

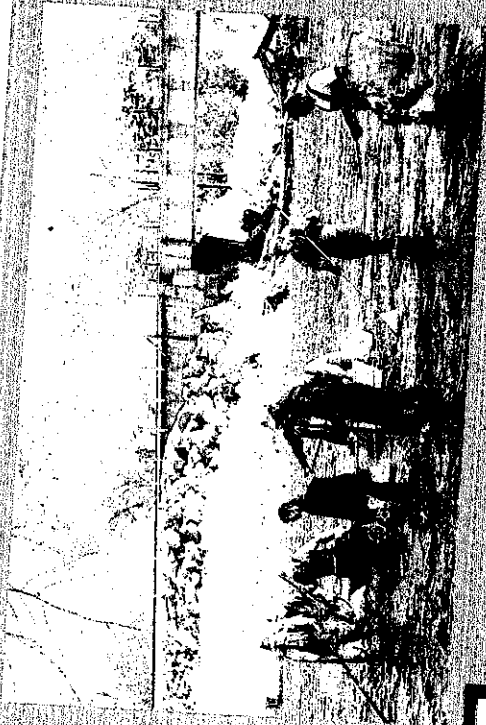
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Mission Statement

To protect, preserve, manage and restore wildlife and its habitat for their aesthetic, scientific, educational, recreational, and economic benefits to citizens of Nevada and the United States, and to promote the safety of persons using vessels on the waters of this state.

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Nevada's Wildlife Resources

- 355 species of birds
- 125 species of mammals
- 91 fishes
- 50 species of reptiles
- 15 amphibian species



Economic Benefits of Wildlife Related Activities to Nevada

47,000 hunters spend 490,000 days hunting each year

\$134,102,000

172,000 anglers spend 1,575,000 days fishing each year

\$216,721,000

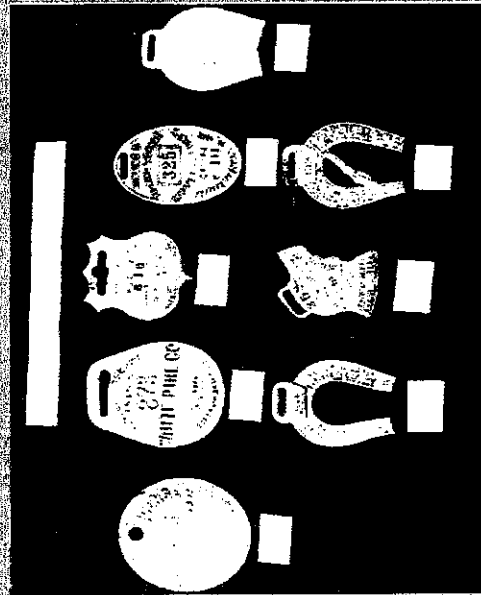
**543,000 people spend 1,567,000 days each year viewing
wildlife on trips away from their home**

\$250,145,000

Total estimated value of wildlife to Nevada's economy

is over \$600,962,000 each year

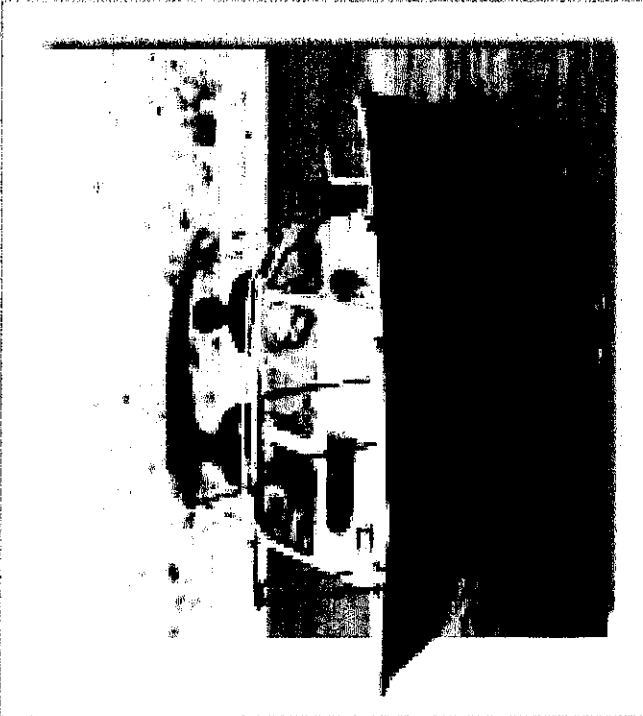
History of Wildlife Conservation In Nevada



