8% increase over the approved 2025 quota of 14,187. This includes 236 non-resident guided buck tags. For reference, the Department recommended 15,466 total tags in 2025 to move the observed post-season buck ratio closer to prior objectives. Tag recommendations for 2026 are split amongst weapon classes as follows: Any Legal Weapon – 7,572; Muzzleloader – 1,367; Archery – 3,187; and Junior – 2,890. Recommended residency splits are for 10,883 (89.7%) resident buck tags and 1,243 (10.3%) non-resident buck tags.

Fall post-season surveys conducted by the Department classified 12,580 mule deer consisting of 2,230 bucks, 6,576 does and 3,774 fawns resulting in ratios of 34 bucks, 57 fawns per 100 does and 43 fawns per 100 adults. Comparatively, these ratios were 34, 63 and 47 respectively in 2024. While buck ratios continue to remain static, fall fawn ratios were mildly depressed from the prior year.

Spring surveys conducted in 2026 classified 19,879 mule deer consisting of 14,489 adults and 5,390 fawns yielding a spring fawn ratio of 37 fawns per 100 adults. The spring fawn ratio documented in 2025 was 41 fawns per 100 does.

Population estimates for mule deer climbed slightly in 2026 to 73,000 animals which is a 1,000-animal increase from the 2025 estimate of 72,000.

Pronghorn

The Department is recommending 3,500 total buck tags amongst the various weapon classes and residency status. In comparison, 3,300 buck tags were approved and issued for the 2025 season. For 2026, buck tags are recommended to be split as follows for the following weapon classes: Any Legal Weapon – 2,468; Muzzleloader – 236; and Archery – 796. For horns shorter than ears, the Department is recommending 1,274 tags split equally between the normal resident “any legal weapon” and resident junior any legal weapon. Seven new hunt unit groups were made available for the horns shorter than ears hunt in 2026. The Department uses a post-hunt objective of 20-30 bucks:100 does, for bucks two years of age or older, that would be legal in the Horns Longer Than Ears hunting season.

During the 2025 survey, Department personnel classified 18,512 antelope consisting of 4,372 bucks, 10,647 does and 3,493 fawns resulting in ratios of 41bucks per 100 does and 33 fawns per 100 does which includes yearling bucks. Fawn ratios were down considerably from the 2025 observed ratio of 45 fawns per 100 does. The statewide antelope population estimate for 2026 is 35,500 animals compared to an estimate of 36,500 for 2025. This is mostly due to some modeling adjustments made for the 141, 143, 151-156 unit group.

Elk

For the 2026 season, the Department is recommending 1,393 bull, 248 spike, 2,037 antlerless, 160 depredation bull, and 395 depredation antlerless tags for a total of 4,109 tags. In comparison, 1,361 bull, 339 spike, 2,421 antlerless, 165 depredation bull and 365 depredation antlerless were approved and issued for the 2025 season. The largest difference amongst these categories is 384 fewer antlerless tags recommended for 2026. This change is in response to adjustments to adaptive population objectives approved by the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners in March of 2026.

Survey efforts conducted during winter 2025-2026 classified 9,127 elk with bull ratios of 33 per 100 cows and calf ratios of 40 per 100 cows. Hunt Units 051, 065, 241-242 and 262 were not surveyed. Bull ratios remained static compared to 2025 while calf ratios declined from 48 per 100 observed in 2025. The statewide population estimate is unchanged from the 2025 estimate of 13,500 elk.

Bighorn Sheep

California Bighorn Sheep

The Department is recommending a 20% increase in standard ram tags from 40 in 2025 to 48 in 2026. This increase is largely due to 1) opening 2 new hunt units in Northern Washoe County; 2) general herd increases; and 3) mature rams observed during our most recent aerial surveys. This has been corroborated with past strong lamb recruitment classes 6, 7 and 8 years ago.

In addition to the “any legal weapon” hunt, the Department established a new management ram hunt for the Snowstorm Mountains (Hunt Unit 066) as the first stage to depopulate this herd and reduce disease transmission, helping to protect healthy adjacent herds like the Sheep Creek Range. The Department is recommending 18 tags equally distributed across 3 separate seasons.

The 2024 and 2025 California bighorn ram hunt metrics are much improved from previous seasons including reduced hunt days, increased B&C scores, and consistent average ages. The 2026 population estimate for California bighorn sheep is 1,900 animals. This represents a 12% increase over the 2025 population estimate of 1,700 animals.

Desert Bighorn Sheep

For the 2026 desert bighorn season, the Department is recommending 181 “any legal weapon” ram tags, a 13% reduction from 2025. Much of this decline is attributable to reductions in the Muddy Mountains (Hunt Unit 268) where an unprecedented effort was conducted to reduce both ewe and ram numbers in response to severe drought

conditions experienced in early 2025. Limited opportunities with archery and 1-horn ram hunts will continue in 2026. A new Management Ram hunt will open for the North Pancake Range (Hunt Unit 164) with 6 tags recommended over 2 seasons to help depopulate this herd and reduce disease transmission risk to healthy adjacent herds. The Department is also recommending 55 ewe tags in the Muddy Mountains, down from the 2025 approved quota of 100 ewe tags.

Lamb ratios from aerial surveys continue to be depressed, more so in the Mojave Desert region of the state. The average lamb ratio from 2020 – 2025 was just 25 lambs:100 ewes compared to the previous decade's average of 33 lambs:100 ewes. To grow bighorn herds in the Mojave Desert, lamb ratios must be above 27 lambs:100 ewes on average. The statewide population estimate for desert bighorn in 2026 is 6,000 animals compared to 6,300 in 2025 representing a 5% decline.

Rocky Mountain Bighorn Sheep

For the 2026 season, the Department is recommending 4 ram tags across 3 hunt units. This year, Hunt Unit 091 (Pilot Mountain and Leppy Hills) including portions of Utah, will have one ram tag recommended. The harvest of a 183 B&C score ram from the Ruby Mountains in 2025 was the first ram to exceed 180 B&C since the devastating die-off in Units 101 and 102 in 2009.

Surveys conducted during 2025 and 2026 classified 149 bighorns consisting of 51 rams, 67 ewes and 31 lambs. These figures are all down from the 2024-2025 survey in which 219 bighorns were classified. The 2026 population estimate for Rocky Mountain Bighorn in Nevada remains essentially unchanged compared to the 2025 estimate of 330 animals.

Mountain Goat

The Department is recommending 21 mountain goat tags (including 2 non-resident) tags for the 2026 hunting season. This represents an increase of 3 tags compared to the 2025 season. Most of these tags (n=16) are recommended for the Ruby Mountains proper (Hunt Unit 102).

Highly successful surveys conducted in January 2026 classified 303 mountain goats compared to 196 in 2025. The survey recorded 223 adults and 80 kids resulting in a strong 36 kids/100 adults ratio. This number was down slightly from the 2025 ratio of 39 kids/100 adults. The largest sample was observed in Hunt Unit 102 where 244 mountain goats were observed. The 2025 and 2026 mountain goat population estimates both exceed 400 adults. It is considered a great accomplishment to overcome the devastating impacts of the 2009-2010 pneumonia die-offs, which was the last time the population exceeded 400 individuals.

Moose

For the 2026 season, the Department is recommending 3 antlered moose tags for the Area 6, 7, 8 and 10 Management Area unit group. This represents an increase of one tag compared to previous seasons. The population is conservatively estimated to be 130 adults. Hunter harvest in 2024 and 2025 has remained confined to a small portion of their statewide distribution. The maximum harvest of 3 antlered moose comprises 5% of the total males in the statewide population, which is less than the projected harvest of males allocated for bighorn sheep, mule deer, elk, and pronghorn antelope.

Recommendation

The Department recommends that the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners review and adopt the proposed regulations and associated quotas as presented.

2026 BIG GAME QUOTA RECOMMENDATIONS COMMISSION REGULATION 26-11

The Board of Wildlife Commissioners under the authority of sections 501.181, 502.140, 502.250, 503.120 and 503.140 of the Nevada Revised Statutes, does hereby adopt the following regulation for the big game resource.

Note: The harvest limit is one and the hunting hours are one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset for all big game hunts, unless otherwise specified.

Resident Antelope - Horns longer than ears Any Legal Weapon Hunt 2151

Unit Group	2026-2027 Season	2026 Quota	2025 Quota
011	Aug 22 - Sept 7	35	30
012 - 014	Aug 22 - Sept 7	54	75
015	Aug 22 - Sept 7	46	65
021, 022	Aug 22 - Sept 7	56	50
031	Aug 22 - Sept 7	125	90
032, 034	Aug 22 - Sept 7	35	40
033 Early	Aug 22 - Aug 28	15	20
033 Late	Aug 29 - Sept 7	15	20
035	Aug 22 - Sept 7	31	30
041, 042	Aug 22 - Sept 7	69	60
043 - 046	Aug 22 - Sept 7	168	160
051	Aug 22 - Sept 7	70	65
061, 062, 064, 071, 073	Aug 22 - Sept 7	186	190
065, 142, 144 ^A	Aug 22 - Sept 7	82	55
066	Aug 22 - Sept 7	30	30
067, 068	Aug 22 - Sept 7	134	130
072, 074, 075	Aug 22 - Sept 7	61	60
076, 077, 079, 081, 091	Aug 22 - Sept 7	59	90
078, 105 - 107, 121	Aug 22 - Sept 7	57	30
101 – 104, 108, 109, 144 ^B	Aug 22 - Sept 7	90	75
111 – 114	Aug 22 - Sept 7	125	85
115, 231, 242	Aug 22 - Sept 7	36	40
131, 145, 163, 164	Aug 22 - Sept 7	30	15
132 – 134, 245	Aug 22 - Sept 7	40	20
141, 143, 151 - 156	Aug 15 - Aug 26	169	<i>new hunt</i>
141, 143, 151 - 156	Aug 27 - Sept 7	169	<i>new hunt</i>
161, 162	Aug 22 - Sept 7	34	18
171 - 173	Aug 22 - Sept 7	35	20
181 - 184	Aug 22 - Sept 7	72	70
202, 204	Oct 15 - Oct 30	8	8
203, 291	Aug 22 - Sept 7	11	15
205 - 208	Aug 22 - Sept 7	13	15
211 - 213	Aug 22 - Sept 7	8	7

221 – 223, 241	Aug 22 - Sept 7	31	30
	Aug 22 - Sept 7	23	20
TOTAL		2,222	1728

^A That portion of Unit 144 in Eureka County.

^B That portion of Unit 144 in White Pine County.

