

MINUTES

WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

NEVADA STATE LEGISLATURE - 60th SESSION

March 5, 1979

Chairman Mello called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

PRESENT: Chairman Mello, Vice-Chairman Bremner, Mr. Barengo, Mrs. Cavnar, Mr. Glover, Mr. Hickey, Mr. Mann, Mr. Vergiels, Mrs. Wagner, Mr. Webb.

ABSENT: Mr. Rhoads

ALSO PRESENT: Bill Bible, Fiscal Analyst; Judy Matteucci, Deputy Fiscal Analyst; Mike Alastuey, Deputy Budget Director; Thomas W. Ballow, Nevada Department of Agriculture; Phil Martinello, Nevada Department of Agriculture; Jack Armstrong, Nevada Department of Agriculture; Steve Mahoney, Nevada Department of Agriculture, Brand Division; Ray Aizzi, Nevada West Packing, Inc.; David Barkley, Barkley Meat Company; Virgil Getto, Assemblyman; Joe Dini, Assemblyman. See attached Guest List.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

DIVISION OF PLANT INDUSTRY

Mr. Thomas W. Ballow, Executive Director, Nevada Department of Agriculture, and Phil Martinelli, Director of Plant Industry Division, began testimony with a brief overview of the Nevada Department of Agriculture. The Nevada Department of Agriculture is headed by the State Board of Agriculture which is made up of 6 individuals appointed by the Governor. The Department is divided into 4 divisions: Plant Industry, Animal Industry, Brand Inspection, and Administrative Division. The staff includes about 70 full-time employees and 70 seasonal employees. Some of the major programs in the Department are Animal and Plant Disease Control; Control of Harmful Insects, Weeds, and Pests; Brand Inspection Program and Investigation of Livestock Thefts; Assistance in the Recovery of Stray Animals; Testing Seeds for Purity; Assistance in Searching out Diseases of Honey Bees; and a Grading Program for Meat and Produce. The Department of Agriculture administers the Weights and Measures Program which is designed to test scales, gasoline pumps, and other weighing and measuring devices for accuracy. They also administer the State and Federal Pesticide Program for certifying, distribution, and use of restricted pesticides in Nevada.

Mr. Ballow asked Mr. Martinelli to discuss the budget for Plant Industry. Mr. Martinelli stated the budget supports 20 regulatory programs within the Division and provides administrative support for all the divisions within the Department of Agriculture. The income fees are based on services rendered with Shipping Point Inspection fees being the largest income item. This present fiscal year the fees are running much lower than projected because of an abnormally low potato market which has resulted in a decreased demand for Inspectors.

The Seed Certification fees are much lower than ^{figures} previous years due to the fact that this year, production in certified seed and alfalfa seed dropped about 3 million pounds.

Mr. Martinelli stated that at the present time they have 45-1/2 positions.

Chairman Mello asked if any existing positions are vacant at the present time. Mr. Martinelli stated that there is one Weights and Measures position that has been vacant for 3 months.

Mr. Vergiels inquired as to where the position was located. Mr. Martinelli stated that the position is located in Reno.

Chairman Mello asked why a request was made for 5 new positions for each year of the biennium. Mr. Martinelli said they felt there is a need for them. He further stated that they could use one more in Weights and Measures due to the influx of people. Chairman Mello asked where that position would be located and Mr. Martinelli stated that it would be located in Reno. Chairman Mello pointed out that there would then be two positions open in Reno.

Mr. Barengo asked what was the problem in filling these positions. Mr. Martinelli said they had 4 or 5 applicants for the last exam, but it was difficult to recruit because the position didn't pay enough.

Mr. Webb asked why there was a need for a new position when the situation in Winnemucca actually takes 5 less people than was previously budgeted. Mr. Martinelli explained that the people in Winnemucca work part-time if the potato sheds are operating and the Department of Agriculture furnishes the Inspectors. These are not General Fund positions.

Chairman Mello asked for comments on the remainder of the budget. Mr. Martinelli commented the increase in vehicle operation was due to the fact that \$3,000 was needed for new tires for the Weights and Measures truck.

