

Washoe County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife

Minutes

Thursday ~ June 15, 2017 ~ 6:00 p.m.
Nevada Department of Wildlife
Conference Room B
1100 Valley Road, Reno, Nevada

MEMBERS

Sean Shea, Chair
Michelle Spencer, Vice-chair
Meghan Di Rocco
Arnold Pitts
Steven Robinson

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE [Non-action item]

Chair Shea led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL [Non-action item]

Chair Shea called the meeting to order. A quorum was established.

PRESENT: Arnie Pitts, Steve Robinson, Sean Shea and Michelle Spencer.

ABSENT: Meghan Di Rocco

Jen Gustafson – Deputy District Attorney, was also present.

Chair Shea noted an oversight that resulted in the agenda having a duplication of item 14.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS [Non-action item]

Gerald Lent read a prepared statement into the record - see accompanying file: 2017-06-15 G Lent public comments-01.pdf a copy is also on file at:

https://www.washoecounty.us/csd/all_boards_committees/nv_wildlife_commissioners/2017/files/2017-06-15%20G%20Lent%20public%20comments-01.pdf

Don Molde - Nevada Wildlife Alliance, concurred with Mr. Lent's comments noting that AB101 had not been approved by the legislature. Drawing attention to the nearly \$6-million expended by NDOW (Nevada Department of Wildlife) on predator control since 2002 approximately 10,000 coyotes per year have been taken with Mule Deer populations continuing to decline. Mr. Molde noted that this was common throughout the western U.S. and not an issue unique to the State of Nevada. Mr. Molde pointed out that while NDOW has tried to show a benefit from the program the statistical techniques did not show any evidence of benefit to Mule Deer populations. Additionally, evidence suggests that coyote litter sizes had nearly tripled and resulted in a shift to juvenile males.

4. APPROVAL OF MAY 4, 2017, MINUTES (For possible action)

Chair opened the agenda item and hearing no public comment asked for Board discussion or a motion.

Chair Shea recalled that he had talked about the need for NDOW to update their website and his subsequent discussion with Chris Vasey, that indicate NDOW is in the process of designing a new website.

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It was moved by Member Pitts, seconded by Member Robinson, to approve the May 4, 2017, minutes, as submitted. The motion carried: Members Pitts, Robinson, Spencer and Chair Shea assenting; and Member Di Rocco absent.

- 5. BOARD MEMBER MEETING ASSIGNMENT** [Non-action item] – *A discussion and selection of Member(s) to attend the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners meetings on: 1) June 23 and 24, 2017, in Las Vegas, Nevada; and 2) August 11 and 12, 2017, meetings in Minden, Nevada.*

Chair Shea will attend the June 23 and 24 meetings in Las Vegas as well as the Heritage Committee meeting on June 23.

Member Robinson will attend the August 11 and 12 meetings in Minden.

Member Spencer may also attend the August 11 meeting.

- 6. COMMITTEE, MEMBER AND LIAISON UPDATES** [Non-action items]

6-1. Correspondence (including sportsmen's concerns) and Announcement – Chair Shea noted that there was no correspondence to report. Chair Shea commented that an Administration, Policy and Procedures meeting will be held on Thursday, June 22, 2017 at the Clark County Commission as well as an 8:00 a.m. meeting June 23, 2017, of the Heritage Committee that he will attend.

6-2. Overview of the May 12 and 13, 2017, meetings of the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners - Chair Shea noted that the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners had accepted most of the recommendations made for Washoe County.

- 7. BIODIVERSITY PRESENTATION** [Non-action item] – *An informational presentation on NDOW (Nevada Department of Wildlife) biodiversity programs and activities. Jennifer Newmark*

Chair Shea noted the absence of Jennifer Newmark and stated that the presentation will be added to a future agenda.

- 8. LANDOWNER DEER AND ANTELOPE COMPENSATION TAG PROGRAM** [For possible action] – *A review, discussion and possible action to recommend that the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners approve, deny or otherwise modify a briefing to the Commission on recent developments regarding the Landowner Deer and Antelope Compensation Tag Program.*

Chair Shea opened the agenda item noting that he had not received and could not find any support material on the item on the NDOW website.