**Nonresident Antelope - Horns longer than ears
Any Legal Weapon Hunt 2251**

Unit Group	2026-2027 Season	2026 Quota	2025 Quota
011	Aug 22 - Sept 7	4	3
012 - 014	Aug 22 - Sept 7	6	8
015	Aug 22 - Sept 7	5	7
021, 022	Aug 22 - Sept 7	6	5
031	Aug 22 - Sept 7	14	10
032, 034	Aug 22 - Sept 7	4	4
033 Early	Aug 22 - Aug 28	2	2
033 Late	Aug 29 - Sept 7	2	2
035	Aug 22 - Sept 7	3	3
041, 042	Aug 22 - Sept 7	8	7
043 - 046	Aug 22 - Sept 7	19	20
051	Aug 22 - Sept 7	8	7
061, 062, 064, 071, 073	Aug 22 - Sept 7	21	25
065, 142, 144 ^A	Aug 22 - Sept 7	9	6
066	Aug 22 - Sept 7	3	3
067, 068	Aug 22 - Sept 7	15	15
072, 074, 075	Aug 22 - Sept 7	7	6
076, 077, 079, 081, 091	Aug 22 - Sept 7	7	10
078, 105 - 107, 121	Aug 22 - Sept 7	6	3
101 – 104, 108, 109, 144 ^B	Aug 22 - Sept 7	10	8
111 – 114	Aug 22 - Sept 7	14	9
115, 231, 242	Aug 22 - Sept 7	4	4
131, 145, 163, 164	Aug 22 - Sept 7	3	2
132 - 134, 245	Aug 22 - Sept 7	4	2
141, 143, 151 - 156	Aug 15 - Aug 26	19	new hunt
141, 143, 151 - 156	Aug 27 - Sept 7	19	new hunt
161, 162	Aug 22 - Sept 7	4	2
171 - 173	Aug 22 - Sept 7	4	3
181 - 184	Aug 22 - Sept 7	7	7
202, 204	Oct 15 - Oct 30	1	1
205 - 208	Aug 22 - Sept 7	1	1
221 – 223, 241	Aug 22 - Sept 7	3	3
251	Aug 22 - Sept 7	3	2
TOTAL		246	190

^A That portion of Unit 144 in Eureka County.

^B That portion of Unit 144 in White Pine County.

**Resident Antelope - Horns longer than ears
Muzzleloader Hunt 2171**

Unit Group	2026-2027 Season	2026 Quota	2025 Quota
011	Aug 15 - Aug 21	4	4
012-014	Aug 15 - Aug 21	8	15
015	Aug 15 - Aug 21	9	8
021 - 022	Sept 25 - Oct 4	5	4
031	Aug 15 - Aug 21	12	15
032,034	Sept 25 - Oct 4	5	8
033	Sept 25 - Oct 4	6	4
035	Sept 25 - Oct 4	3	2
041, 042	Aug 15 - Aug 21	9	6
043 - 046	Aug 15 - Aug 21	12	15
051	Aug 15 - Aug 21	5	6
061, 062, 064, 071, 073	Sept 25 - Oct 4	17	15
065, 142, 144 ^A	Sept 25 - Oct 4	17	7
066	Sept 25 - Oct 4	2	2
067, 068	Sept 25 - Oct 4	15	15
072, 074, 075	Sept 25 - Oct 4	6	4
076, 077, 079, 081, 091	Sept 25 - Oct 4	4	10
078, 105 - 107, 121	Sept 25 - Oct 4	4	2
101 – 104, 108, 109, 144 ^B	Sept 25 - Oct 4	11	10
111 – 114	Sept 25 - Oct 4	9	4
115, 231, 242	Aug 15 - Aug 21	5	6
131, 145, 163, 164	Aug 15 - Aug 21	5	3
132 - 134, 245	Aug 15 - Aug 21	3	1
141, 143, 151 - 156	Sept 25 - Oct 4	26	25
161 – 162	Sept 25 - Oct 4	3	5
171 – 173	Sept 25 - Oct 4	4	7
181 – 184	Sept 25 - Oct 4	2	2
202, 204	Aug 15 - Aug 21	1	1
203, 291	Sept 25 - Oct 4	2	2
205 – 208	Sept 25 - Oct 4	1	2
211 – 213	Sept 25 - Oct 4	1	1
221 – 223, 241	Aug 15 - Aug 21	5	9
251	Sept 25 - Oct 4	2	6
TOTAL		223	226

^A That portion of Unit 144 in Eureka County.

^B That portion of Unit 144 in White Pine County.

**Nonresident Antelope - Horns longer than ears
Muzzleloader Hunt 2271**

Unit Group	2026-2027 Season	2026 Quota	2025 Quota
012-014	Aug 15 - Aug 21	1	2
031	Aug 15 - Aug 21	1	2
043 - 046	Aug 15 - Aug 21	1	1
061, 062, 064, 071, 073	Sept 25 - Oct 4	2	1
067, 068	Sept 25 - Oct 4	2	1
078, 105 - 107, 121	Sept 25 - Oct 4	1	1
101 – 104, 108, 109, 144 ^A	Sept 25 - Oct 4	1	1
111 – 114	Sept 25 - Oct 4	1	1
141, 143, 151 - 156	Sept 25 - Oct 4	3	2
TOTAL		13	12

^A That portion of Unit 144 in White Pine County.

**Resident Antelope - Horns longer than ears
Archery Hunt 2161**

Unit Group	2026-2027 Season	2026 Quota	2025 Quota
011	Aug 1 - Aug 14	10	10
012 - 014	Aug 1 - Aug 14	23	25
015	Aug 1 - Aug 14	18	30
021, 022	Aug 1 - Aug 21	18	15
031	Aug 1 - Aug 14	42	35
032, 034	Aug 1 - Aug 21	22	25
033	Aug 1 - Aug 21	12	9
035	Aug 1 - Aug 21	4	3
041, 042	Aug 1 - Aug 14	19	15
043 - 046	Aug 1 - Aug 14	58	55
051	Aug 1 - Aug 14	25	25
061, 062, 064, 071, 073	Aug 1 - Aug 21	62	60
065, 142, 144 ^A	Aug 1 - Aug 21	25	35
066	Aug 1 - Aug 21	4	4
067, 068	Aug 1 - Aug 21	63	70
072, 074, 075	Aug 1 - Aug 21	23	25
076, 077, 079, 081, 091	Aug 1 - Aug 21	14	30
078, 105 - 107, 121	Aug 1 - Aug 21	11	5
101 – 104, 108, 109, 144 ^B	Aug 1 - Aug 21	22	25
111 – 114	Aug 1 - Aug 21	25	20
115, 231, 242	Aug 1 - Aug 14	6	6
131, 145, 163, 164	Aug 1 - Aug 14	8	6
132 – 134, 245	Aug 1 - Aug 14	10	3

141, 143, 151 - 156	Aug 1 - Aug 14	147	111
161, 162	Aug 1 - Aug 21	6	5
171 - 173	Aug 1 - Aug 21	7	7
181 - 184	Aug 1 - Aug 21	10	10
203, 291	Aug 1 - Aug 21	2	2
205 - 208	Aug 1 - Aug 21	8	10
211 - 213	Aug 1 - Aug 21	3	1
221 – 223, 241	Aug 1 - Aug 14	5	5
251	Aug 1 - Aug 21	6	2
TOTAL		718	592

^A That portion of Unit 144 in Eureka County.

^B That portion of Unit 144 in White Pine County.

Nonresident Antelope - Horns longer than ears Archery Hunt 2261

Unit Group	2026-2027 Season	2026 Quota	2025 Quota
011	Aug 1 - Aug 14	1	1
012 - 014	Aug 1 - Aug 14	3	3
015	Aug 1 - Aug 14	2	3
021, 022	Aug 1 - Aug 21	2	1
031	Aug 1 - Aug 14	5	4
032, 034	Aug 1 - Aug 21	2	3
033	Aug 1 - Aug 21	1	1
035	Aug 1 - Aug 21	1	1
041, 042	Aug 1 - Aug 14	2	1
043 - 046	Aug 1 - Aug 14	6	6
051	Aug 1 - Aug 14	3	3
061, 062, 064, 071, 073	Aug 1 - Aug 21	7	6
065, 142, 144 ^A	Aug 1 - Aug 21	3	4
067, 068	Aug 1 - Aug 21	7	8
072, 074, 075	Aug 1 - Aug 21	3	3
078, 105 - 107, 121	Aug 1 - Aug 21	1	1
101 – 104, 108, 109, 144 ^B	Aug 1 - Aug 21	2	2
111 – 114	Aug 1 - Aug 21	3	2
115, 231, 242	Aug 1 - Aug 14	1	1
131, 145, 163, 164	Aug 1 - Aug 14	1	1
132 - 134, 245	Aug 1 - Aug 14	1	1
141, 143, 151 - 156	Aug 1 - Aug 14	16	10
161, 162	Aug 1 - Aug 21	1	1
171 - 173	Aug 1 - Aug 21	1	1
181 - 184	Aug 1 - Aug 21	2	2
205 - 208	Aug 1 - Aug 21	1	1
TOTAL		78	64

^A That portion of Unit 144 in Eureka County.

^B That portion of Unit 144 in White Pine County.

**Resident Antelope - Horns shorter than ears
Any Legal Weapon Hunt 2181**

Unit Group	2026-2027 Season	2026 Quota	<i>2025 Quota</i>
043-046	Sept 8 - Sept 24	34	20
061, 062, 064, 071, 073	Sept 8 - Sept 24	151	70
065, 142, 144 ^A	Sept 8 - Sept 24	7	15
066	Sept 8 - Sept 24	5	10
067, 068	Sept 8 - Sept 24	102	30
072, 074, 075	Sept 8 - Sept 24	9	5
076, 077, 079, 081, 091	Sept 8 - Sept 24	15	35
101-104, 108, 109, 144 ^B	Sept 8 - Sept 24	20	20
111-114	Sept 8 - Sept 24	28	25
115 ^C	Sept 8 - Sept 24	10	20
141, 143, 152, 154, 155	Sept 8 - Sept 24	120	100
151, 153, 156	Sept 8 - Sept 24	120	65
181 - 184	Sept 8 - Sept 24	16	35
TOTAL		637	450

^A That portion of Unit 144 in Eureka County.

^B That portion of Unit 144 in White Pine County.

^C Within 1 mile of Great Basin Ranch properties in Hunt Unit 115.

**Resident Junior Antelope - Horns shorter than ears
Any Legal Weapon Hunt 2191**

Unit Group	2026-2027 Season	2026 Quota	<i>2025 Quota</i>
043-046	Sept 8 - Sept 24	34	50
061, 062, 064, 071, 073	Sept 8 - Sept 24	151	210
065, 142, 144^A	Sept 8 - Sept 24	7	<i>new hunt</i>
066	Sept 8 - Sept 24	5	<i>new hunt</i>
067, 068	Sept 8 - Sept 24	102	85
072, 074, 075	Sept 8 - Sept 24	9	15
076, 077, 079, 081, 091	Sept 8 - Sept 24	15	<i>new hunt</i>
101-104, 108, 109, 144^B	Sept 8 - Sept 24	20	<i>new hunt</i>
111-114	Sept 8 - Sept 24	28	<i>new hunt</i>
115^C	Sept 8 - Sept 24	10	<i>new hunt</i>
141, 143, 152, 154, 155	Sept 8 - Sept 24	120	290
151, 153, 156	Sept 8 - Sept 24	120	200
181 - 184	Sept 8 - Sept 24	16	<i>new hunt</i>
TOTAL		637	850

^A That portion of Unit 144 in Eureka County.

^B That portion of Unit 144 in White Pine County.

^C Within 1 mile of Great Basin Ranch properties in Hunt Unit 115.

Resident Elk - Antlered
Any Legal Weapon Depredation Hunt 4102

Special Regulations: Eligibility restrictions concerning successive years' hunts as stated in NAC 502.361 do not apply to this hunt.