Chairman Mello asked for an explanation of the out-of-state travel amount of \$4,068. Mr. Martinelli stated that the trips made by Mr. Ballow were made at the request of the Governor and paid for by the Governor's office. Chairman Mello asked Mr. Alastuey for an explanation, and Mr. Alastuey stated the funds did not come from the Governor's office.

Mrs. Wagner asked for more specific information on the trips made by Mr. Ballow. Mr. Ballow responded that he attended the Western Governor's Conference in Alaska, and a meeting in Denver, Colorado with the Secretary of the Interior on "grazing fees." Chairman Mello stated that he would like a breakdown of the \$4,608 spent and where it came from.

Mr. Bremner asked if the \$6,500 allocated for Statistical Reporting is sufficient. Mr. Martinelli said no, and indicated that in time, the Statistical Reporting Service would be taken out of Nevada and moved to California or combined with another state which would result in a delay in receiving the statistics.

Mr. Vergiels asked for an explanation of the following budget items: Training, Feed Labeling, Vertibrae Pests, and Pesticide Use. Mr. Martinelli explained the \$1,100 for training is used to send personnel to training classes. He indicated that Feed Labeling covers commercial livestock feed with mandatory requirements for labeling which must include the net weight, product name, guaranteed analysis, food ingredients, and the name and address of the manufacturer.

Mrs. Wagner asked what happens when the feed is found deficient. Mr. Martinelli stated that the manufacturer is contacted and if they still have the same line of feed, it is taken off the market until brought up to guaranteed analysis. However, there are no penalties involved.

Mr. Vergiels asked if Feed Labeling paid for testing only. Mr. Martinelli responded that it is used to pay only for testing which is contracted out with a laboratory in California.

Mr. Martinelli continued with the Vertibrae Pests Program which is in response to a need by the ranchers for control of vertibrae pests.

Mr. Martinelli stated the Pesticide Use is primarily for Nevada's farmers and ranchers and Pesticide Control Operators to be certified to use restrictive materials in the State.

MEAT INSPECTION

Mr. Ballow briefly explained that Meat Inspection is somewhat of a misleading title as the program really provides a meat-grading service to slaughter houses in cooperation with the U. S. Department of Agriculture. Mr. Ballow stated that a qualified meat grader was made available to slaughter houses who then reimburse the Department for this service.

Chairman Mello introduced Mr. Joe Dini, Assemblyman. Mr. Dini stated that because of a decrease in production by Nevada slaughter houses, the need for a meat grader is down. However, an anticipated increase in production in the future will require a qualified meat grader.

Mrs. Wagner asked how many slaughter houses are in Nevada. Mr. Dini responded that there are 8 or 9.

Chairman Mello introduced Mr. Aizzi, Meat "jobber." Mr. Aizzi stated that a meat inspector is very important to help the small meat packer.

Mrs. Wagner asked Mr. Aizzi if they are talking about only the slaughter houses that would deliver intra-state. He said that they are.

Mr. David Barkley of Barkley Meat at Lake Tahoe was introduced. Mr. Barkley stated that they are presently trying to put together a program to use a meat grader for quality control functions 30 or 40% of the time.

Chairman Mello told the Committee that there was a bill by Mr. Dini last session to make the meat grader position self-supporting. Mr. Ballow responded that the only problem is in the programming because in order to get a qualified grader, the Department had to assure the man of a full-time job.

Mr. Bremner asked Mr. Barkley how soon he would be in operation. Mr. Barkley then stated that it could take place within the next few months.

Mr. Bible indicated that the position is now in the Plant Industry budget as a Weights and Measures Inspector and when the business picks up for meat grading, he will be moved back to this account.

Mr. Ballow stated that they are requesting authorization to accept more fees than \$7,000.

Chairman Mello asked why the Governor cut the meat grading fees down. Mr. Alastuey stated that the meat grading fees were cut in view of the decline of collections.

Mr. Ballow said that a larger scale of operation is expected.

Virgil Getto, Assemblyman, introduced himself and responded that the small businessman cannot compete with the large packing houses without a meat grader.

