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April 14, 2003

Senator William J. Raggio, Chairman
Senate Committee on Finance
Nevada State Legislature
Carson City, Nevada 89701-4747

Dear Senator Raggio:

In order to move Senate Bill 420 to the Senate Committee on Finance in a timely manner, the Senate Committee on Natural Resources approved a motion to re-refer the measure with an attached letter.

Senate Bill 420 makes various changes to the State's Division of Wildlife, the most significant of which address increasing fees. While the members of the Senate Committee on Natural Resources did not express concerns with the overall objectives of the measure, a consensus of the members recommended that the Senate Committee on Finance consider the following recommendations:

1. Review the attached page of amendments proposed by the Division of Wildlife;
2. Remove or modify the automatic fee increases based upon the *Consumer Price Index*;
3. Accept a technical amendment on page 5, line 36 changing the term "wetlands" to the phrase "upland game bird habitat"; and
4. Accept an amendment on page 8, lines 4 and 6 adding the word "nonprofit" after the word "private."

If you have any questions about these provisions or if I can help with the processing of Senate Bill 420 in any other ways, please call upon me.

Sincerely,

Senator Dean A. Rhoads, Chairman
Senate Committee on Natural Resources

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SENATE BILL NO. 420 – COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

An Act relating to wildlife fees and other matters properly relating thereto.

NEVADA DIVISION OF WILDLIFE requests consideration of the proposed amendments to SB 420 as follows:

Sec. 13. NRS 502.072. Remove the disabled veteran section from consideration in the low-cost license fee structure and maintain the fee-exempt status.

Sec. 22. NRS 502.240. Change the fee, the base amount of which is:
For a resident annual master guide's license from \$300 to **\$750**.
For a resident annual subguide's license from \$95 to **\$125**.
For a nonresident annual master guide's license from \$625 to **\$1,500**.
For a nonresident annual subguide's license from \$188 to **\$250**.

Sec. 23. NRS 502.245. Remove subsection 1(a) (3), (4), and (5) (disabled veterans, Indians, and servicemen) for consideration in the low-cost license fee structure and maintain the fee-exempt status.

Sec. 26. NRS 502.280. Remove the Indian section from consideration in the low-cost license fee structure and maintain the fee-exempt status.

Sec. 27. NRS 502.290. Remove the servicemen section from consideration in the low-cost license fee structure and maintain the current fee.

Sec. 38. 504.390. Revises subsection 5 and 6 to include the following:

5. Any person who desires a master guide license must apply for the license on a form prescribed and furnished by the Division. The application must contain the social security number of the applicant and such other information as the Commission may require by regulation. If that person was not licensed as a master guide during the previous licensing year, his application must be accompanied by a [fee of \$500, which is not refundable.] **nonrefundable fee, the base amount of which is \$1,500. The actual amount of the fee must be adjusted at least every other year, pursuant to section 3 of this act, to reflect changes in the Consumer Price Index.**

6. Any person who desires a subguide license must apply for the license on a form prescribed and furnished by the Division. **If that person was not licensed as a subguide during the previous licensing year, his application must be accompanied by a nonrefundable fee, the base amount of which is \$50. The actual amount of the fee must be adjusted at least every other year, pursuant to section 3 of this act, to reflect changes in the Consumer Price Index.**