County Wardens Licenses

- 1877 - First State Fish Commissioner
- 1909 - First permanent State Fish and Game Employee
- 1916 - Federal Migratory Bird Treaty Act
- 1917 - State Fish and Game Commission and Office of State Game Warden was established
- 1920 to 1948 - County Control
- 1937 - Pittman-Robertson Act (named after Nevada Senator Key Pittman) establishes excise tax on firearms and ammunition to support state wildlife programs
- 1947 - State Fish and Game Commission made up of 17 county representatives and county game boards are established
- 1950 - Dingell-Johnson Act establishes excise tax on fishing equipment to fund state sport fish programs

History of Wildlife Conservation In Nevada



1960 - Nevada Boat Act enacted

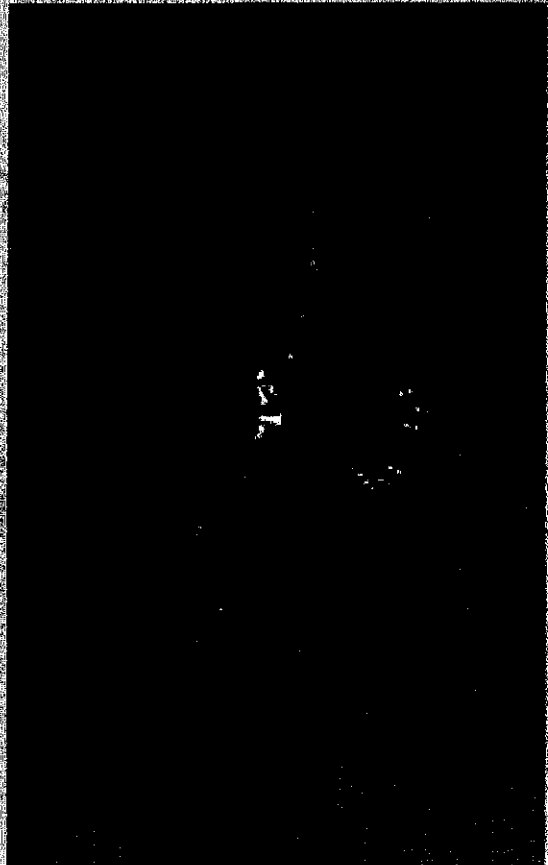
1969 - State Fish and Game Commission reduced to nine members all appointed by the Governor; name Change from Nevada Fish and Game Commission to Nevada Department of Fish and Game

1973 - Endangered and Threatened Species Conservation Act

1979 - Department of Fish and Game becomes Nevada Department of Wildlife to reflect responsibilities for ALL wildlife

1984 - Wallop-Breaux Act amends D.J. Act to provide additional funding for fisheries management and boating

1995 - Department realigned as Division of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources



Nevada Division of Wildlife

Agency Program Profile

- **Board of Wildlife Commissioners**

- Nine member board represents various constituencies
- Establishes Broad Policy
- Adopts Regulations
- County Advisory Boards to Manage Wildlife

- **Administrative Services**

- Public service through seven offices
- Fiscal/Personnel Management
- Hunting and Fishing Licenses/Special Permits
- Boat Registration/Titling
- Administer Game Tag Drawings
- Engineering Services

- **Conservation Education Program**

- Public Affairs
- Hunter/Aquatic/Wildlife Education Programs
- Volunteer Program
- Publications & Web Site

- **Fisheries Program**

- Game Fish Survey/Inventory/Management
- Fish Hatcheries/Stocking Program
- Native Fish, Crustaceans, Amphibians



Nevada Division of Wildlife

Agency Program Profile

- **Game Program**

- Big Game, Upland Game, Waterfowl Survey/Inventory/Management
- Furbearer and Predator Management
- Air Operations