Mrs. Cavnar asked if the request is to allow the Committee to authorize the meat grader to collect the necessary fees to keep the program going. Mr. Ballow said yes, and further stated that the meat grader would be paid out of the respective budget according to work performed: meat grading or weights and measurements.

Assemblyman Getto added that this bill would also help the rancher because the cattle are shopped on consignment and are graded on what they actually yield.

ALFALFA SEED RESEARCH

Mr. Martinelli explained that this program is a revenue fund where the alfalfa seed growers tax themselves to raise this amount of money to be used on research, and they also send money to the Alfalfa Seed Commission.

AGRICULTURAL REGISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT FUND

Mr. Martinelli stated that this is a self-supporting fund based on a fee that is charged for the registration of pesticides.

Mr. Martinelli pointed out that the EPA Pesticide Grant is established on a yearly basis and covers a cooperative enforcement agreement with Region 9, which results in more control over the enforcement of pesticide use.

LIVESTOCK INSPECTION FUND

Mr. Ballow introduced Steve Mahoney, Director of the Brand Inspection Division. Mr. Mahoney briefly explained that the Livestock Brand Inspection Program serves approximately 4,000 ranchers in Nevada, and is totally industry funded.

Chairman Mello asked if the brand inspection fees are being increased. Mr. Mahoney stated that they asked the Livestock Board to increase the fee from 25¢ to 35¢ and received total support for the 10¢ increase.

Chairman Mello asked how many existing positions were vacant. Mr. Mahoney stated that there is a Livestock Investigator position open at the present time because a determination is being made as to whether the District Brand Supervisor can act in that capacity.

Chairman Mello requested an explanation for the difference of the \$729 actual compared to the \$585 authorized by the 1977 Legislature for out-of-state travel. Mr. Alastuey stated that he would have to search the files and see how it was funded.

Mr. Bremner asked why less was spent than authorized for trucks. Mr. Mahoney responded that the Brand Inspection fees are down and the amount collected in the field was less than anticipated; therefore, the money was not available to spend.

Mr. Bremner asked why this budget showed 13-1/2 positions and the budget two years ago showed 10-1/2 positions, yet no request was made for additional positions. Mr. Mahoney stated that seasonal, part-time help money was used to make 3 full-time positions.

VETERINARY MEDICAL SERVICES

Mr. Ballow introduced Dr. Jack Armstrong, Supervisor of the Animal Disease Laboratory for the Nevada Department of Agriculture. Dr. Armstrong briefly described the programs within the Division: Animal Disease Laboratory, State Cooperative Programs, and Disease Investigation.

Chairman Mello asked for a justification of the half-time position. Dr. Armstrong stated the position is for a custodial worker in the Elko office and is currently budgeted as "part-time" help.

Mr. Bremner asked why the out-of-state travel was substantially higher than was authorized. Dr. Armstrong stated that training programs were combined with out-of-state travel. Mr. Bible stated that Ways and Means increased the training funds in 1977 and the charges apparently were made in out-of-state travel.

APIARY INSPECTION FUND

Mr. Martinelli stated that this is also a self-supporting industry fund.

INSECT ABATEMENT

Mr. Martinelli said that insect abatement programs are initiated from this budget and the costs are billed back to the growers with the funds returned to this budget.

Mr. Glover asked if the program worked and Mr. Martinelli said yes.

WOOLGROWERS PREDATORY ANIMAL CONTROL COMMISSION

Mike Laughlin, Assistant State Supervisor for Animal Control, said that the State levies a special tax on sheep for predatory animal control. Since this budget is funded by ear-marked revenues, this is a request for Legislative approval based on current estimates of income and program needs.

Senator Lamb asked Mr. Laughlin how many predatory animals were killed and how many pelts were sold. Mr. Laughlin stated that 4,280 coyotes were taken and 515 pelts were sold. Senator Lamb said he understood there were 300 cat pelts in a warehouse in Ely. Mr. Laughlin said no, and pointed out that the total take for bobcats last fiscal year was 27.

Mr. Bremner asked Mr. Laughlin if he took 4,280 pelts and only sold 515, and, if so, what happened to the rest. Mr. Laughlin stated that having a saleable pelt is seasonal and a number of animals are taken when these pelts are not in marketable condition.