Unit Group	2026-2027 Season	Recommended	2025 Approved
101 - 103* Early	Aug 1 - Sep 30	50	50
101 - 103* Late	Oct 1 - Jan 1	50	50
115 ^A Antler Pt. Limit [†] - 1st	Aug 1 - Aug 15	5	5
115 ^A Antler Pt. Limit [†] - 2nd	Aug 16 - Aug 31	5	5
115 ^A Antler Pt. Limit [†] - 3rd	Sept 1 - Sept 30	5	5
115 ^A Antler Pt. Limit [†] - 4th	Oct 1 - Oct 31	5	5
115 ^A Antler Pt. Limit [†] - 5th	Nov 1 - Nov 30	5	5
144, 145* Early	Aug 1 - Sept 30	5	5
144, 145* Late	Oct 1 - Jan 1	5	5
231 ^B Antler Pt. Limit [†] - 1st	Aug 1 - Aug 15	5	5
231 ^B Antler Pt. Limit [†] - 2nd	Aug 16 - Aug 31	5	5
231 ^B Antler Pt. Limit [†] - 3rd	Sept 1 - Sept 30	5	5
231 ^B Antler Pt. Limit [†] - 4th	Oct 1 - Oct 31	5	5
231 ^B Antler Pt. Limit [†] - 5th	Nov 1 - Nov 30	5	5
251*	CLOSED	0	5
		160	165

* Low elk numbers in the area. Depredation Hunts are intended to drastically reduce elk numbers. Poor hunter success expected.

^A Within 2 miles of Great Basin Ranch Properties

^B Within 2 miles of designated Lake Valley Farms, Eight Mile Farms, and Flatnose Ranch Properties in Hunt Unit 231.

[†]Hunters may only take an antlered elk with no more than 5 points on either antler including the first point on the main beam. An antler point is defined in Nevada Administrative Code (NAC 502.006) as any antler projection which is at least 1-inch in length with the length exceeding the width of its base.

Resident Elk - Antlered
Any Legal Weapon Hunt 4151

Unit Group	2026-2027 Season	Recommended	2025 Approved
051	Sept 17 - Sept 30	2	2
061, 071 Early	Oct 5 - Oct 21	11	11
061, 071 Late	Oct 22 - Nov 5	18	18
062, 064, 066 - 068	Oct 22 - Nov 5	27	30
072, 073, 074 Early	Oct 22 - Nov 5	30	30
072, 073, 074 Late	Nov 6 - Nov 20	30	30
075 Early	Oct 22 - Nov 5	12	10
075 Late	Nov 6 - Nov 20	11	10
076, 077, 079, 081 Early	Nov 6 - Nov 20	40	70
076, 077, 079, 081 Late	Nov 21 - Dec 4	45	75

078, 105 - 107, 109 Early	Oct 22 - Nov 5	20	20
078, 105 - 107, 109 Late	Nov 6 - Nov 20	20	20
091*	Sept 12 - Oct 2	7	10
104, 108 ^B , 121 Early	Nov 6 - Nov 20	48	45
104, 108 ^B , 121 Late	Nov 21 - Dec 4	47	45
108 ^C , 131, 132 Early	Nov 6 - Nov 20	27	25
108 ^C , 131, 132 Late	Nov 21 - Dec 4	21	19
111 - 115 Early	Nov 6 - Nov 20	68	60
111 - 115 Late	Nov 21 - Dec 4	72	60
161 - 164, 171 - 173 Early	Nov 6 - Nov 20	27	30
161 - 164, 171 - 173 Late	Nov 21 - Dec 4	42	30
221 - 223 Early	Nov 6 - Nov 20	62	60
221 - 223 Late	Nov 21 - Dec 4	75	60
231 Early	Nov 6 - Nov 20	41	35
231 Late	Nov 21 - Dec 4	44	40
241, 242	Nov 6 - Nov 20	5	3
262	Sept 17 - Sept 30	4	3
		856	851

^B That portion of Unit 108 north of the Falcon-to-Gonder powerline.

^C That portion of Unit 108 south of the Falcon-to-Gonder powerline.

*Interstate hunt with Utah. Nevada and Utah hunters may hunt within open units in both states. Nevada hunters hunting in Utah must abide by Utah regulations.

Nonresident Elk - Antlered Any Legal Weapon Hunt 4251

Unit Group	2026-2027 Season	Recommended	2025 Approved
061, 071 Early	Oct 5 - Oct 21	1	1
061, 071 Late	Oct 22 - Nov 5	2	2
062, 064, 066 - 068	Oct 22 - Nov 5	3	3
072, 073, 074 Early	Oct 22 - Nov 5	3	3
072, 073, 074 Late	Nov 6 - Nov 20	3	4
075 Early	Oct 22 - Nov 5	1	1
075 Late	Nov 6 - Nov 20	1	1
076, 077, 079, 081 Early	Nov 6 - Nov 20	5	8
076, 077, 079, 081 Late	Nov 21 - Dec 4	6	9
078, 105 - 107, 109 Early	Oct 22 - Nov 5	2	2
078, 105 - 107, 109 Late	Nov 6 - Nov 20	2	2
104, 108 ^B , 121 Early	Nov 6 - Nov 20	5	6
104, 108 ^B , 121 Late	Nov 21 - Dec 4	5	6
108 ^C , 131, 132 Early	Nov 6 - Nov 20	3	3
108 ^C , 131, 132 Late	Nov 21 - Dec 4	2	3
111 - 115 Early	Nov 6 - Nov 20	8	7
111 - 115 Late	Nov 21 - Dec 4	8	7
161 - 164, 171 - 173 Early	Nov 6 - Nov 20	3	3
161 - 164, 171 - 173 Late	Nov 21 - Dec 4	5	4
221 - 223 Early	Nov 6 - Nov 20	7	7
221 - 223 Late	Nov 21 - Dec 4	8	8

231 Early	Nov 6 - Nov 20	5	3
231 Late	Nov 21 - Dec 4	5	4
		93	97

^B That portion of Unit 108 north of the Falcon-to-Gonder powerline.

^C That portion of Unit 108 south of the Falcon-to-Gonder powerline.

Resident Elk - Antlered Muzzleloader Hunt 4156

Unit Group	2026-2027 Season	Recommended	2025 Approved
051	Sept 1 - Sept 16	2	2
061,071	Sept 1 - Sept 16	7	4
062, 064, 066-068	Sept 1 - Sept 16	3	4
072, 073, 074	Oct 5 - Oct 21	6	6
075	Oct 5 - Oct 21	3	3
076, 077, 079, 081	Oct 22 - Nov 5	12	25
078, 105 - 107, 109	Oct 5 - Oct 21	10	10
104, 108 ^B , 121	Oct 22 - Nov 5	12	10
108 ^C , 131, 132	Oct 22 - Nov 5	10	7
111 - 115	Oct 22 - Nov 5	24	17
161 - 164, 171 - 173	Sept 17 - Sept 30	5	7
221 - 223	Oct 22 - Nov 5	22	25
231	Oct 22 - Nov 5	16	11
241, 242	Sept 17 - Sept 30	3	2
262	Oct 22 - Nov 5	1	1
		136	134

^B That portion of Unit 108 north of the Falcon-to-Gonder powerline.

^C That portion of Unit 108 south of the Falcon-to-Gonder powerline.

Nonresident Elk - Antlered Muzzleloader Hunt 4256

Unit Group	2026-2027 Season	Recommended	2025 Approved
061, 071	Sept 1 - Sept 16	1	1
062, 064, 066-068	Sept 1 - Sept 16	1	1
072, 073, 074	Oct 5 - Oct 21	1	1
076, 077, 079, 081	Oct 22 - Nov 5	2	3
078, 105 - 107, 109	Oct 5 - Oct 21	1	2
104, 108 ^B , 121	Oct 22 - Nov 5	1	1
111 - 115	Oct 22 - Nov 5	3	2
161 - 164, 171 - 173	Sept 17 - Sept 30	1	1
221 - 223	Oct 22 - Nov 5	3	3
231	Oct 22 - Nov 5	2	1
		16	16

^B That portion of Unit 108 north of the Falcon-to-Gonder powerline.

**Resident Elk - Antlered
Archery Hunt 4161**

Unit Group	2026-2027 Season	Recommended	2025 Approved
061, 071	Aug 16 - Aug 31	34	20
062, 064, 066 - 068	Aug 16 - Aug 31	8	7
072, 073, 074	Aug 25 - Sept 16	31	25
075	Aug 25 - Sept 16	7	5
076, 077, 079, 081	Aug 25 - Sept 16	26	45
078, 105 - 107, 109	Sept 1 - Sept 20	10	10
091*	Aug 15 - Sept 6	3	4
104, 108 ^B , 121	Aug 25 - Sept 16	18	15
108 ^C , 131, 132	Aug 25 - Sept 16	10	6
111 - 115	Aug 25 - Sept 16	34	30
161 - 164, 171 - 173	Aug 25 - Sept 16	13	12
221 - 223	Aug 25 - Sept 16	38	35
231	Aug 25 - Sept 16	25	20
241, 242	Aug 25 - Sept 16	4	3
262	Aug 25 - Sept 16	1	1
		262	238

*Interstate hunt with Utah. Nevada and Utah hunters may hunt within open units in both states. Nevada hunters hunting in Utah must abide by Utah regulations.

^B That portion of Unit 108 north of the Falcon-to-Gonder powerline.

^C That portion of Unit 108 south of the Falcon-to-Gonder powerline.

**Nonresident Elk - Antlered
Archery Hunt 4261**

Unit Group	2026-2027 Season	Recommended	2025 Approved
061, 071	Aug 16 - Aug 31	4	2
062, 064, 066 - 068	Aug 16 - Aug 31	1	1
072, 073, 074	Aug 25 - Sept 16	4	3
076, 077, 079, 081	Aug 25 - Sept 16	3	5
078, 105 - 107, 109	Sept 1 - Sept 20	1	1
104, 108 ^B , 121	Aug 25 - Sept 16	2	2
108 ^C , 131, 132	Aug 25 - Sept 16	1	1
111 - 115	Aug 25 - Sept 16	4	3
161 - 164, 171 - 173	Aug 25 - Sept 16	2	1
221 - 223	Aug 25 - Sept 16	5	4
231	Aug 25 - Sept 16	3	2
		30	25

^B That portion of Unit 108 north of the Falcon-to-Gonder powerline.

^C That portion of Unit 108 south of the Falcon-to-Gonder powerline.

