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July 15, 2002

State of Nevada Wildlife Commissioners
RE: Legislative Committee Proposals

Attn: Chairman Moran

On Wednesday, June 19, 2002, the Clark County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife voted on the outlined legislative committee proposals listed below:

- A. Revert from the Dept. of Natural Resources to the Department of Wildlife.
- B. Legislation to allow the Commission too not only review the budget but the ability to approve.
- C. Legislation to allow the Commission to advertise in the regulation brochures and on the agencies website. This legislation will also address revenue collected, with the return to be spent on sportsman's projects.
- D. Legislation to give the commission the authority to put out to bid, the printing, which now is monopolized by the State printer. This legislation would exempt the State Commission.
- E. Consumer Price Indexing (CPI) increase on fees.

The boards vote was unanimous in favor of the legislative committee proposals.

Sincerely,

Daniel D. Swanson
Chairman, Clark County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife

DLS/ds



January 29, 2003

Terry Crawforth,
Administrator
Nevada Division of Wildlife
1100 Valley Road
Reno, NV 89512

Dear Mr. Crawforth:

Wildlife Habitat and Improvement of Nevada was briefed on legislation effecting your Division at our regular meeting on January 28, 2003. Members in attendance at that meeting voted to endorse these legislative actions as listed below:

1. Revert back to the Department of Wildlife from a division of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources,
2. Legislation to allow the Board of Wildlife Commissioners to not only review the budget, but also approve it,
3. Legislation to allow limited advertising in the regulation brochures and on the agency website (revenues to be used on sportsmen's projects to support wildlife),
4. Legislation to allow the Commission to competitively bid the costs of printing for the Department of Wildlife, and
5. Allow for a Consumer Price Index increase on fees.

Please copy this letter and use it as necessary to support this legislation.

If you have any questions or require redirection of this missive, please call me at 702-295-2721 (work) or 702-736-4182 (home).

Sincerely yours,

Wayne A. Bliss,
President

cc:

John T. Moran, Jr., Chairman, Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners
Daniel D. Swanson, Chairman, Clark County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife



Safari Club International
Desert - Las Vegas Chapter

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February 10, 2003

**Commissioner John T. Moran, Jr.
Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners
1100 Valley Rd.
Reno NV 89512**

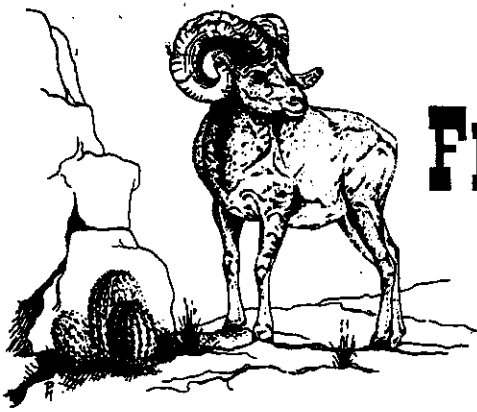
Dear Commissioner Moran:

The Safari Club International Desert-Las Vegas Chapter's board of directors would like to take this opportunity to endorse the Wildlife Commission's package of bill draft requests for presentation during the 2003 legislative session.

In this time of heightened expectations -- and lowered revenues! -- it is imperative that we act in such proactive, soundly-based measures to ensure Nevada's wildlife conservation programs.

Sincerely,

**David Small
President, SCI Desert-Las Vegas Chapter**



Fraternity Of The Desert Bighorn

P.O. Box 27494 Las Vegas, Nevada 89126-1494

February 5, 2003

State of Nevada
Department of Conservation
and Natural Resources
Division of Wildlife
1100 Valley Road
Reno, Nevada 89512

Attention: Mr. Terry Crawford
Administrator

Dear Mr. Crawford:

During our meeting of this date, the Fraternity reviewed and supports the following items in the Board of Wildlife Commissioner's Legislative Committee Proposal.

Change from the Nevada Division of Wildlife to the Nevada Department of Wildlife, thus becoming their own department. With the State Wildlife Commission to review and approve the budget of NDOW.

To accept advertising in the Regulations Brochure and on the State Wildlife website. Advertising revenue to be used to fund sportsmen's projects.

To allow the Commission the ability to obtain and accept outside bids for printing.

"A MEMBERSHIP UNSELFISHLY DEDICATED TO THE UTILIZATION,
CONSERVATION AND WELFARE OF THE DESERT BIGHORN SHEEP"

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An immediate increase on license fees with future fee increases tied to the Consumer Price Index.

We feel that the above items will benefit our State's wildlife.