Chairman Mello asked for a breakdown stating how many pelts were sold last year, by animal type and price, and how many are currently stored. Mr. Laughlin stated that he would provide the Committee with this information.

Mrs. Wagner asked why the pelts are being stored. Mr. Laughlin responded that pelts are sold on a periodic basis, and the next sale won't be until May.

Mr. Joe Minor further stated that the Fish and Game Department allows bobcats to be taken when they are depredating on livestock and that the permit specifies that all bobcat hides are the property of the Nevada Fish and Game Department.

PREDATORY ANIMAL AND RODENT CONTROL COMMITTEE

Mr. Laughlin explained that this budget's major emphasis in Nevada is to control coyotes and mountain lions to protect sheep and cattle on both public and private land.

Chairman Mello asked Mr. Laughlin about the in-state travel. Mr. Laughlin stated that the reduction reflected the loss of a man.

Mrs. Wagner asked how frequently traps are checked. Mr. Laughlin answered that the traps are checked every seven days.

GRAZING BOARDS CONTRIBUTIONS

Mr. Laughlin explained that this budget represents funds deposited by each of the three Nevada Grazing Boards for general hunting of predators within their respective borders.

SHEEP COMMISSION

Mr. Tom Humphrey explained that the Commission is funded entirely by a direct tax on sheep. He further stated that this is one agency that has had no increase in salary since 1950.

NEVADA JUNIOR LIVESTOCK SHOW BOARD

Mr. Bill Bhrens, Secretary-Treasurer of the Nevada Junior Livestock Show Board, introduced himself and Mr. Frederick Dressler, and distributed a handout (Exhibit "A"), Operational Budget 1978-79.

Mr. Bhrens referred to Exhibit "A" which shows the State appropriation of \$11,000, and noted that in order to meet the operational budget, an additional \$10,035.50 must be generated.

NEVADA HIGH SCHOOL RODEO ASSOCIATION

Mr. Virgil Getto addressed the Committee in support of the High School Rodeo Program. He noted the Rodeo Program was one sport which receives very little Federal funds.

Mr. Glover asked why the Association asked for \$10,000 and the Governor recommended \$5,000. Mr. Getto stated that by receiving a larger appropriation, more youngsters can participate in the Rodeo Program.

Mr. Gentner spoke in support of the High School Rodeo Association. The \$10,000 that is requested will provide approximately \$200 for each student to assist him to go to Fargo, North Dakota, to the "Nationals."

Chairman Mello asked Mr. Alastuey why the Governor did not recommend the agency request. Mr. Alastuey stated that the agency request had called for doubling the current amount and due to the fact that this is not a "loose budget" year in terms of available funds, no increase was recommended.

BUDGETS

DIVISION OF PLANT INDUSTRY

Motion to adopt the Governor's recommendation made by Mr. Glover; seconded by Mr. Hickey. Motion approved; Mr. Webb voted "NO;" budget closed.

MEAT INSPECTOR

Motion to adopt the agency request made by Mr. Bremner; seconded by Mr. Barengo. Motion approved; budget closed.

ALFALFA SEED RESEARCH

Motion to adopt the Governor's recommendation made by Mr. Mann; seconded by Mr. Hickey. Motion approved; budget closed.

AGRICULTURAL REGISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT FUND

Motion to adopt the Governor's recommendation made by Mr. Glover; seconded by Mr. Bremner. Motion approved; Mr. Webb voted "NO;" budget closed.

LIVESTOCK INSPECTION FUND

Motion to adopt the Governor's recommendation made by Mr. Hickey; seconded by Mr. Glover. Mr. Barengo abstained; tie vote.

Motion to eliminate the Brand Inspector position made by Mr. Mann; seconded by Mr. Webb. Motion failed.

Mr. Barengo voted to adopt the Governor's recommendation. Budget closed.

VETERINARY MEDICAL SERVICES

Motion made to eliminate the half-time position made by Mr. Webb; seconded by Mr. Mann. Motion withdrawn.

Motion to adopt the Governor's recommendation made by Mrs. Wagner; seconded by Mr. Hickey. Motion approved; budget closed.