- **Habitat Program**

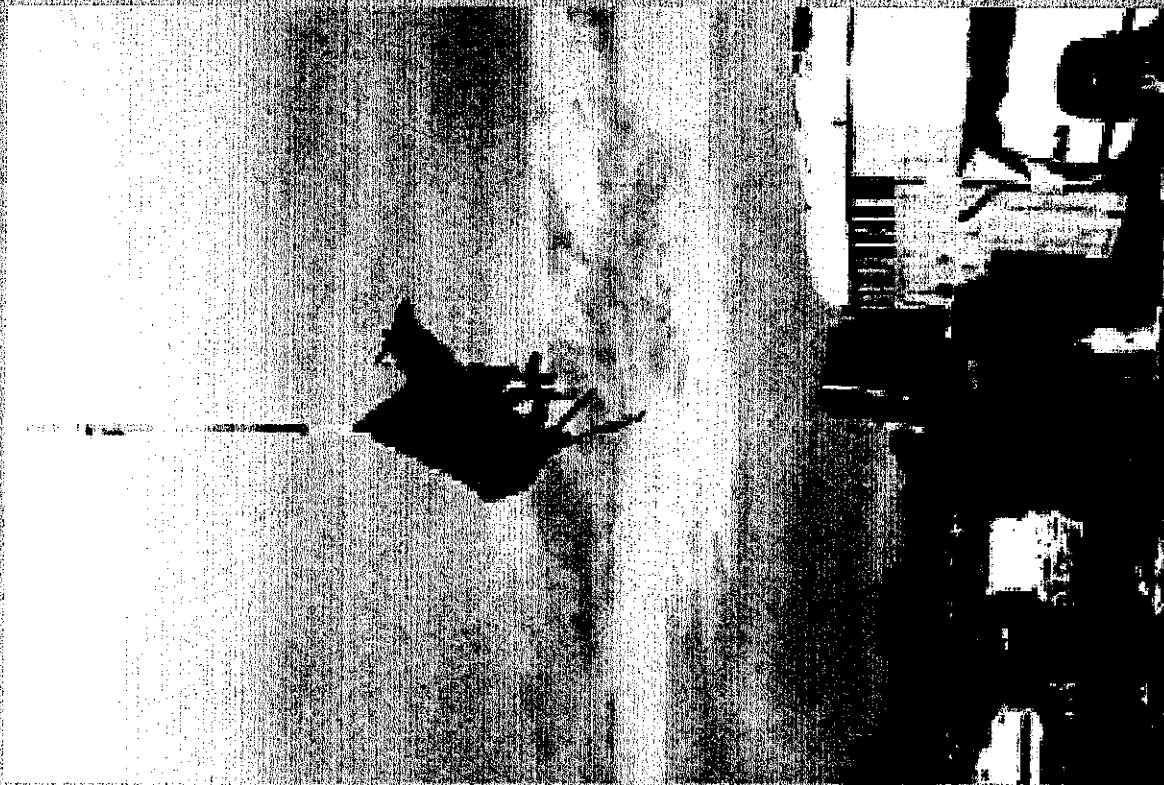
- Consultation/Review
- Wildlife Management Areas
- Water Development
- Rangeland Restoration
- Wetlands Acquisition & Restoration
- Mining Assessment/Reclamation

- **Law Enforcement Program**

- Patrol & Investigation
- Boating Safety
- Radio Communications
- Operation Game Thief
- Private Lands Wildlife
- Urban Wildlife

- **Wildlife Diversity Program**

- Sensitive Species Survey/ Inventory/Management
- Endangered Species Act Consultation and Review



Promises Made:

Comprehensive Management System

1997 - Comprehensive Strategic Plan

- Most extensive survey of stakeholders, general public, and employees ever conducted by the Division...
- Identified needs and desires of all wildlife constituencies in Nevada...
- Established Goals, Objectives and Strategies to lead the Division's future efforts in Eight Product Areas:

Agency Management

Funding

Information Delivery

Wildlife Population Management

Habitat Management Protection and Enhancement

Consultation

Compliance and Enforcement

Public Service and Documents



Promises Kept:

Agency Management

- ✓ Improved Budgeting/Fiscal Controls
- ✓ Continued Adaptive Planning and Evaluation
- ✓ Remodeled Agency Facilities/Residential Housing
- ✓ Initiated Employee Career Development/Training Program
- ✓ Revised Agency Organizational Structure

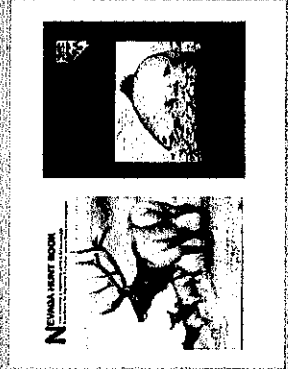
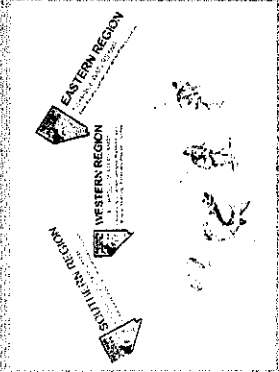
Funding

- ✓ New Federal funding for state wildlife programs
- ✓ Legislative support for statewide fisheries refurbishment project
- ✓ New revenue sources for sage grouse conservation efforts
- ✓ Increased private donations and gifts
- ✓ Enhanced revenue and expense tracking procedures