Rex Flowers recalled that the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners at the last Commission meeting had engaged in significant discussion on the matter and that the intent is to identify any regulations that may need modification. Mr. Flowers noted that the regulation is part of NRS and would most likely need legislative action. Mr. Flowers noted that in his discussion with interested parties the overall feeling was that there should be a standardized process that is applicable statewide under a single administrator rather than a region by region process. Other concerns

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include how populations are counted on private property and that some property owners appear to receive more in compensation than others for similar issues. Mr. Flowers recommended that the matter be sent to Committee for an in-depth review and recommendation.

Ray Kebisch stated that while he supports landowner tags he believes that property owners should take measures to protect their crops. Additionally, hunts should also be open to the public on private lands with access for a specific hunt such as archery, muzzleloader, etc.

Chair Shea closed public comment.

Member Robinson recommended that the matter be taken to Committee for review noting that there appears to be a lot of abuse in the program that require oversight to make it a better program.

Member Pitts noted his concern about landowners receiving compensation if damage is done after the crops have been harvested.

Chair Shea noted that NDOW sends someone to take the count once a call is received.

Member Pitts suggested that the landowner should be selling the tags to the hunters rather than brokers.

Chair Shea recommended that additional questions and concerns be conveyed to him via email for presentation to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners at their upcoming meeting.

Jen Gustafson – Deputy District Attorney, suggested that the board include the suggestions in their motion with last minute items being forwarded in writing to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners via Chair Shea.

It was moved by Chair Shea, seconded by Member Spencer, to recommend that the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners refer Landowner Compensation to Committee for discussion with the following recommendations: range of hunt be one mile from the damaged area; restrict weapons choice and remain within that season's guidelines; rancher secure areas where feasible to prevent future crop damage, rancher to sell tags to sportsmen rather than a broker; standardize counting procedures and process with oversight by a single individual, take steps to assure that property owners are not baiting animals.

Chair Shea commented that additional questions to bring forward to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners can be emailed to him. Additionally, he believes there may be some abuses of the existing program.

The motion carried: Members Pitts, Robinson, Spencer and Chair Shea assenting; and Member Di Rocco absent.

9. **DUCK STAMP REQUEST** [For possible action] – *A review, discussion and possible action to recommend that the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners approve, deny or otherwise modify projects submitted for funding from Duck Stamp funds.*

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Chair Shea opened the agenda item. Hearing no public comment Chair Shea noted his concern that staff was not present to address any questions that might arise and asked for Board discussion or a motion.

It was moved by Chair Shea, seconded by Member Pitts, to recommend that the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners approve Duck Stamp funding requests, as submitted. The motion carried: Members Pitts, Robinson, Spencer and Chair Shea assenting; and Member Di Rocco absent.

10. UPLAND GAME BIRD STAMP REQUEST [For possible action] – *A review, discussion and possible action to recommend that the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners approve, deny or otherwise modify projects submitted for Upland Game Bird stamp funds.*

Chair Shea opened the agenda item and asked for public comment.

Jonathan Lesperance commented that initially he felt that the upland Game Bird Stamp was just another fee. However, the projects being funded by the fee are fascinating in what they do for conservation.

Chair Shea closed public comment.

Chair Shea suggested that NDOW should be looking for additional funding from NGO's (Non-government organizations) Of some concern is that biologists have no idea what happened to birds that had been in a pen and reiterated his earlier concern that staff was not present at tonight's (June 15, 2017) meeting to address questions and concerns.

Member Robinson recommended that projects funded on private property should include some discussion about how sportsmen benefit.

It was moved by Member Pitts, seconded by Chair Shea, to recommend that the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners approve Upland Game Bird Stamp Requests with the following provision that additional information be provided to better understand the mortality rate on Columbia Sharp Tail Grouse; and how sportsmen benefit from funded projects located on private property and information on what happened to the birds that were supposed to be in a pen. The motion carried: Members Pitts, Robinson, Spencer and Chair Shea assenting; and Member Di Rocco absent.

11. HERITAGE PROJECT EXTENSION REQUESTS [For possible action] – *A review, discussion and possible action to recommend that the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners approve, deny or otherwise modify recommendations and requests for extension of projects approved in previous years pursuant to NAC 501.340.*

Chair Shea opened the agenda item and hearing no public comment asked for Board discussion or a motion.