APIARY INSPECTION FUND

Motion to adopt the Governor's recommendation made by Mrs. Wagner; seconded by Mr. Barengo. Motion approved; budget closed.

INSECT ABATEMENT

Motion to adopt the Governor's recommendation made by Mrs. Wagner; seconded by Mr. Webb. Motion approved; budget closed.

PREDATORY ANIMAL AND RODENT CONTROL COMMITTEE

A suggestion was made by Mrs. Cavnar to hold the vote on the Predatory Animal and Rodent Control Committee and Woolgrowers Predatory Animal Control budgets until further information is received.

SHEEP COMMISSION

Motion to adopt the Governor's recommendation made by Mr. Barengo; seconded by Mr. Bremner. Motion approved; budget closed.

NEVADA HIGH SCHOOL RODEO ASSOCIATION

Motion to adopt the agency request made by Mr. Webb; seconded by Mrs. Cavnar. Mr. Bremner made a point of information that this budget was doubled two years ago. Mr. Webb withdrew his motion and moved that \$2,500 be added each year; seconded by Mr. Barengo. Motion approved; budget closed.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

DATE: March 5, 1979

WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

GUEST LIST

NAME (PLEASE PRINT)

REPRESENTING:

Thomas W. Ballou

New Dept. of Agriculture

PHIL MANTANALI

NEW DEPT OF AGRICULTURE

Jack Armstrong

New Dept. of Agriculture

STEVE MAHONEY

NEW DEPT OF AGRICULTURE GRAND OIL

RAY AIAZZI

WELDON WEST PACKING INC.

DAVID BARKLEY

BARKLEY MEAT Co.

Virgil Gatto

ASSESSOR

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NEVADA JUNIOR LIVESTOCK SHOW BOARD

OPERATIONAL BUDGET 1978-79

| <u>EXPENSES</u> | <u>PAYMENT OF SHOW BOARD EXPENSES</u> | | <u>CONTRIBUTION UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA RENO</u> |
|---|---------------------------------------|---|---|
| | <u>STATE FUND</u> | <u>DONATIONS & SALE COMMISSIONS</u> | |
| <u>Advertising</u> | \$600 | \$1000 | |
| Awards & Ribbons | | (Includes Postage, | |
| Buyer's Cards | | & Pre-Show Ad.) | |
| <u>Judges & Expenses</u> | \$2600 | | |
| Nevada Junior Livestock Show - \$1000 | | | |
| Nevada State Fair Youth Show - \$ 500 | | | |
| State 4-H Horse Show - \$1100 | | | |
| <u>Operating Supplies</u> | \$700 | \$1200 | |
| <u>Contract Services</u> | \$750 | \$ 850 (Includes Professional Fees, | |
| Auctioneers | | salary expense & Contract | |
| Announcer | | Labor.) | |
| Aggie Club & Alpha Zeta | | | |
| Night Watchman | | | |
| <u>Insurance</u> | \$350 | \$ 150 | |
| <u>Repairs & Maintenance</u> | | \$5000 | |
| Equipmant repair & New Equipment Purchases | | | |
| <u>Salary for Professional Position</u> | \$6000 | \$1505.50 | \$7505.50 |
| Extension Livestock Youth Agent | | | |
| to coordinate Junior Programs | | | |
| <u>TRAVEL Fund</u> | | \$ 600 | \$ 600 |
| | <u>\$11,000</u> | <u>\$10,305.50</u> | <u>\$8,105.50</u> |
| Total Salary=\$13,403 + \$1,608 in benefits (\$15,011) | | | |
| Commission from Livestock Sale = \$9,500 | | | |
| Donations to the Show Board = \$400 | | | |

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Board responsible for growing no. of related livestock breeds - in addition to traditional
Asking for following small increases to cover the growing program responsibilities
& inflation