Resident Elk - Spike
Any Legal Weapon Hunt 4651

Unit Group	2026-2027 Season	Recommended	2025 Approved
061, 071 Early	Sept 17 - Oct 4	6	10
061, 071 Late	Nov 6 - Jan 1	6	10
062, 064, 066 - 068	Sept 17 - Oct 4	13	15
072, 073, 074 Early	Sept 27 - Oct 4	20	20
072, 073, 074 Late	Nov 21 - Jan 1	20	20
076, 077, 079, 081 Early	Oct 1 - Oct 20	10	20
076, 077, 079, 081 Late	Dec 5 - Jan 1	10	20
078, 107 Early	Sept 21 - Oct 4	4	10
105, 106, 109 Early	Sept 21 - Oct 4	1	1
078, 105 - 107, 109 Late	Nov 21 - Jan 1	2	8
104, 108 ^B , 121 Early	Sept 27 - Oct 4	5	15
104, 108 ^B , 121 Late	Dec 5 - Jan 1	5	15
111, 112 Early	Sept 27 - Oct 4	17	15
111, 112 Late	Dec 5 - Jan 1	7	15
113 Early	Sept 27 - Oct 4	7	5
113 Late	Dec 5 - Jan 1	7	5
114, 115 Early	Sept 27 - Oct 4	19	15
114, 115 Late	Dec 5 - Jan 1	15	15
161 - 164 Early	Oct 1 - Oct 20	10	
161 - 164 Late	Dec 5 - Jan 1	10	35
221 Early	Sept 27 - Oct 4	5	5
221 Late	Dec 5 - Jan 1	5	5
222, 223 Early	Sept 27 - Oct 4	15	25
222, 223 Late	Dec 5 - Jan 1	15	25
231 Early	Sept 27 - Oct 4	6	5
231 Late	Dec 5 - Jan 1	8	5
		248	339

^B That portion of Unit 108 north of the Falcon-to-Gonder powerline.

Resident Elk - Antlerless
Any Legal Weapon Hunt 4181

Unit Group	2026-2027 Season	Recommended	2025 Approved
061, 071 Early	Sept 17 - Oct 4	126	140
061, 071 Late	Nov 6 - Jan 1	86	95
062 Early	Sept 17 - Oct 4	170	80
062 Mid	Oct 5 - Oct 21	98	60
062, 066 ^A Late	Nov 6 - Jan 1	50	25
072, 073, 074 Early	Sept 27 - Oct 4	107	40
075 Early	Sept 27 - Oct 4	40	20
072 - 075 Late	Nov 21 - Jan 1	149	75
076, 077, 079, 081 Early	Oct 1 - Oct 20	10	135

076, 077, 079, 081 Late	Dec 5 - Jan 1	5	135
078, 107 Early	Sept 21 - Oct 4	7	80
105, 106, 109 Early	Sept 21 - Oct 4	2	6
078, 105 - 107, 109 Late	Nov 21 - Jan 1	2	35
091 Early*	Aug 1 - Aug 14	5	5
091 Late*	Oct 3 - Nov 1	5	5
104, 108 ^B , 121 Early	Sept 27 - Oct 4	43	75
104, 108 ^B , 121 Late	Dec 5 - Jan 1	17	30
108 ^C , 131, 132	Sept 27 - Oct 4	31	45
111, 112 Early	Sept 27 - Oct 4	13	25
111, 112 Late	Dec 5 - Jan 1	17	45
113 Early	Sept 27 - Oct 4	5	8
113 Late	Dec 5 - Jan 1	6	16
113 N ^D	Jan 2 - Jan 31	4	9
114, 115 Early	Sept 27 - Oct 4	9	30
114, 115 Late	Dec 5 - Jan 1	10	50
161 - 164 Early	Oct 1 - Oct 20	83	30
161 - 164 Late	Dec 5 - Jan 1	70	55
221 Early	Sept 27 - Oct 4	6	17
221 Late	Dec 5 - Jan 1	5	13
222, 223 Early	Sept 27 - Oct 4	17	38
222, 223 Late	Dec 5 - Jan 1	15	30
231 Early	Sept 27 - Oct 4	54	55
231 Late	Dec 5 - Jan 1	50	50
241, 242	Oct 1 - Oct 20	10	8
		1,327	1,565

* Interstate hunt with Utah. Nevada and Utah hunters may hunt within open units in both states. Nevada hunters hunting in Utah must abide by Utah regulations.

^A That portion of Unit 066 east and north of the South Fork of the Owyhee River.

^B That portion of Unit 108 north of the Falcon-to-Gonder powerline.

^C That portion of Unit 108 south of the Falcon-to-Gonder powerline.

^D That portion of Unit 113 north of White Pine County Road 35.

Nonresident Elk - Antlerless Any Legal Weapon Hunt 4281

Unit Group	2026-2027 Season	Recommended	2025 Approved
061, 071 Early	Sept 17 - Oct 4	19	19
061, 071 Late	Nov 6 - Jan 1	13	18
062 Early	Sept 17 - Oct 4	19	9
062 Mid	Oct 5 - Oct 21	11	6
062, 066 ^A Late	Nov 6 - Jan 1	6	2
072, 073, 074 Early	Sept 27 - Oct 4	12	4
072 - 075 Late	Nov 21 - Jan 1	17	8
076, 077, 079, 081 Early	Oct 1 - Oct 20	1	15
076, 077, 079, 081 Late	Dec 5 - Jan 1	1	15

078, 107 Early	Sept 21 - Oct 4	1	9
105, 106, 109 Early	Sept 21 - Oct 4	1	1
078, 105 - 107, 109 Late	Nov 21 - Jan 1	1	4
104, 108 ^B , 121 Early	Sept 27 - Oct 4	5	8
104, 108 ^B , 121 Late	Dec 5 - Jan 1	2	3
108 ^C , 131, 132	Sept 27 - Oct 4	3	5
111, 112 Early	Sept 27 - Oct 4	1	2
111, 112 Late	Dec 5 - Jan 1	2	5
113 Early	Sept 27 - Oct 4	1	1
113 Late	Dec 5 - Jan 1	1	2
113 N ^D	Jan 2 - Jan 31	1	1
114, 115 Early	Sept 27 - Oct 4	1	3
114, 115 Late	Dec 5 - Jan 1	1	5
161 - 164 Early	Oct 1 - Oct 20	9	3
161 - 164 Late	Dec 5 - Jan 1	7	6
221 Early	Sept 27 - Oct 4	1	3
221 Late	Dec 5 - Jan 1	1	1
222, 223 Early	Sept 27 - Oct 4	2	5
222, 223 Late	Dec 5 - Jan 1	2	4
231 Early	Sept 27 - Oct 4	6	6
231 Late	Dec 5 - Jan 1	6	5
		154	178

^A That portion of Unit 066 east and north of the South Fork of the Owyhee River.

^B That portion of Unit 108 north of the Falcon-to-Gonder powerline.

^C That portion of Unit 108 south of the Falcon-to-Gonder powerline.

^D That portion of Unit 113 north of White Pine County Road 35.

Resident Elk - Antlerless Muzzleloader Hunt 4176

Unit Group	2026-2027 Season	Recommended	2025 Approved
072, 073, 074	Sept 17 - Sept 26	32	25
075	Sept 17 - Sept 26	11	3
076, 077, 079, 081	Sept 17 - Sept 30	3	70
078, 105 - 107, 109	Aug 16 - Aug 31	4	25
104, 108 ^B , 121	Sept 17 - Sept 26	18	35
108 ^C , 131, 132	Sept 17 - Sept 26	11	15
111, 112	Sept 17 - Sept 26	5	10
113	Sept 17 - Sept 26	2	4
114, 115	Sept 17 - Sept 26	4	15
161 - 164	Aug 16 - Aug 24	20	17
221 - 223	Sept 17 - Sept 26	15	25
231	Sept 17 - Sept 26	17	18
241, 242	Aug 16 - Aug 24	5	3
		147	265

^B That portion of Unit 108 north of the Falcon-to-Gonder powerline.

^C That portion of Unit 108 south of the Falcon-to-Gonder powerline.

**Nonresident Elk - Antlerless
Muzzleloader Hunt 4276**

Unit Group	2026-2027 Season	Recommended	2025 Approved
072, 073, 074	Sept 17 - Sept 26	4	2
076, 077, 079, 081	Sept 17 - Sept 30	1	6
078, 105 - 107, 109	Aug 16 - Aug 31	1	3
104, 108 ^B , 121	Sept 17 - Sept 26	2	4
108 ^C , 131, 132	Sept 17 - Sept 26	1	2
111, 112	Sept 17 - Sept 26	1	1
113	Sept 17 - Sept 26	1	1
114, 115	Sept 17 - Sept 26	1	2
161 - 164	Aug 16 - Aug 24	2	2
221 - 223	Sept 17 - Sept 26	2	4
231	Sept 17 - Sept 26	2	2
		18	29

^B That portion of Unit 108 north of the Falcon-to-Gonder powerline.

^C That portion of Unit 108 south of the Falcon-to-Gonder powerline.

**Resident Elk - Antlerless
Archery Hunt 4111**

Unit Group	2026-2027 Season	Recommended	2025 Approved
061, 071	Aug 1 - Aug 15	121	65
062	Aug 1 - Aug 15	80	40
072, 073, 074	Aug 1 - Aug 24	55	9
075	Aug 1 - Aug 24	10	2
076, 077, 079, 081	Aug 1 - Aug 24	4	90
078, 105 - 107, 109	Aug 1 - Aug 15	3	15
104, 108 ^B , 121	Aug 1 - Aug 24	8	18
108 ^C , 131, 132	Aug 1 - Aug 24	6	2
111, 112	Aug 1 - Aug 24	4	13
113	Aug 1 - Aug 24	2	3
114	Aug 1 - Aug 24	2	9
161 - 164	Aug 1 - Aug 15	27	40
221 - 223	Aug 1 - Aug 24	5	19
231	Aug 1 - Aug 24	16	16
241, 242	Aug 1 - Aug 15	5	3
		348	344

^B That portion of Unit 108 north of the Falcon-to-Gonder powerline.

^C That portion of Unit 108 south of the Falcon-to-Gonder powerline.

**Nonresident Elk - Antlerless
Archery Hunt 4211**

Unit Group	2026-2027 Season	Recommended	2025 Approved
061, 071	Aug 1 - Aug 15	18	9
062	Aug 1 - Aug 15	9	4
072, 073, 074	Aug 1 - Aug 24	6	1
076, 077, 079, 081	Aug 1 - Aug 24	1	10
078, 105 - 107, 109	Aug 1 - Aug 15	1	2
104, 108 ^B , 121	Aug 1 - Aug 24	1	2
108 ^C , 131, 132	Aug 1 - Aug 24	1	1
111, 112	Aug 1 - Aug 24	1	1
113	Aug 1 - Aug 24	1	1
114	Aug 1 - Aug 24	1	1
161 - 164	Aug 1 - Aug 15	3	4
221 - 223	Aug 1 - Aug 24	1	2
231	Aug 1 - Aug 24	2	2
		46	40

^B That portion of Unit 108 north of the Falcon-to-Gonder powerline.

^C That portion of Unit 108 south of the Falcon-to-Gonder powerline.