Sincerely

***FRATERNITY OF THE
DESERT BIGHORN***

Bill Vasconi

Bill Vasconi
President

Jan. 29, 2003

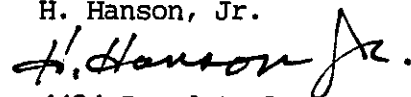
Terry Crawforth, Administrator
Nevada Division of Wildlife
1100 Valley Road
Reno, NV 89512-2817

Mr. Crawforth:

For the record, put me down as supporting the package that the Wildlife
commission and Nevada Division of Wildlife submitted to the legislature.

Thank you,

H. Hanson, Jr.



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Senator Bill Raggio,

We would like to strongly encourage your support of SB 420 which will allow the Board of Wildlife Commissioners to periodically adjust fees based on the Consumer Price Index, allows the Division to suspend, revoke or refuse to issue or renew any tag, permit, or certificate of a person who does not pay a civil penalty in a timely manner, prohibiting certain persons from hunting certain upland game birds under certain circumstances, and creates the Wildlife Obligated Reserve Account in the State General Fund.

NDOW has not been able to keep up with expense because of inflation and is in danger of not providing services to the Nevada Citizens. We know the idea of indexing is not supported by many legislatures but the processing of returning every two years requesting more funds is wasteful in itself. The Board of Commissioners needs the authority to increase fees as established by inflation (the Consumer Price Index). This bill also has a requirement to keep the Senators and Assemblymen informed on what fees were collected and adjusted. They will not be unsupervised and "out of control".

As avid hunters and fishermen we would like to see NDOW continue to grow and provide more opportunities to current and future hunters and fishermen. Let us give them the money and responsibility to grow with the needs of Nevada.

Again we strongly encourage and solicit your support in passing SB 420.

Respectfully,

Martin J. Gindin Pres. Peter Hesse
K. Langh V. Pres.
1/2/92
George S. Carlo
Bryon W. Carter

The White Pine County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife

Wade Robison, Chairman
Bill Miller, Vice Chairman
Stephen Marich
Steve Marquez
Brian Bennett

September 25, 2002

The State of Nevada Wildlife Commissioner
1100 Valley Road
Reno, NV 89512

RE: 2003 Legislative Committee Proposals

Dear Commissioners:

During our meeting held on Tuesday, September 24, 2002, the White Pine County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife voted on the referenced proposals outlined to us by your legislative committee:

- The proposed legislation to allow the Commission to review and **approve** the annual fiscal budget for the current Division of Wildlife.
- The proposed legislation to no longer operate under the umbrella of the Department of Natural Resources, but to revert back to department status with a direct link to the governor.
- The proposed legislation allowing the commission to authorize the selling of advertisements in brochures and on the website. The legislation will address how the revenue generated will be used to enhance habitat and for beneficial wildlife projects.
- The proposed legislation giving the Commission an exemption on state printing

requirements, allowing them to realize any savings that can be generated through a competitive bidding process.

- The proposed legislation authorizing the use of an industry accepted Consumer Price Index (CPI) when the raising of fees is required to ensure revenues exceed expenditures within the fiscal budgeting process.

Our board voted unanimously to endorse each of these proposed pieces of legislation. We feel these items will benefit sportsmen throughout the state for many years to come.

Respectfully,

Wade Robison
Chairman, The White Pine County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife

Carson City Advisory Board To Manage Wildlife

Norman W. Pedersen - Chairman
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12/10/02

To: Nevada Wildlife Commission- Attn: Chairman John Moran

Subject: Legislative Proposals

Copies to: Commissioners ~~Bill Bradley~~ and Chris MacKenzie

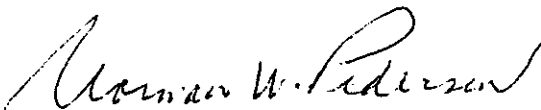
Dear Chairman Moran,

In order to better understand the funding concerns expressed by NDOW, and shared by the Commission, our board elected to conduct a special meeting inviting both Commissioners Bradley and MacKenzie to appear. In that Commissioner Bradley (Chair) and Commissioner MacKenzie are both members of the Legislative Committee, we felt that they would be best qualified to address concerns expressed by both our public and board members. Both Commissioners did an excellent job in clarifying NDOW funding shortfalls. The feedback I received from both the public and board was an overwhelming support of the Commissioners presentation. As a result, the Carson City ABMW would like to revise our earlier position to as follows:

- 1.) Support of fee increases and the proposed change from Division to a Department.
- 2.) Suggest that NDOW or the Commission place a brief explanation of the increases in the 2003 NDOW Regulations booklet- explaining the increases to the general public.
- 3.) The Commission, NDOW and the county ABMW need to pursue ideas to generate additional funding- license plates, federal/state/private grants, matching funds, advertising and volunteer programs are some examples.