STATE OF NEVADA
BUDGET OFFICE
AGENCY REQUEST FORM
06/27/78

AGENCY NO. 101-4980 NEVADA JR LIVESTOCK SHOW BD

| SUB-ACCT ITEM | DESCRIPTION | 1977-78 ACTUAL | 1978-79 WORK PROGRAM | 1979-80 AGENCY REQUEST | 1980-81 AGENCY REQUEST |
|-------------------|--|-------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| 00-2501 | REGULAR APPROPRIATION | 10,320.00 | 11,320 | 13,320.00 | 14,320 |
| SUB-ACCOLNT TOTAL | | 10,320.00 | 11,320 | 13,320.00 | 14,320.00 |
| 01-5865 | BOARD SALARY | .00 | 320 | | |
| SUB-ACCOLNT TOTAL | | .00 | 320 | 320 | 320 |
| 03-6250 | | 78.00 | 0 | | |
| SUB-ACCOUNT TOTAL | | 78.00 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 10-0000 | SHOW BOARD EXPENSES | .00 | 11,000 | 13,000.00 | 14,000.00 |
| 10-7020 | SUPPLIES (Ears tags - straw - cont. No.) | 869.00 | 900.00 | 1,400.00 | 1,400.00 |
| 10-7040 | PRINTING | 232.00 | 300.00 | 400.00 | 500 |
| 10-7050 | INSURANCE | 340.00 | 400.00 | 500.00 | 600 |
| 10-7060 | JUDGES, PRIFESS. POSITION, ETC. | {6,375.00} | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 10-7070 | | {1,070.00} | 8,500.00 | 9,500.00 | 10,000.00 |
| * 10-7120 | ADVERTISING | 862.00 | 900.00 | 1,300.00 | 1,500.00 |
| SUB-ACCOLNT TOTAL | | 9,748.00 | 11,000 | 13,000.00 | 14,000.00 |
| AGENCY TOTAL | | 494.00 | 0 | 13,320.00 | 14,320 |

AGENCY HEAD APPROVAL:

H. R. Burns

9320 Board members

(Robbins, Hawks - Buyer signs)
Done



United States Department of the Interior

FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

Animal Damage Control
4600 Kietzke Lane, Bldg C
Reno, Nevada 89502

EXHIBIT

March 6, 1979

State of Nevada
Assembly Ways & Means Committee
Legislative Building
Carson City, Nevada 89710

As directed in the March 5, 1979 budget hearing before your committee, I am reporting that we have no bobcat furs held in our Ely warehouse or elsewhere in Nevada as of this date.

Our records for this fiscal year show our personnel took 3 bobcats in July and 3 in August - all six were destroyed as required by Nevada Fish & Game Depredation Permit S1783 (attachment #1). I am also attaching a copy of our policy handbook, page 20, entitled Bobcats which has been distributed to all field employees regarding the taking of bobcats (attachment #2).

In checking on the allegations that we are holding some 300 bobcats in our Ely warehouse, we learned that the Ely Nevada Fish & Game office has tagged approximately 300 bobcat pelts of private fur trappers this season. They report 306 tags used and estimate 8 to 10 of the tags damaged and destroyed. We speculate that this tagging of bobcat pelts by Nevada Fish & Game was erroneously reported by someone as the bobcat take by our personnel in the Ely area.

The question of average price received for coyote pelts in FY 1977 - 78 was asked. We sold 515 coyote pelts for a net total of \$12,760 or an average price of \$24.78. (Attachments #3 - #4 - #5 - #6 - #7). All sales of pelts for the past four years have been through the Seattle Fur Exchange.

During the current fur season we have sold 127 coyote furs for a net total of \$4,909.65. An additional lot of 405 coyote pelts was sold at the Feb. 28, 1979 Seattle sale but we do not have the sales return as yet. We currently have on hand 45 coyote pelts in the Elko warehouse and 5 in the Fallon warehouse. Field personnel have in excess of 100 pelts in their possession that are still in the drying process and have not been collected. We expect to receive well over \$20,000 in fur sales this current fiscal year.

The following is a listing of all coyotes taken by method during



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prime fur months last fiscal year and through January of this year.
No bobcats were taken during these months in either year.