**Resident Elk - Antlerless
Any Legal Weapon Depredation Hunt 4107**

Unit Group	2026-2027 Season	Recommended	2025 Approved
081 ^A 1st*	Aug 1 - Aug 24	30	30
081 ^A 2nd*	Sept 17 - Sept 30	30	30
081 ^A 3rd*	Oct 1 - Oct 20	30	30
081 ^A 4th*	Dec 5 - Jan 1	30	30
101 - 103*	Aug 1 - Jan 1	150	150
114 ^B , 115 ^B - Ag Lands - 1st	Aug 1 - Aug 15	10	10
114 ^B , 115 ^B - Ag Lands - 2nd	Aug 16 - Aug 31	10	10
114 ^B , 115 ^B - Ag Lands - 3rd	Sept 1 - Sept 30	10	10
114 ^B , 115 ^B - Ag Lands - 4th	Oct 1 - Oct 31	10	10
114 ^B , 115 ^B - Ag Lands - 5th	Nov 1 - Nov 30	10	10
114^B, 115^B - Ag Lands - 6th	Dec 1 - Dec 31	10	
114^B, 115^B - Ag Lands - 7th	Jan 1 - Jan 31	10	
121 ^C 1st*	Aug 1 - Aug 31	20	15
121 ^C 2nd*	Sept 1 - Sept 30	15	10
121 ^C 3rd*	Oct 1 - Jan 1	10	10
144, 145 Early*	Aug 1 - Sept 30	5	5
144, 145 Late*	Oct 1 - Jan 1	5	5
		395	365

* Low elk numbers in the area. Depredation Hunts are intended to drastically reduce elk numbers from this Unit Group. Poor hunter success expected.

^A That portion of Unit 081 within Elko County bounded on the west by the Fall Creek Road, on the north by the Idaho state line, on the east by the Utah state line, and on the south by the Signboard Pass-Thousand Springs Road and by State Route No. 233 from Montello to the Utah state line.

^B Within 2 miles of designated Granite Peak Ranch and Great Basin Ranch Properties in Hunt Unit 115 and within 2 miles of designated Baker Ranch Properties in Hunt Units 114 and 115. Hunt boundaries terminate at the Nevada state line where applicable.

^C Those portions of Elko County southeast of the Cherry Creek Road and southwest of U.S. Highway 93, and that portion of White Pine County west of U.S. Highway 93, north of White Pine County Road 27 (Bassett Lake Rd.), and east of White Pine County Road 27 to its junction with White Pine County Road 18 to its junction with White Pine County Road 23 (bench road from Bassett Lake Rd to the town of Cherry Creek) to State Highway 489 0.2 miles east to its junction with White Pine County Road 25 to the Elko County Line.

**Resident Moose - Antlered
Any Legal Weapon Hunt 10151***

Unit Group	2026-2027 Season	Recommended	<i>2025 Approved</i>
061, 062, 064, 066 - 068, 071 - 077, 081, 101 - 103	Sept 1 - Nov 30	3	2

*A person who harvests a moose shall, within 5 days after harvesting it, personally present the skull and any antlers of the moose, if applicable, to a representative of the Department for inspection (CGR 514, LCB File No. R022-23)

**Resident Nelson (Desert) Bighorn Sheep
Any Ram - Any Legal Weapon Hunt 3151**

Unit Group	2026-2027 Season	2026 Quota Recommended	2025 Quota Approved
045	Sept 15 - Oct 15	4	
131, 132	Sept 15 - Jan 1	2	
134, 251	Nov 20 - Jan 1	3	
161	Sept 15 - Jan 1	3	
163, 162	Nov 20 - Jan 1	2	
173	Sept 1 - Jan 1	1	1
181 East** ^A	Nov 20 - Jan 1	4	4
181 West ^B	Nov 20 - Jan 1	1	2
182, 044	Nov 20 - Jan 1	5	5
183, 153	Nov 20 - Jan 1	9	9
184	Oct 15 - Nov 15	6	6
202	Oct 15 - Nov 15	5	5
204	Sept 15 - Nov 15	2	2
205	Nov 20 - Jan 1	2	3
206, 208	Nov 20 - Jan 1	6	6
207	Sept 15 - Jan 1	1	2
211	Nov 20 - Jan 1	3	3
212	Nov 20 - Jan 1	3	2
213	Nov 20 - Jan 1	1	4
223, 221	Nov 20 - Jan 1	2	1
241	Nov 20 - Jan 1	4	4
243	Nov 20 - Jan 1	4	4
244	Nov 20 - Jan 1	7	6
245, 133	Nov 20 - Jan 1	1	1
253	Nov 20 - Jan 1	4	5
254	Nov 1 - Jan 1	4	4
261	Nov 20 - Jan 1	4	3
262	Nov 20 - Jan 1	3	2
263	Nov 20 - Jan 1	6	5
264, 265, 266	Nov 20 - Jan 1	3	3
267	Nov 20 - Jan 1	4	8
268 Early	Nov 16 - Dec 8	18	30
268 Late	Dec 10 - Jan 1	18	30
271, 242**	Nov 20 - Jan 1	4	
272	Nov 20 - Jan 1	1	
280***	Dec 19 - Jan 3	5	
281***	Dec 19 - Jan 3	4	
282***	Dec 19 - Jan 3	1	
283, 284	Nov 20 - Jan 1	3	
286	Nov 20 - Jan 1	3	
	TOTAL	166	189

^A181 East - That portion of Unit 181 east of State Route 839

^B181 West - That portion of Unit 181 west of State Route 839

* There are portions of Unit 181 in Naval Air Station (NAS) Fallon where public access is restricted. To hunt in the NAS portions of Unit 181, the tagholder is required to attend a NAS hunter safety briefing.

** Mature ram numbers and distribution are unknown in this unit.

*** Portions of Hunt Units 280, 281, and 282 are within the Nevada Test and Training Range (NTTR) where public access is restricted. Hunters and everyone in their respective hunting parties, must comply with all Nevada hunting requirements and all NTTR safety and security requirements including the following: 1) consent to and pass a criminal history background check, 2) be at least 14 years old on opening day of the respective hunting season, 3) attend the Nellis Air Force Base hunter safety briefing, and 4) within the NTTR Hunt Units 280, 281, and 282 limit party size to 5 including tagholder. Additional party members may complete background check and safety briefing, but only maximum of 5 party members including tagholder may be present within the NTTR Hunt Units 280, 281, and 282 at any given time.

***Hunters and members of their parties who fail to comply with these requirements may be denied access to the NTTR. Hunters and members of their parties may not access the NTTR after a tag is filled and animal has been removed and in possession of tagholder. No pets are allowed on NTTR. It is the hunter's responsibility to meet and/or comply with all NTTR eligibility requirements. In some units there may be adjustments to season dates to accommodate Department of Defense operations. The Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners hereby delegates authority to the Nevada Department of Wildlife to adjust season dates to accommodate Department of Defense operations so long as there is no change to the overall length of the season.

**Nonresident Nelson (Desert) Bighorn Sheep
Any Ram - Any Legal Weapon Hunt 3251**

Unit Group	2026-2027 Season	2026 Quota Recommended	2025 Quota Approved
181 West ^D	Nov 20 - Jan 1	1	1
182, 044	Nov 20 - Jan 1	1	1
183, 153	Nov 20 - Jan 1	1	1
184	Oct 15 - Nov 15	2	1
205	Nov 20 - Jan 1	1	1
243	Nov 20 - Jan 1	1	1
253	Nov 20 - Jan 1	1	1
263	Nov 20 - Jan 1	1	1
267	Nov 20 - Jan 1	1	1
268 Early	Nov 16 - Dec 8	2	3
268 Late	Dec 10 - Jan 1	2	3
283, 284	Nov 20 - Jan 1	1	1
	TOTAL	15	18

^D181 West - That portion of Unit 181 west of State Route 839

**Resident Nelson (Desert) Bighorn Sheep
Any Ram - Archery Hunt 3161**

Unit Group	2026-2027 Season	2026 Quota Recommended	2025 Quota Approved
182, 044	Aug 15 - Oct 1	1	1
184	Sept 1 - Oct 1	1	1
202	Sept 15 - Oct 14	1	1
267	Oct 1 - Oct 31	1	1
268	Jan 5 - Feb 20	3	9
	TOTAL	7	13

**Resident Nelson (Desert) Bighorn Sheep
Management Ram - One Horn* - Any Legal Weapon Hunt 3171**

Unit Group	2024 Season	2026 Quota Recommended	2025 Quota Approved
262, 263, 264, 265, 266	Jan 5 - Feb 20	2	3
267, 268	Jan 5 - Feb 20	2	4
	TOTAL	4	7

*The shortest horn must be less than half the length of the longest horn.

*Management Ram Hunt - 1) a separate hunt category, 2) no bonus points awarded to unsuccessful applicants per NAC 502.4187, and 3) a once-in-a-lifetime hunt based on successfully drawing a tag and therefore has no waiting period eligibility.

**Resident Nelson (Desert) Bighorn Sheep - Any Ram
Management Ram* - Any Legal Weapon Hunt 3172**

Unit Group	2026-2027 Season	2026 Quota Recommended	2025 Quota Approved
164 Early	Sept 1 - Oct 31	3	
164 Late	Nov 1 - Dec 31	3	
	TOTAL	6	

* 1) a separate hunt category, 2) no bonus points awarded to unsuccessful applicants per NAC 502.4187, 3) a once-in-a-lifetime hunt based on successfully drawing a tag and therefore has no waiting period eligibility.

**Resident Nelson (Desert) Bighorn Sheep
Any Ewe - Any Legal Weapon Hunt 3181**

Unit Group	2026-2027 Season	2026 Quota Recommended	2025 Quota Approved
268	Oct 20 - Nov 15	50	90
	TOTAL	50	90

**Nonresident Nelson (Desert) Bighorn Sheep
Any Ewe - Any Legal Weapon Hunt 3281**

Unit Group	2026-2027 Season	2026 Quota Recommended	2025 Quota Approved
268	Oct 20 - Nov 15	5	10
	TOTAL	5	10

**Resident California Bighorn Sheep
Any Ram - Any Legal Weapon Hunt 8151**

Unit Group	2026-2027 Season	2026 Quota Recommended	2025 Quota Approved
011, 013	Sept 1 - Nov 10	1	
012	Sept 1 - Oct 31	4	3
014	Sept 1 - Oct 31	1	
022*	Sept 1 - Nov 10	2	2
031 ^A Double Hs	Sept 1 - Oct 31	4	2
032 ^B Pine Forest, Pueblos	Sept 1 - Oct 31	5	4
033, 032 ^C SNWR, McGee Mtn	Sept 1 - Oct 31	3	3
034	Sept 1 - Oct 31	5	4
035 ^D Jacksons	Sept 1 - Oct 31	8	8
035 ^E Bloody Runs	Sept 1 - Oct 31	2	1
051	Sept 1 - Oct 31	3	2
068 Early	Aug 20 - Sept 30	3	7
068 Late	Oct 1 - Nov 10	4	
	TOTAL	44	36

*Access to public land to hunt bighorn sheep is limited across private land.

^A That portion of Unit 031 south of State Route 293/Thacker Pass Road (Allows hunting in the Double H Mountains but excludes the Montana Mountains).

^B This unit excludes that portion of Unit 032 west of the Craine Creek/Knott Creek Ranch Road and south of State Route No. 140 (Allows hunting in Pine Forest Range and Pueblo Mountains but excludes McGee Mountain).

^C This unit includes that portion of Unit 032 west of the Craine Creek/Knott Creek Ranch Road and south of State Route No. 140 (Allows hunting in Unit 033 and McGee Mountain of Unit 032).

^D That portion of Unit 035 west of the Bottle Creek Road from the north boundary of State Route 140 to the south boundary of the Jungo railroad crossing (Allows hunting in Jackson Mountains).