Promises Kept:

Information Delivery

- ✓ Established a statewide Volunteer Program
- ✓ Developed new WMA brochures, Fishable Waters Maps, Angler Guides and Regulations formats
- ✓ Initiated Trout in the Classroom Program
- ✓ Increased number of wildlife education interpretive sites
- ✓ Revised Hunter Education program to make more accessible
- ✓ Increased number of hunting and fishing clinics
- ✓ Developed agency website that averages 1,400 users/day
- ✓ Increased number of news releases
- ✓ Established weekly television news segment in Northern Nevada



Promises Kept:

Wildlife Population Management

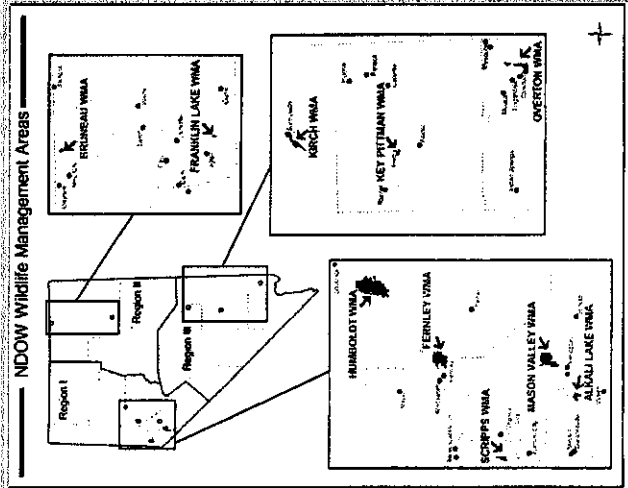
- ✓ Management planning for antelope, elk and bighorn sheep
- ✓ Fishery and fish species management planning
- ✓ Bighorn sheep, elk, turkey, chukar, mountain quail, sharptail grouse and antelope trapping and transplant program
- ✓ Aggressive big game survey/inventory program
- ✓ Predator management program
- ✓ Tahoe Environmental Improvement Program
- ✓ Urban Fishing Opportunities
- ✓ The Governor's Sage Grouse Conservation Planning Effort
- ✓ Wildlife Diversity Program
- ✓ "Be Bear Aware" and Urban Wildlife Programs
- ✓ Hatchery Refurbishment Program



Promises Kept:

Habitat Management Protection/Enhancement

- ✓ Long-range management plans for wildlife management areas
- ✓ Cooperated in the Nevada Seed Bank
- ✓ Rehabilitated thousands of acres of critical habitat
- ✓ Developed and maintained new water sources for wildlife
- ✓ Acquired critical wildlife habitat, water rights, and sportsmen's access
- ✓ Cooperated in the construction and enhancement of several boating access facilities



Promises Kept:

Consultation

- ✓ Memorandums of Understanding with federal, tribal, and local governments
- ✓ Review of public land use documents
- ✓ Provide data concerning wildlife to county and state officials
- ✓ Cooperative working relationship with Nevada Mining Industry
- ✓ Working relationship with Nevada agricultural interests
- ✓ Uniform boating regulations with adjoining states and federal agencies



Promises Kept:

Compliance and Enforcement

- ✓ Revised regulation brochures to be more user-friendly and accessible via the Internet
- ✓ Promoted voluntary compliance with wildlife and boating laws at various public venues
- ✓ Promoted Operation Game Thief
- ✓ Targeted public affairs, patrol and investigations efforts on chronic violations



Public Service and Documents

- ✓ New public service offices in Ely, Winnemucca and Henderson
- ✓ Opened offices over important weekends
- ✓ License sales, boat registration and titling at various public venues
- ✓ Improved big game tag drawing system including Internet application
- ✓ Web-based wildlife licensing system



Agency Responsibilities Will Continue to Grow...



- Invasive Wildlife
- Wildlife Health
- Species Management Planning
- Endangered Species Act Demands
- Recreational Demands
- Threatened Species Conservation Planning
- Increased Wildlife/Urban Interface Issues
- Increased Human Population = More Demand for Education Programs
- Impacts to Wildlife Habitat from Fires and Climate

...and the costs of conserving wildlife and maintaining programs for the public will continue to rise

**Nevada Division of Wildlife
2001-2002 Annual Agency Budget**

Wildlife Account

\$21,000,000

Trout Stamp Account

\$100,000

Boat Account

\$5,000

Obligated Reserve Account

\$2,000,000

Habitat Mitigation Account

\$100,000

TOTAL:

\$28,200,000