FY 1977 - 78 Coyote Take

| <u>Month</u> | <u>Airplane take</u> | <u>Helicopter take</u> | <u>Trapper Take</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|--------------|----------------------|------------------------|---------------------|--------------|
| Oct 1977 | 62 | 20 | 227 | 309 |
| Nov 1977 | 93 | 122 | 153 | 368 |
| Dec 1977 | 46 | 60 | 80 | 186 |
| Jan 1978 | <u>170</u> | <u>204</u> | <u>68</u> | <u>442</u> |
| | 371 | 406 | 528 | 1305 |

Furs saved and sold - 515

FY 1978 - 79 Coyote Take

| <u>Month</u> | <u>Airplane Take</u> | <u>Helicopter Take</u> | <u>Trapper Take</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|--------------|----------------------|------------------------|---------------------|--------------|
| Oct 1978 | 22 | 4 | 239 | 265 |
| Nov 1978 | 41 | 90 | 117 | 248 |
| Dec 1978 | 165 | 123 | 92 | 380 |
| Jan 1979 | <u>150</u> | <u>386</u> | <u>65</u> | <u>601</u> |
| | 378 | 603 | 513 | 1494 |

Furs saved and sold to date - 532

There are several reasons that furs saved represent only about 1/3 of the total coyotes taken. First, the purpose of our agency is to answer depredation complaints as promptly as possible and stop the loss of livestock. Fur salvage is secondary to this mission.

Aerial hunting by fixed wing airplanes and helicopters is a major control tool during fall, winter and spring months. Recovery of coyotes taken by airplane is rarely feasible. Numerous attempts have shown that the time and cost of directing ground personnel to coyotes shot from an airplane far exceeds the value of the fur and ties up aircraft and personnel who should be moving on to other areas where coyotes are killing livestock.

The recovery of coyotes taken by helicopter is approximately 50 percent. In the hunting process where several coyotes are involved it is frequently impossible to return and find coyotes killed at the beginning of the shoot. Helicopters, because of higher cost per hour, are used primarily in rough and mountainous terrain where fixed wing aircraft are ineffective. Charter pilots will not chance damage to a \$90,000 to \$150,000 machine by landing in high brush or steep slopes to recover a coyote. Additionally, we have repeatedly advised our personnel of safety policies that dictate against taking unnecessary risks in recovering coyotes. We estimate an average of 10 minutes of helicopter flight time is spent looking for, landing, and ferrying each coyote to a skinning crew on the ground. At the average cost per hour of \$149 paid for helicopter charter in FY 78 it cost \$26.50 in flight time to recover a coyote pelt by helicopter - this does not include salaries of ground crews to skin

and care for pelts.

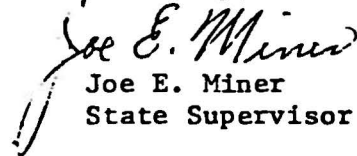
EXHIBIT

Our field personnel saved the furs of 54% of the coyotes they took by trapping, shooting from the ground, and by dogs during fur season. They have been given the authorization to determine whether a fur was worth saving. We have not required a narrative report of why a fur was not worth saving but will in the future. Our reporting procedure and records are weak in this respect.

Following criticism in the Senate Finance Committee regarding ending fur salvage too early, I contacted the Seattle Fur Exchange and found that coyote pelts would still have some value past January this year. A letter was sent to all personnel directing them to continue saving furs through March (Attachment #8).

If you need additional information or detail we will be pleased to reply by mail or attend any meetings you wish to call.

Sincerely,


Joe E. Miner
State Supervisor

cc: Senate Finance Committee
Jack Pine - Budget Analyst

WILDLIFE DEPREDATION PERMIT

EXHIBIT

Issued to: Mr. Joe E. Miner and employees
under his direct supervision
U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Division of Animal Damage Control
4600 Kietzke Lane, Bldg. C
Reno, Nevada 89502

Permit No. S 1783Date Issued July 20, 1978Date Expires June 30, 1979

This permit is issued pursuant to Nevada Revised Statutes, Section 503.595 and regulations promulgated thereunder.

1. The purpose for which permit is issued:

To control wildlife causing or about to cause damage to livestock.

2. Locality where authorized activities are to be conducted:

Statewide.

3. Special Conditions:

1. The permittee is authorized to take the minimum number of mountain lions, bobcats, foxes, cottontail rabbits, pigmy rabbits, white-tailed jack rabbits, bears, and squirrels as necessary to control damage to livestock.