^E That portion of Unit 035 east of the Bottle Creek Road from the north boundary of State Route 140 to the south boundary of the Jungo Road and west of U.S. Highway 95 (Allows hunting in Bloody Run Hills and Slumbering Hills).

**Nonresident California Bighorn Sheep
Any Ram - Any Legal Weapon Hunt 8251**

Unit Group	2026-2027 Season	2026 Quota Recommended	2025 Quota Approved
032 ^B Pine Forest, Pueblos	Sept 1 - Oct 31	1	1
034	Sept 1 - Oct 31	1	1
035 ^D Jacksons	Sept 1 - Oct 31	1	1
068 Early	Aug 20 - Sept 30	1	1
	TOTAL	4	4

^B This unit excludes that portion of Unit 032 west of the Craine Creek/Knott Creek Ranch Road and south of State Route No.140 (Allows hunting in Pine Forest Range and Pueblo Mountains but excludes McGee Mountain).

^D That portion of Unit 035 west of the Bottle Creek Road from the north boundary of State Route 140 to the south boundary of the Jungo railroad crossing (Allows hunting in Jackson Mountains).

***Resident California Bighorn Sheep - Any Ram
Management Ram* - Any Legal Weapon Hunt 8172***

Unit Group	2026-2027 Season	2026 Quota Recommended	2025 Quota Approved
066 Early	Sept 1 - Sept 30	6	
066 Mid	Oct 1 - Oct 31	6	
066 Late	Nov 1 - Nov 30	6	
	TOTAL	18	0

* 1) a separate hunt category, 2) no bonus points awarded to unsuccessful applicants per NAC 502.4187, 3) a once-in-a-lifetime hunt based on successfully drawing a tag and therefore has no waiting period eligibility.

**Resident Rocky Mountain Bighorn Sheep
Any Ram - Any Legal Weapon Hunt 9151**

Unit Group	2026-2027 Season	2026 Quota Recommended	2025 Quota Approved
091^A	Sept 1 - Nov 30	1	
102	Sept 1 - Oct 31	2	2
115 ^{*B}	Nov 15 - Feb 20	1	1
	TOTAL	4	3

^A ***Interstate hunt with Utah. Nevada hunters may hunt in Unit 091 in Nevada and the Box Elder/Pilot Mtn Unit in Utah. Nevada hunters hunting in Utah must abide by Utah regulations.***

^B That portion of Unit 115 outside of the Great Basin National Park.

*Pursuant to NAC 502.405, the deadline for submitting the tagholder's big game hunt questionnaire is February 28.

**Resident Mountain Goat
Any Goat - Any Legal Weapon Hunt 7151**

Unit Group	2026-2027 Season	2026 Quota Recommended	<i>2025 Quota Approved</i>
101	Sept 1 - Oct 31	2	<u>2</u>
102	Sept 1 - Oct 31	16	<u>14</u>
103	Sept 1 - Oct 31	1	<u>1</u>
	TOTAL	19	<u>17</u>

**Nonresident Mountain Goat - Any Goat
Any Legal Weapon Hunt 7251**

Unit Group	2026-2027 Season	2026 Quota Recommended	<i>2025 Quota Approved</i>
102	Sept 1 - Oct 31	2	<u>1</u>

Resident Junior Mule Deer - Primitive Antlered Only
Archery or Muzzleloader 1105

Unit Group	2026-2027 Season	2026 Quota	2025 Quota
014	Arch - Aug 10 - Sept 9 Muzz - Sept 10 - Oct 4	2	
051	Arch - Aug 10 - Sept 9 Muzz - Sept 10 - Oct 4	32	
061, 062, 064, 066-068	Arch - Aug 10 - Sept 9 Muzz - Sept 10 - Oct 4	140	
065	Arch - Aug 10 - Sept 9 Muzz - Sept 10 - Oct 4	6	6
071 - 079, 091	Arch - Aug 10 - Sept 9 Muzz - Sept 10 - Oct 4	170	160
081	Arch - Nov 10 - Nov 20 Muzz - Nov 21 - Dec 10	5	2
101 - 109	Arch - Aug 10 - Sept 9 Muzz - Sept 10 - Sept 30	270	190
114, 115	Arch - Aug 10 - Sept 9 Muzz - Sept 10 - Oct 4	15	15
131 - 134	Arch - Aug 10 - Sept 9 Muzz - Sept 10 - Oct 4	30	9
141 - 145	Arch - Aug 10 - Sept 9 Muzz - Sept 10 - Oct 4	60	95
151 - 156	Arch - Aug 10 - Sept 9 Muzz - Sept 10 - Oct 4	75	90
171 - 173	Arch - Aug 10 - Sept 9 Muzz - Sept 10 - Oct 4	130	80
194, 196	Arch - Aug 10 - Sept 9 Muzz - Sept 10 - Oct 4	4	6
221 - 223	Arch - Aug 10 - Sept 9 Muzz - Sept 10 - Oct 4	25	15
241 - 245	Arch - Aug 10 - Sept 9 Muzz - Sept 10 - Oct 4	9	15
Total		970	890

Resident Junior Mule Deer - Antlered Only
Any Legal Weapon Hunt 1106

Unit Group	2026-2027 Season	2026 Quota	<i>2025 Quota</i>
014	ALW - Oct 5 - Nov 5	7	2
051	ALW - Oct 5 - Nov 5	42	40
061, 062, 064, 066-068	ALW - Oct 5 - Nov 2	190	240
065	ALW - Oct 5 - Nov 5	6	6
071 - 079, 091	ALW - Oct 5 - Nov 2	240	230
081	ALW - Dec 11 - Jan 1	8	7
101 - 109	ALW - Oct 1 - Nov 2	330	350
114, 115	ALW - Oct 5 - Nov 2	30	30
131 - 134	ALW - Oct 5 - Oct 31	35	20
141 - 145	ALW - Oct 5 - Nov 2	85	130
151 - 156	ALW - Oct 5 - Nov 2	70	120
171 - 173	ALW - Oct 5 - Nov 2	170	160
194, 196	ALW - Nov 5 - Nov 30	8	8
221 - 223	ALW - Oct 5 - Oct 31	35	20
241 - 245	ALW - Oct 5 - Oct 31	15	15
Total		1,268	1378

Resident Junior Mule Deer - Antlered Only
Archery, Muzzleloader, or Any Legal Weapon Classic Hunt 1107

Unit Group	2026-2027 Season	2026 Quota	<i>2025 Quota</i>
011 - 013	Arch - Aug 10 - Sept 9 Muzz - Sept 10 - Oct 4 ALW - Oct 5 - Nov 5	15	15
015	Arch - Aug 10 - Sept 9 Muzz - Sept 10 - Oct 4 ALW - Dec 11 - Jan 1	8	4
021	Arch - Dec 1 - Dec 10 Muzz - Dec 11 - Dec 20 ALW - Dec 21 - Jan 1	10	9
022	Arch - Aug 10 - Sept 9 Muzz - Sept 10 - Oct 4 ALW - Oct 5 - Nov 5	15	20
031	Arch - Aug 10 - Sept 9 Muzz - Sept 10 - Oct 4 ALW - Oct 5 - Nov 5	55	35
032	Arch - Aug 10 - Sept 9 Muzz - Sept 10 - Oct 4 ALW - Oct 5 - Nov 5	30	30
033	Arch - Aug 10 - Sept 9 Muzz - Sept 10 - Oct 4 ALW - Oct 5 - Nov 5	10	6
034	Arch - Aug 10 - Sept 9 Muzz - Sept 10 - Oct 4 ALW - Oct 5 - Nov 5	15	5
035	Arch - Aug 10 - Sept 9 Muzz - Sept 10 - Oct 4 ALW - Oct 5 - Nov 5	15	7

041, 042	Arch - Aug 10 - Sept 9 Muzz - Sept 10 - Oct 4 ALW - Oct 5 - Nov 5	10	
043, 044, 046	Arch - Aug 10 - Sept 9 Muzz - Sept 10 - Oct 4 ALW - Oct 5 - Nov 5	35	
045	Arch - Aug 10 - Sept 9 Muzz - Sept 10 - Oct 4 ALW - Oct 5 - Nov 5	10	
111 - 113	Arch - Aug 10 - Sept 9 Muzz - Sept 10 - Oct 4 ALW - Oct 5 - Nov 2	60	
121	Arch - Aug 10 - Sept 9 Muzz - Sept 10 - Oct 4 ALW - Oct 5 - Nov 2	55	40
161 - 164	Arch - Aug 10 - Sept 9 Muzz - Sept 10 - Oct 4 ALW - Oct 5 - Nov 2	85	95
181 - 184	Arch - Aug 10 - Sept 9 Muzz - Sept 10 - Oct 4 ALW - Oct 5 - Nov 5	55	65
192	Arch - Aug 10 - Sept 9 Muzz - Sept 10 - Oct 4 ALW - Nov 5 - Nov 30	8	10
195	Arch - Aug 10 - Sept 9 Muzz - Sept 10 - Oct 4 ALW - Oct 5 - Nov 2	3	5
201, 204	ALW - Nov 5 - Nov 30 Muzz - Dec 1 - Dec 15 Arch - Dec 16 - Jan 1	8	8
202, 205 - 208	ALW - Nov 5 - Nov 30 Muzz - Dec 1 - Dec 15 Arch - Dec 16 - Jan 1	20	20
203*	Arch - Aug 10 - Sept 9 ALW - Nov 5 - Nov 30	10	7
211 - 213	Arch - Aug 10 - Sept 9 Muzz - Sept 10 - Oct 10 ALW - Nov 5 - Nov 30	15	10
231	Arch - Aug 10 - Sept 9 Muzz - Sept 10 - Oct 4 ALW - Oct 5 - Oct 31	60	67
251 - 254	Arch - Aug 10 - Sept 9 Muzz - Sept 10 - Oct 4 ALW - Oct 5 - Nov 2	2	5
261 - 268	Arch - Aug 10 - Sept 9 Muzz - Sept 10 - Oct 4 ALW - Nov 5 - Nov 30	20	20
271, 272	Arch - Aug 10 - Sept 9 Muzz - Sept 10 - Oct 4 ALW - Nov 5 - Nov 30	8	8

291	Arch - Aug 10 - Sept 9 Muzz - Sept 10 - Oct 4 ALW - Nov 5 - Nov 30	15	20
Total		652	626

* Special firearm restrictions apply, see NAC 503.170.