It was moved by Chair Shea, seconded by Member Spencer, to recommend that the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners approve Heritage Project Extension Request as submitted.

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The motion carried: Members Pitts, Robinson, Spencer and Chair Shea assenting; and Member Di Rocco absent.

12. **HERITAGE FUNDING REALLOCATION** [For possible action] – *A review, discussion and possible action to recommend that the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners approve, deny or otherwise modify the reallocation of unused Heritage funds from previously approved projects to any other previously approved projects from the same fiscal year Pursuant to NAC 501.340.*

Chair Shea opened the agenda item and asked for public comment.

Rex Flowers suggested that Projects 16-04 and 16-09 be reallocated to 16-03.

Chair Shea closed public comment.

It was moved by Chair Shea, seconded by Member Robinson, to recommend that the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners approve the Heritage Funding Reallocation with the following modification: reallocate Projects 16-04 and 16-09 to Project 16-03. The motion carried: Members Pitts, Robinson, Spencer and Chair Shea assenting; and Member Di Rocco absent.

13. **FISCAL YEAR 2018 HERITAGE PROJECT PROPOSALS** [For possible action] – *A review, discussion and possible action to recommend that the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners approve, deny or otherwise modify recommendations from the Heritage Committee to approve 2018 project applications for funding.*

Chair Shea opened the agenda item and asked for public comment.

Ray Kebisch suggested that a proposal be made to repair and improve existing guzzlers rather than the installation of new ones.

Rex Flowers noted that a deficit for Heritage Projects had been funded by a donation by NBU (Nevada Bighorns Unlimited). Additionally, Mr. Flowers believes that these types of projects such as 18-08 that improve habitat, specific for fisheries project, migratory birds and habitat improvement should also be seeking other funding sources including Duck and upland Game Bird stamp funds.

Chair Shea closed public comment.

It was moved by Chair Shea, seconded by Member Robinson, to recommend that the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners approve Fiscal Year 2018 Heritage proposals as written with an amendment to Project 18-08 to use Trout and Duck stamps funds as it deals with fisheries and migratory bird and habitat. The motion carried: Members Pitts, Robinson, Spencer and Chair Shea assenting; and Member Di Rocco absent.

14. **COMMISSION REGULATION CR 16-13, AMENDMENT #1 – Upland Game and Furbearer Seasons, Bag Limits and Special Regulations 2017–2018** [For possible action] – *A review,*

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discussion and possible action to recommend that the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners approve, deny or otherwise modify amendments to this regulation for seasons, bag limits, and special regulations for upland game birds, rabbits, wild turkey, furbearers, and falconry seasons for 2017–2018.

Chair opened the item asked for public comment.

Mitch Bailey – Trappers Association, commented that the Trappers Association recommends accepting the recommendation of the biologist on Bobcat and Gray fox.

Shannon Green - Nevada Sporting Alliance, stated that NSA also supports the furbearer season as submitted.

Caron Tayloe outlined her concerns about an increase in the Bobcat Season and explained that the longer season will also increase the capture of non-target species. Ms. Tayloe noted that she has encountered animals that were tossed aside since they were not the intended target.

Don Molde commented that, in his opinion, there is no science involved other than the data collection, which is used on a limited basis. Mr. Molde noted that the kitten population appear to be down to about 53-percent which is about half of what should be 100 kittens. Mr. Molde believes that the recommendation is not based on science and caters to trappers. Mr. Molde stated that he believes this to be a poor decision.

Rex Flowers pointed out that new guidelines for season and quota setting had been developed from three years of trend data. It appears that NDOW now has sufficient information to allow the increase based on that. Mr. Flowers recommends that the proposal be supported.

Jonathan Lesperance commented that he had seen an abundance of bobcat tracks and believes that the recommendation is science based.

Chair Shea closed public comment.

It was moved by Member Robinson, seconded by Member Spencer, to recommend that the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners approve Commission Regulation CR 16-13, Amendment #1 – Upland Game and Furbearer Seasons, Bag Limits and Special Regulations 2017–2018 as written. The motion carried: Members Pitts, Robinson, Spencer and Chair Shea assenting; and Member Di Rocco absent.