Our board looks forward to working with the Commission, NDOW and other game boards to strengthen and expand both hunting and fishing opportunities in the state of Nevada and at the same time, do our up most to control the associated costs ...

Best Regards,



Norman W. Pedersen

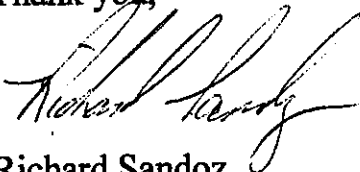
Richard Sandoz
Elko County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife
409 Maple Street
Elko, Nevada 89801

March 6, 2003

Dear Terry Crawford:

At the December 2002, Elko County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife meeting we voted unanimously to support the Legislative Proposal to increase all fees as recommended by the State Wildlife Commission. The only exception is we didn't support increases based on the CPI. We also support changing "Division of Wildlife" back to the "Department of Wildlife". We would also support the State Board of Wildlife Commissioners having final budget authority over NDOW. We support advertising in our brochures to help offset the costs and support the use of outside printing companies.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Richard Sandoz".

Richard Sandoz
ECABMW Chairman

cc: John Moran, Chairman State Wildlife Commission

wp:feeincr

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KENNY C. GUINN
Governor

May 12, 2003

RE: ASSEMBLY BILL 41 AND SENATE BILL 420

Dear Legislator

As you well know, I have corresponded previously with you concerning Assembly Bill 41 and Senate Bill 420, which are essential to our State in protecting our wildlife and habitat. As you well know, the Wildlife Commission, NDOW staff, all County Advisory Boards, the vast majority of outdoor organizations, including sportsmen and sportswomen across our State are in support of such legislation.

The Wildlife Commission for the State of Nevada recently had our regular monthly three day meeting in Reno. On the last day of our meeting we asked if anyone in attendance wished to sign a petition evidencing their support of both of these Bills. I enclose for your review a copy of the four pages of signatures consisting of Commissioners, County Advisory Board Members, sportsmen and women, as well as outdoor organizations who were in attendance and have signed their name supporting Assembly Bill 41 and Senate Bill 420. It should be noted everybody then in attendance on the last day of our meeting, signed this petition asking you to support this legislation. This is the same type of support that we continue to enjoy across the State and we appreciate your support as our legislators, as well as in supporting wildlife and habitat and the many wonderful programs that we provide in our State. I remain,

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "John T. Moran, Jr.".

John T. Moran, Jr.
Chairman

JTM/hgf

Enclosure

State of Nevada
Board of Wildlife Commissioners' Meeting
Nevada Division of Wildlife
1100 Valley Road
Reno, NV 89512

May 10, 2003

We support the adoption of Assembly Bill 41 and Senate Bill 420.

Name (Please Print)

Organization Represented

TOMMY A. FORD	Wildlife Commission
Chairman John T. Moran Jr.	Wildlife Commission
BRAD Quilici	Wildlife Commission
Christ Bentley	Wildlife Commission
Michael Riordan	Wildlife Commission
Eric Olson	Wildlife Commission
Tommy R. Comfort	Self
Ch. McKi	Wildlife Commission
Michael J. Howdarge	president - NV Outfitters & Guide Ass.
Bill Bradley	Bill Bradley Wildlife Commission
FRED Church	
Glade R. Loh	White Pine County Advisor Board
Donald D. King	NV Wildlife Federation

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Organization Represented

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CCABMW

Don Stieger

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TONY CARONE

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Steve Ligopoulos

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Ed E. E. E.

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CLACK COUNTY ADULTS BOARD
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JOEL BLAKESLEE

MYSELF NV TRAPPER ASSOC

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SELF

James J. J.

Self

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Chris Ellena	Self
Giovanni Giordano	HCA B
Ed Tilley	Washoe CABMW
Judi Caron	Washoe CABMW
BOB KOTTINGER	SELF
TODD JAKSICK	SELF
Mike Dabel	NDOW
MIKE SCOTT	NDOW
CHRIS Hampson	NDOW
RICH ELLINGTON	NDOW
PAUL DANKOWSKI	NDOW
KARI MARTIN	NDOW

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Name (Please Print)

Organization Represented

Gene Weller

self

Suzanne Wainwright

self

Doug Hunt

self