**Resident Mule Deer - Antlered
Any Legal Weapon Hunt 1331**

Unit Group	2026-2027 Season	2026 Quota	2025 Quota
011 - 013	Oct 5 - Nov 5	55	40
014	Oct 5 - Nov 5	18	8
015	Dec 11 - Jan 1	11	10
021	Dec 21 - Jan 1	29	25
022	Oct 5 - Nov 5	38	40
031	Oct 5 - Nov 5	115	90
032	Oct 5 - Nov 5	44	45
033	Oct 5 - Nov 5	24	20
034	Oct 5 - Nov 5	17	15
035	Oct 5 - Nov 5	30	30
041, 042	Oct 5 - Nov 5	10	10
043, 044, 046	Oct 5 - Nov 5	82	70
045	Oct 5 - Nov 5	20	20
051	Oct 5 - Nov 5	138	121
061, 062, 064, 066-068 Early	Oct 5 - Oct 20	801	855
061, 062, 064, 066-068 Late	Oct 21 - Nov 5	94	99
065	Oct 5 - Nov 5	20	20
071 - 079, 091 Early	Oct 5 - Oct 20	776	763
071 - 079, 091 Late	Oct 21 - Nov 5	72	63
081	Dec 11 - Jan 1	27	30
101 - 109 Early	Oct 1 - Oct 16	755	600
101 - 109 Mid	Oct 17 - Oct 30	755	600
101 - 109 Late	Oct 31 - Nov 8	154	120
111 - 113 Early	Oct 5 - Oct 20	138	170
111 - 113 Late	Oct 21 - Nov 5	11	15
114, 115 Early	Oct 5 - Oct 20	65	65
114, 115 Late	Oct 21 - Nov 5	5	5
115	Dec 1 - Dec 15	5	5
121 Early	Oct 5 - Oct 20	106	55
121 Late	Oct 21 - Nov 5	13	8
131 - 134 Early	Oct 5 - Oct 20	120	50
131 - 134 Late	Oct 21 - Nov 5	16	5
141 - 145 Early	Oct 5 - Oct 20	258	370
141 - 145 Late	Oct 21 - Nov 5	22	35
151 - 156 Early	Oct 5 - Oct 20	289	380
151 - 156 Late	Oct 21 - Nov 5	29	38
161 - 164 Early	Oct 5 - Oct 20	205	175
161 - 164 Late	Oct 21 - Nov 5	34	25
171 - 173 Early	Oct 5 - Oct 16	383	310
171 - 173 Mid	Oct 17 - Oct 30	274	180
171 - 173 Late	Oct 31 - Nov 8	70	50
181 - 184	Oct 5 - Nov 5	116	140
192	Nov 5 - Nov 30	21	30

194, 196	Nov 5 - Nov 30	24	
195	Oct 5 - Nov 2	9	
201, 204	Nov 5 - Nov 30	19	
202, 205 - 208	Nov 5 - Nov 30	41	
203*	Nov 5 - Nov 30	34	
211 - 213	Nov 5 - Nov 30	25	
221 - 223 Early	Oct 5 - Oct 20	93	
221 - 223 Late	Oct 21 - Nov 5	16	
231	Oct 5 - Oct 31	130	
241 - 245	Oct 5 - Oct 31	52	
251 - 254	Oct 5 - Nov 2	5	
261 - 268	Nov 5 - Nov 30	30	30
271, 272	Nov 5 - Nov 30	15	15
291	Nov 5 - Nov 30	40	50
Total		6,798	6268

* Special firearm restrictions apply, see NAC 503.170.

Nonresident Mule Deer - Antlered Any Legal Weapon Hunt 1332

Unit Group	2026-2027 Season	2026 Quota	2025 Quota
011 - 013	Oct 5 - Nov 5	4	3
014	Oct 5 - Nov 5	2	1
015	Dec 11 - Jan 1	1	1
021	Dec 21 - Jan 1	2	2
022	Oct 5 - Nov 5	2	2
031	Oct 5 - Nov 5	9	7
032	Oct 5 - Nov 5	4	5
033	Oct 5 - Nov 5	2	2
034	Oct 5 - Nov 5	1	1
035	Oct 5 - Nov 5	2	1
041, 042	Oct 5 - Nov 5	1	1
043, 044, 046	Oct 5 - Nov 5	6	5
045	Oct 5 - Nov 5	2	2
051	Oct 5 - Nov 5	10	8
061, 062, 064, 066-068 Early	Oct 5 - Oct 20	57	56
061, 062, 064, 066-068 Late	Oct 21 - Nov 5	6	7
065	Oct 5 - Nov 5	2	1
071 - 079, 091 Early	Oct 5 - Oct 20	57	52
071 - 079, 091 Late	Oct 21 - Nov 5	6	3
081	Dec 11 - Jan 1	2	
101 - 109 Early	Oct 1 - Oct 16	72	
101 - 109 Mid	Oct 17 - Oct 30	66	
101 - 109 Late	Oct 31 - Nov 8	12	
111 - 113 Early	Oct 5 - Oct 20	9	
111 - 113 Late	Oct 21 - Nov 5	1	
114, 115 Early	Oct 5 - Oct 20	6	
114, 115 Late	Oct 21 - Nov 5	2	
115	Dec 1 - Dec 15	2	
121 Early	Oct 5 - Oct 20	10	
121 Late	Oct 21 - Nov 5	1	

131 - 134 Early	Oct 5 - Oct 20	11	3
131 - 134 Late	Oct 21 - Nov 5	1	1
141 - 145 Early	Oct 5 - Oct 20	15	23
141 - 145 Late	Oct 21 - Nov 5	2	2
151 - 156 Early	Oct 5 - Oct 20	18	24
151 - 156 Late	Oct 21 - Nov 5	1	2
161 - 164 Early	Oct 5 - Oct 20	17	13
161 - 164 Late	Oct 21 - Nov 5	3	2
171 - 173 Early	Oct 5 - Oct 16	33	17
171 - 173 Mid	Oct 17 - Oct 30	23	8
171 - 173 Late	Oct 31 - Nov 8	6	3
181 - 184	Oct 5 - Nov 5	7	9
192	Nov 5 - Nov 30	1	2
194, 196	Nov 5 - Nov 30	2	2
195	Oct 5 - Nov 2	2	2
201, 204	Nov 5 - Nov 30	1	1
202, 205 - 208	Nov 5 - Nov 30	2	3
203*	Nov 5 - Nov 30	2	2
211 - 213	Nov 5 - Nov 30	2	2
221 - 223 Early	Oct 5 - Oct 20	6	5
221 - 223 Late	Oct 21 - Nov 5	1	1
231	Oct 5 - Oct 31	11	4
241 - 245	Oct 5 - Oct 31	4	2
251 - 254	Oct 5 - Nov 2	1	1
261 - 268	Nov 5 - Nov 30	3	3
271, 272	Nov 5 - Nov 30	2	2
291	Nov 5 - Nov 30	2	3
Total		538	424

* Special firearm restrictions apply, see NAC 503.170.

Resident Mule Deer - Antlered Muzzleloader Hunt Resident 1371

Unit Group	2026-2027 Season	2026 Quota	2025 Quota
011 - 013	Sept 10 - Oct 4	8	5
014	Sept 10 - Oct 4	4	5
015	Sept 10 - Oct 4	1	5
021	Dec 11 - Dec 20	6	5
022	Sept 10 - Oct 4	5	6
031	Sept 10 - Oct 4	21	15
032	Sept 10 - Oct 4	10	9
033	Sept 10 - Oct 4	5	5
034	Sept 10 - Oct 4	3	3
035	Sept 10 - Oct 4	7	9
041, 042	Sept 10 - Oct 4	5	5
043, 044, 046	Sept 10 - Oct 4	18	20
045	Sept 10 - Oct 4	10	10
051	Sept 10 - Oct 4	28	30
061, 062, 064, 066 - 068	Sept 10 - Oct 4	143	153
065	Sept 10 - Oct 4	4	3
071 - 079, 091	Sept 10 - Oct 4	149	142
081	Nov 21 - Dec 10	5	4

101 - 109	Sept 10 - Sept 30	329	
111 - 113	Sept 10 - Oct 4	24	
114, 115	Nov 10 - Nov 30	25	
121	Sept 10 - Oct 4	23	
131 - 134	Sept 10 - Oct 4	19	
141 - 145	Sept 10 - Oct 4	54	
151 - 156	Sept 10 - Oct 4	50	
161 - 164	Sept 10 - Oct 4	37	
171 - 173	Sept 10 - Oct 4	103	
181 - 184	Nov 10 - Nov 30	13	
192	Sept 10 - Oct 4	6	
194, 196	Sept 10 - Oct 4	3	3
195	Sept 10 - Oct 4	3	3
201, 204	Dec 1 - Dec 15	5	5
202, 205 - 208	Dec 1 - Dec 15	5	7
211 - 213	Sept 10 - Oct 10	7	5
221 - 223	Sept 10 - Oct 4	21	10
231	Sept 10 - Oct 4	22	20
241 - 245	Sept 10 - Oct 4	7	6
251 - 254	Sept 10 - Oct 4	2	5
261 - 268	Sept 10 - Oct 4	15	15
271, 272	Sept 10 - Oct 4	8	10
291	Sept 10 - Oct 4	8	8
Total		1,221	1149

**Nonresident Mule Deer - Antlered
Muzzleloader Hunt 1372**

Unit Group	2026-2027 Season	2026 Quota	2025 Quota
011 - 013	Sept 10 - Oct 4	1	1
014	Sept 10 - Oct 4	1	1
015	Sept 10 - Oct 4	1	1
021	Dec 11 - Dec 20	1	1
022	Sept 10 - Oct 4	1	1
031	Sept 10 - Oct 4	2	1
032	Sept 10 - Oct 4	1	1
033	Sept 10 - Oct 4	1	1
034	Sept 10 - Oct 4	1	1
035	Sept 10 - Oct 4	1	1
041, 042	Sept 10 - Oct 4	1	1
043, 044, 046	Sept 10 - Oct 4	2	2
045	Sept 10 - Oct 4	2	
051	Sept 10 - Oct 4	3	
061, 062, 064, 066 - 068	Sept 10 - Oct 4	16	
065	Sept 10 - Oct 4	1	
071 - 079, 091	Sept 10 - Oct 4	17	
081	Nov 21 - Dec 10	1	
101 - 109	Sept 10 - Sept 30	37	
111 - 113	Sept 10 - Oct 4	3	
114, 115	Nov 10 - Nov 30	2	
121	Sept 10 - Oct 4	3	
131 - 134	Sept 10 - Oct 4	2	

141 - 145	Sept 10 - Oct 4	6	
151 - 156	Sept 10 - Oct 4	6	
161 - 164	Sept 10 - Oct 4	4	
171 - 173	Sept 10 - Oct 4	11	
181 - 184	Nov 10 - Nov 30	1	
192	Sept 10 - Oct 4	1	
194, 196	Sept 10 - Oct 4	1	
195	Sept 10 - Oct 4	1	
201, 204	Dec 1 - Dec 15	1	
202, 205 - 208	Dec 1 - Dec 15	2	
211 - 213	Sept 10 - Oct 10	1	
221 - 223	Sept 10 - Oct 4	2	1
231	Sept 10 - Oct 4	2	2
241 - 245	Sept 10 - Oct 4	1	1
251 - 254	Sept 10 - Oct 4	1	1
261 - 268	Sept 10 - Oct 4	2	2
271, 272	Sept 10 - Oct 4	1	1
291	Sept 10 - Oct 4	1	1
Total		146	146