- 14. COMMISSION REGULATION 17-06 AMENDMENT #1, 2018 HERITAGE TAG ORGANIZATION/VENDOR SELECTION AND SPECIAL REGULATIONS** [For possible action] – *A review, discussion and possible action to recommend that the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners approve, deny or otherwise modify 2018 Heritage Tag vendors/organization recommendations.*

Hearing no public comment Chair Shea asked for Board discussion or a motion.

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Chair Shea drew attention to the last page of Heritage Notes and recommended that the Turkey Tag allocation for Carson Valley should be two not one. Chair Shea will bring the matter to the attention of the Heritage Committee.

It was moved by Chair Shea, seconded by Member Spencer, to recommend that the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners approve Commission Regulation CR 16-13, AMENDMENT #1 – Upland Game and Furbearer Seasons, Bag Limits and Special Regulations 2017–2018 with the following modification, clarify that the Heritage Committee recommended that the Carson Valley Chukar Club receive two Wild Turkey Tags rather than one. The motion carried: Members Pitts, Robinson, Spencer and Chair Shea assenting; and Member Di Rocco absent.

15. **DRAFT NEVADA AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES MANAGEMENT PLAN** [For possible action] – *A review, discussion and possible action to recommend that the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners approve, deny or otherwise modify a report on Nevada’s Aquatic Invasive Species Management Plan (AIS Plan). The AIS Plan is intended to provide guidance to AIS control and prevention programs in the State of Nevada and enhance coordination and effectiveness of AIS control efforts in Nevada and regionally through establishment of an inter-agency Nevada Aquatic Invasive Species Working Group.*

Chair Shea opened the agenda item and asked for public comment.

Jonathan Lesperance explained that part of his profession is invasive species that requires chemical control in order to get ahead. It is Mr. Lesperance’s opinion that this is a waste of time and money.

Chair Shea closed public comment.

Member Robinson noted his disappointment that no one was present from NDOW to explain the document.

Chair Shea noted that since is the first draft the matter will be seen again.

It was moved by Member Robinson, seconded by Chair Shea, to recommend that Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners take no action until such time as NDOW (Nevada Department of Wildlife) can make a presentation to the Washoe County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife and others to address questions and issues of concern. The motion carried: Members Pitts, Robinson, Spencer and Chair Shea assenting; and Member Di Rocco absent.

16. **BIENNIAL UPLAND GAME RELEASE PLAN FOR FISCAL YEARS 2018 and 2019** [For possible action] – *A review, discussion and possible action to recommend that the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners approve, deny or otherwise modify proposed biennial upland game release plan for fiscal years 2018 and 2019.*

Hearing no public comment Chair Shea asked for Board discussion or a motion.

It was moved by Member Robinson, seconded by Chair Shea, to recommend that the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners approve the Biennial upland Game Release Plan for Fiscal

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Years 2018 and 2019, as written. The motion carried: Members Pitts, Robinson, Spencer and Chair Shea assenting; and Member Di Rocco absent.

- 17. WASHOE COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE MEMBER S AND/OR STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS, REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION AND SELECTION OF TOPICS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS** [Non-action item] – *Selection of additional agenda item(s) for the next meeting is August 3, 2017.*

The August 3, 2017, meeting agenda may include, but is not limited to 1) Election of Officers: Chair, Vice-chair and Secretary; 2) Biodiversity or Fisheries Presentation; 3) Guzzler Improvement project; and 4) discussion on predator plan specific to Washoe County.

- 18. PUBLIC COMMENTS** [Non-action item]

Gerald Lent read a prepared statement into the record: see accompanying file: 2017-06-15 G Lent public comments-02.pdf

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Don Molde drew attention to a study conducted in southern Idaho that included control groups, statistical and financial information on predator control. Mr. Molde noted that when rabbits are plentiful coyotes prefer rabbits to deer and that he would be happy to share the Hurley Report with interested parties.

Caron Tayloe outlined legislation introduced by Senator Ratti SJR13 that was organized by sportsmen and non-consumptive representative that if federal funding is approved will lead to matching funding to increase wildlife populations.