**Resident Mule Deer - Antlered
Archery Hunt 1341**

Unit Group	2026-2027 Season	2026 Quota	2025 Quota
011 – 013	Aug 10 - Sept 9	30	25
014	Aug 10 - Sept 9	12	6
015	Aug 10 - Sept 9	5	3
021	Dec 1 - Dec 10	19	20
022	Aug 10 - Sept 9	16	15
031	Aug 10 - Sept 9	48	35
032	Aug 10 - Sept 9	23	25
033	Aug 10 - Sept 9	16	10
034	Aug 10 - Sept 9	7	6
035	Aug 10 - Sept 9	25	15
041, 042	Aug 10 - Sept 9	15	15
043, 044, 046	Aug 10 - Sept 9	54	50
045	Aug 10 - Sept 9	15	15
051	Aug 10 - Sept 9	78	55
061, 062, 064, 066 - 068	Aug 10 - Sept 9	375	325
065	Aug 10 - Sept 9	5	4
071 – 079, 091 Early	Aug 10 - Sept 9	315	330
071 – 079, 091 Late	Nov 10 - Nov 20	19	
081 Early	Aug 10 - Sept 9	4	
081 Late	Nov 10 - Nov 20	4	
101 – 109 Early	Aug 10 - Sept 9	664	
101 – 109 Late	Nov 10 - Nov 20	27	
111 - 113	Aug 10 - Sept 9	45	
114, 115	Aug 10 - Sept 9	70	
121 Early	Aug 10 - Sept 9	38	
121 Late	Nov 10 - Nov 20	5	
131 - 134	Aug 10 - Sept 9	27	
141 - 145	Aug 10 - Sept 9	104	

151 - 156	Aug 10 - Sept 9	117	
161 - 164	Aug 10 - Sept 9	105	
171 - 173	Aug 10 - Sept 9	321	
181 - 184	Aug 10 - Sept 9	57	
192 Early	Aug 10 - Sept 9	4	
192 Late	Dec 1 - Jan 1	4	
194, 196 Early	Aug 10 - Sept 9	7	
194, 196 Late	Dec 1 - Jan 1	7	
195	Aug 10 - Sept 9	3	
201, 202, 204 - 208 Early	Aug 10 - Sept 9	6	
201, 204 Late	Dec 16 - Jan 1	6	
202, 205 - 208 Late	Dec 16 - Jan 1	10	10
203 Early	Aug 10 - Sept 9	10	10
203 Late	Dec 16 - Jan 1	10	10
211 - 213	Aug 10 - Sept 9	7	5
221 - 223	Aug 10 - Sept 9	38	25
231	Aug 10 - Sept 9	30	36
241 - 245	Aug 10 - Sept 9	15	15
251 - 254	Aug 10 - Sept 9	2	5
261 - 268	Aug 10 - Sept 9	15	16
271, 272	Aug 10 - Sept 9	8	10
291	Aug 10 - Sept 9	17	25
Total		2,864	2746

**Nonresident Mule Deer - Antlered
Archery Hunt 1342**

Unit Group	2026-2027 Season	2026 Quota	2025 Quota
011 – 013	Aug 10 - Sept 9	3	3
014	Aug 10 - Sept 9	1	1
015	Aug 10 - Sept 9	1	1
021	Dec 1 - Dec 10	2	2
022	Aug 10 - Sept 9	2	2
031	Aug 10 - Sept 9	6	4
032	Aug 10 - Sept 9	3	3
033	Aug 10 - Sept 9	2	1
034	Aug 10 - Sept 9	1	1
035	Aug 10 - Sept 9	3	2
041, 042	Aug 10 - Sept 9	2	2
043, 044, 046	Aug 10 - Sept 9	6	5
045	Aug 10 - Sept 9	2	2
051	Aug 10 - Sept 9	9	
061, 062, 064, 066 - 068	Aug 10 - Sept 9	42	
065	Aug 10 - Sept 9	1	
071 – 079, 091 Early	Aug 10 - Sept 9	35	
071 – 079, 091 Late	Nov 10 - Nov 20	2	
081 Early	Aug 10 - Sept 9	1	
081 Late	Nov 10 - Nov 20	1	
101 – 109 Early	Aug 10 - Sept 9	74	
101 – 109 Late	Nov 10 - Nov 20	3	
111 - 113	Aug 10 - Sept 9	5	
114, 115	Aug 10 - Sept 9	7	

121 Early	Aug 10 - Sept 9	4	3
121 Late	Nov 10 - Nov 20	1	1
131 - 134	Aug 10 - Sept 9	3	2
141 - 145	Aug 10 - Sept 9	12	20
151 - 156	Aug 10 - Sept 9	13	25
161 - 164	Aug 10 - Sept 9	12	15
171 - 173	Aug 10 - Sept 9	32	25
181 - 184	Aug 10 - Sept 9	6	7
192 Early	Aug 10 - Sept 9	1	1
192 Late	Dec 1 - Jan 1	1	1
194, 196 Early	Aug 10 - Sept 9	1	1
194, 196 Late	Dec 1 - Jan 1	1	1
195	Aug 10 - Sept 9	1	1
201, 202, 204 - 208 Early	Aug 10 - Sept 9	1	1
201, 204 Late	Dec 16 - Jan 1	1	1
202, 205 - 208 Late	Dec 16 - Jan 1	1	1
203 Early	Aug 10 - Sept 9	1	2
203 Late	Dec 16 - Jan 1	1	2
211 - 213	Aug 10 - Sept 9	1	1
221 - 223	Aug 10 - Sept 9	4	3
231	Aug 10 - Sept 9	3	4
241 - 245	Aug 10 - Sept 9	2	2
251 - 254	Aug 10 - Sept 9	1	1
261 - 268	Aug 10 - Sept 9	2	2
271, 272	Aug 10 - Sept 9	1	1
291	Aug 10 - Sept 9	2	3
Total		323	316

**Resident and Nonresident Mule Deer and Antelope
Landowner Compensation Tags**

% of Total 2026 Deer and Antelope Quotas for Landowner	2.5%
TOTAL # OF DEER AND ANTELOPE LANDOWNER	496
Total # of 2026 Mule Deer and Pronghorn Tags	19,831



STAFF REPORT

Report To: _____ **Meeting Date:** May 4, 2026

Staff Contact: _____

Agenda Title: Commission Regulation 26-12, 2026 Black Bear Quotas - At the May 9, 2026, meeting of the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners, the Commission will consider adopting the 2026 hunting season quotas and harvest limits for black bear.

Agenda Action: Formal Action / Motion **Time Requested:** _____

Proposed Motion

Board's Strategic Goal

Previous Action

Background/Issues & Analysis

Applicable Statute, Code, Policy, Rule or Regulation

Financial Information

Is there a fiscal impact? No

If yes, account name/number:

Is it currently budgeted? No

Explanation of Fiscal Impact:

Alternatives

Attachment(s):

[22B-CR-26-12-2026-Black-Bear-Quotas-and-Havest-Limits.pdf](#)

Motion: _____ 1) _____ Aye/Nay
2) _____

(Vote Recorded By)



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MEMORANDUM:

APRIL 16, 2026

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

From: Shawn Espinosa, Administrator, Game Division

Title: CR 26-12 Black Bear Harvest Limits and Quotas

Brief Explanation of Proposed Black Bear 2026 Harvest Limits and Quotas

The Department recommends no change to the 2026 Black Bear harvest limits and quotas.

The recommendation for no change is based on stable black bear populations and demographic trends, both within and outside the study area. Over the last 10 years, the Nevada Black Bear population estimate has remained stable to slightly increasing. The population showed a modest decline in 2024, attributed to environmental conditions in 2021 and 2022. The 2025 estimate of 648 black bears is indicative of a slight increase, which is likely attributed to favorable environmental conditions experienced in 2023 and 2024. The modest annual fluctuation in the population estimates in recent years fall within the confidence intervals and is not statistically significant and indicates a stable population. Based on previous experience and supported by scientific research from Nevada and other regions, the Nevada black bear population appears to have begun responding positively to the improved environmental conditions in 2023 and 2024. The approved 2025 quota of 42 tags resulted in the harvest of 12 bears, equating to less than 2% harvest rate. This will not negatively affect the black bear population in Nevada or along the California-Nevada border.

Recommendation

The Department recommends that the Commission review and adopt the proposed regulation as presented.

CR 26-12

2026 BLACK BEAR QUOTAS AND HARVEST LIMITS

The Board of Wildlife Commissioners, under the authority of Section 501.181, 503.090, 503.140 and 503.245 of the Nevada Revised Statutes, does hereby adopt the following regulations for the management of black bear:

Resident and Nonresident Black Bear - Either Sex Any Legal Weapon Hunt 6151 and 6251

Unit Group	2026 Season Dates	Unit Group Harvest Limit	Unit Group Female Harvest Limit	Resident Quota	Nonresident Quota
Hunt Unit Group 192*, 194*, 195, 196 (except those portions of 192 and 194 described below in Special Regulations.)	Sept 15 - Dec 1 (or until harvest limits are met)	15	5	38	4
Hunt Unit Group 201, 202, 204 and 206	Sept 15 - Dec 1 (or until harvest limits are met)	12	4		
Hunt Unit Group 291 and 203	Sept 15 - Dec 1 (or until harvest limits are met)	15	5		

- The limit is one animal per tag.
- Hunting hours are one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset.
- Tag holders, or their licensed guide if applicable, must call the Black Bear Harvest Information Hotline prior to hunting to determine if the hunt has been closed due to the harvest objective being reached. The number is 1-800-800-1667 and is accessible 24 hours a day.
- Attendance at one of the annual black bear indoctrination courses is mandatory for all tag holders, their guides, and sub-guides, without exception — no tag recipient or their guide or sub-guide can be represented by another attendee in lieu of their own participation. Tags will only be issued upon completion of one indoctrination course. Black bear indoctrination courses are scheduled for Thursday July 16, 2026, from 6 pm to 9 pm and Saturday, July 25, 2026, from 1 pm to 4 pm. Both courses will be held at the Nevada Department of Wildlife's conference room, 1100 Valley Road, Reno, Nevada, and streamed on Zoom. Courses will be recorded on Zoom and available for First Come First Serve tagholders. The Department will provide all tag holders with directions for registration prior to July 10, 2026.
- The Department phone number to call and report a harvested black bear is 775-688-BEAR. Please leave a message.

*Special Regulations

Those areas within Units 192 and 194 that are within the U.S. Forest Service Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit (LTBMU) and those areas bounded on the west by the LTBMU boundary from the southern boundary of Township 16 North, Range 18 East, Section 13 to the Mount Rose Wilderness Area boundary (approximately located at the Relay Ridge Radio Tower), by the Mount Rose Wilderness Area boundary from the LTBMU boundary to the western boundary of Range 19 East, and by the western boundary of Range 19 East from the Mount Rose Wilderness Area boundary to USFS Road No. 41049 (Logan Meadow Lane/Thomas Creek), bounded on the north by USFS Road No. 41049 from the western boundary of Range 19 East to Timberline Drive, by Timberline Drive from its junction with USFS Road No. 41049 to State Highway 431 (Mount Rose Highway), and by State Highway 431 from its junction with Timberline Drive to its junction with U.S. Highway 395, bounded on the east by U.S. Highway 395 from its junction with State Highway 431 to the southern boundary of Township 16 North, Range 19 East, Section 14 (approximately located at the northbound Bellevue Interchange off-ramp), and bounded on the south by the southern edge of Township 16 North, Range 19 East, Sections 14 – 18, following the southern boundary of the University of Nevada, Reno Little Valley Study Area, and Township 16 North, Range 18 East, Section 13 to the LTBMU boundary.