Jonathan Lesperance outlined an incident in which he and his dogs were verbally attacked and his dogs were threatened with death. Mr. Lesperance noted his concerns about the escalating extremism and violent rhetoric. Mr. Lesperance encouraged those present to speak out against such actions when it is encountered.

- 19. ADJOURNMENT** [Non-action item]

Chair Shea adjourned the meeting at 7:17 p.m.

AS APPROVED BY THE WASHOE COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE IN SESSION ON AUGUST 3, 2017.

Washoe CAB

GERALD LENT - (for the record)

(CLOCK)

* I WANT MY COMMENTS IN THE MINUTES OF THIS MEETING

Item 6 - Sportsmen's Concerns

1. Have a question: CAB dates 501.297
solicit & evaluate local opinion

2. Why doesn't the Washoe CAB come up to a plan
or proposal to benefit Washoe County? (like Eureka CAB)

→ P/D to 72

3. Will bet nobody on Board has thoroughly read the
Big Game Status Report, even for Washoe County.

* 4. This Board needs to look at the data and recommend
a reconstruction of the predator plan in the Grants in
Washoe County. We Defeated AB101 - anti predator bill.

5. You need to read the BCSR to see what is happening.
Ex Eureka County (READ)

* 6. Show My Graphs - No body with an open mind has
to come away with something has to be going on!

Anybody who has looked at NDOW's own data on the
Grants - peaked in 2012-13, since then the deer
population is in a downward trend. (P. 2)

Why don't this CAB ask why?

7. Look at page 23 - no modeled population estimates -
all NDOW cares about is hunter success & sets seasons
based on this i.e. the return cards (large source of error)

COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE

NRS 501.260 Creation; number of members; officers.

1. There is hereby created a county advisory board to manage wildlife in each of the several counties.

2. In a county whose population:

a) Is less than 700,000, each board consists of three or five members, at the discretion of the board of county commissioners.

b) Is 700,000 or more, each board consists of five or seven members, at the discretion of the board of county commissioners.

3. A chair and vice chair must be selected by each board.

Part 13:101:1947; A 1949, 292; R 1953, 676; added 1953, 676] — (NRS A 1969, 1554; 1977, 1230; 1985, 1350; 1989, 2192; 2005, 2011, 1293)

NRS 501.265 Appointment of members; vacancies.

1. The board of county commissioners shall appoint qualified persons to the board who are residents of the county and are:

a) Hunters, trappers or anglers; or

b) Engaged in ranching or farming in the county.

2. In addition to the members appointed pursuant to subsection 1, the board of county commissioners shall appoint one qualified on to the board who represents the interests of the general public of the county. The person appointed pursuant to this subsection must resident of the county from which he or she is appointed.

3. Within 60 days after a vacancy occurs, the board of county commissioners shall, if the vacant member was appointed:

a) Pursuant to subsection 1, appoint a member to the board upon the recommendation of:

(1) Organizations that represent hunters, trappers or anglers in the county; and

(2) Persons who are engaged in ranching or farming in the county.

b) Pursuant to subsection 2, appoint a member to the board pursuant to the provisions of that subsection.

4. Within 90 days after a vacancy occurs, the board of county commissioners shall report to the Commission the name and address of member appointed.

Part 13:101:1947; A 1949, 292; R 1953, 676; added 1953, 676] — (NRS A 1961, 473; 1969, 1554; 1971, 856; 1977, 1231; 1985, 1350; 2192; 2013, 445)

NRS 501.270 Qualifications of members. The members of the board must be citizens of Nevada and bona fide residents of the county from which appointed.

Part 13:101:1947; A 1949, 292; R 1953, 676; added 1953, 676] — (NRS A 1969, 1555; 1985, 1351)

NRS 501.275 Appointment and terms of members.

1. The boards of county commissioners shall appoint members to the boards of their respective counties.

2. Each member appointed shall serve a term of 3 years.

Part 13:101:1947; A 1949, 292; R 1953, 676; added 1953, 676] — (NRS A 1961, 474; 1969, 1555; 1977, 1231; 1985, 1351)

NRS 501.285 Compensation of members. Members of the board shall serve without salary or compensation.

Part 13:101:1947; A 1949, 292; R 1953, 676; added 1953, 676] — (NRS A 1985, 1351)

NRS 501.290 Meetings. The board shall meet before each meeting of the Commission and at such other times as the chair may call or the Commission may request.

Part 13:101:1947; A 1949, 292; R 1953, 676; added 1953, 676] — (NRS A 1969, 1556; 1985, 1351; 2015, 958)

NRS 501.293 Removal of member: Members of boards may be removed by the boards of county commissioners of the counties from which appointed for cause, including, but not limited to, absences from three consecutive, duly called board meetings, unless excused by their respective board chairs.

Added to NRS by 1969, 1559; A 1977, 1231; 1985, 1351)

NRS 501.297 Duties: Evaluating local opinion and advising Commission. The boards shall solicit and evaluate local opinion and advise the Commission on matters relating to the management of wildlife.

Added to NRS by 1969, 1560; A 1985, 1351; 2015, 958)

THEN LETS EVALATE MY OPINION.

NRS 501.303 Duties: Submission of recommendations; attendance of chair or other members at meetings of Commission.

1. The boards shall submit recommendations for the management of wildlife and setting seasons for fishing, hunting and trapping, and such recommendations must be considered by the Commission in its deliberation on and establishment of regulations.

2. The chair or vice chair, or members of the board appointed by them:

a) Shall attend the meetings of the Commission; and

b) Are entitled to receive such travel and per diem expenses as are allowed by law.

Added to NRS by 1969, 1560; A 1979, 893; 1985, 1351; 1989, 2192; 2015, 958)

NRS 501.310 Fund for advisory board. There is hereby created in each of the counties of this State a fund for the advisory board. The fund must be kept in the county treasury, and all money received from the Department must be placed in the fund.

Part 47:101:1947; 1943 NCL § 3035.47] — (NRS A 1969, 1556; 1985, 1351; 1993, 1655; 2003, 1524)

NRS 501.320 Budgets.

1. Annually, not later than May 1, each board shall prepare a budget for the period ending June 30 of the following year, setting forth and detailing its proposed expenditures for carrying out its duties as specified in this title within its county, and submit the budget to the Commission accompanied by a statement of the previous year's expenditures, certified by the county auditor.

2. The Commission shall examine the budget in conjunction with the Director or a person designated by the Director, and may increase, decrease, alter or amend the budget.

Pub Comments #2

want my comments in the minutes of this meeting

1. Does having their fawns right now - baby antelope & baby deer fawns on the ground right now.
 2. You need to keep the coyotes off the deer if you want more deer - you need the fawns & protect the adults as well.
 3. If you kill all the pairs of coyotes out of these areas - you won't have an influx of coyotes til next year. More coyotes won't move in & deer get a reprieve til next year!
 4. In Granites, we had 3 or 4 lions all the time working the deer over.
If 4 lions kill 1 deer/week = 4 deer/week x 52 weeks = equals 208 deer/yr killed.
That's what we were seeing in this discontinued program
 5. It was the greatest study ever done to lions and now refused to do anything about it. (Had GPS co-ordinates!)
 6. Question: Do you want to hunt deer or feed the lions? can't have both.
- This CAB needs to look at all the deer mgmt areas in Washoe County one by one and make recommendations on each!!
No body has!

too
much
FBS
what
did
do!

To all-----A recent paper in the **Wildlife Society Bulletin** 41:88-97 reported on a new way to measure bear predation on newborn ungulates----with **VERY SURPRISING RESULTS**!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!-----to say the least. AK G&F put camera containing, GPS collars on bears to actually see what the bears were doing ----a first. Now it has been known for years that bears take newborn calves whenever they can, but the numbers in this new study are **MUCH higher than any previous estimates**----- On average, from May15 to June 30, the camera collared bears, each killed 34.4 calves, with some bears killing as many as 44 calves !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!, or **one calf per day** !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! In addition, it took the bears only **40 minutes to consume a caribou calf and only 60 minutes for a moose calf**-----making finding kills by other means virtually impossible. **This new technology now needs to be tried on Mtn. lions and wolves and I suspect the results will be just as shocking,** as summer predation rates at more guesses than fact-----