2. During November through April, the permittee shall salvage and give the hides of depredating mountain lion or bobcat to the Regional Supervisor or his designee, within 72 hours. During May through October, the permittee shall completely destroy the animals.

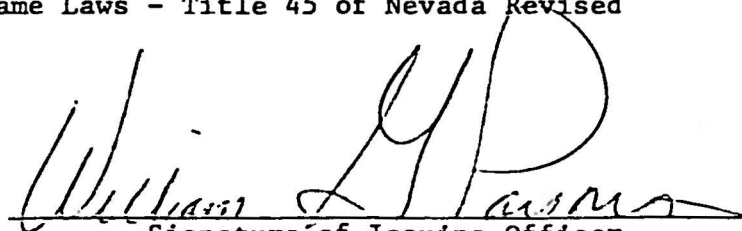
3. The permittee shall submit a report of the action taken under the authority of this permit no later than 10 days after expiration.

4. Other restrictions on the reverse side (or attached sheet) apply:

Yes No

5. The authority of this permit shall not be exercised contrary to any laws of the United States, or without a valid Federal permit, if one is required.

6. This permit is NOT transferable. It must be exhibited on request to any officer authorized to enforce the Fish and Game Laws - Title 45 of Nevada Revised Statutes.


 Signature of Issuing Officer

BOBCATS

Bobcats are classified as fur bearers in Nevada and we are allowed to take them only under terms of the depredation permit issued by the Nevada Department of Fish and Game (when damaging or molesting property).

The following policy was received from the Portland Regional Office September 28, 1977.

"It shall be Region I policy that any preventative control of bobcats and lynx must be authorized by the responsible State Supervisor prior to the initiation of control. Also, a report will be submitted to the State ADC Office for each bobcat or lynx taken, identifying whether for preventative or corrective purposes and pertinent biological and damage information. The currently used Bear and Lion Report (Form R1-49) should be modified to include the bobcat or lynx and used until new forms are provided."

The NDF&G permit does not allow preventative control so this portion of Region I policy does not apply in Nevada.

You are directed to release accidentally trapped bobcats (as well as other non-target animals) when possible unless they are injured to the extent it would be more humane to destroy them.

Report bobcats released on your monthly catch summary as released - no other report is necessary.

Bobcats taken (either on a depredation complaint or because they had to be destroyed because of trap injury) must be reported on a separate R1-49 (Bear & Lion Justification Report). SEE the sample on the following page.

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EXHIBIT

BUREAU OF SPORT FISH. & WILD.
WOOL GRWR PRED. ANIMAL CONT.
US COURTHOUSE, FED. BLDG.
RENO, NV 89502

CONSIGNEE NO. 4699 DATE 10/31/77 NUMBER 13254

YOUR SALES RETURNS

| OLD LOT NO. | NEW LOT NO. | PELT DESCRIPTION | SEX | QUANTITY | BUY BACK | SALE PRICE | AMOUNT | COMMISSION | TOTAL NET SALE |
|-------------|-------------|------------------|-----|----------|----------|------------|--------|------------|----------------|
| 89017 | 89070 | COYOTE | | 2 | | 35.50 | 71.00 | 4.26 | |
| | | TOTAL | | 2 | | | 71.00 | 4.26 | 66.7 |

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CONSIGNEE NO. 4699 DATE 1/05/78 NUMBER 1902

U S FISH & WILDLIFE SERVICE
4600 KIETZKE BLDG C
SPRINGFIELD, OR 97502

YOUR SALES RETURNS

| OLD LOT NO. | NEW LOT NO. | PELT DESCRIPTION | SEX | QUANTITY | BUY BACK | SALE PRICE | AMOUNT | COMMISSION | TOTAL NET SALES |
|-------------|-------------|------------------|------|----------|----------|------------|---------|------------|-----------------|
| | 89001 | COYOTE | | 9 | | 56.00 | 504.00 | 30.24 | |
| | 89002 | COYOTE | | 7 | | 51.00 | 357.00 | 21.42 | |
| | 89003 | COYOTE | | 3 | | 37.00 | 111.00 | 6.66 | |
| | 89004 | COYOTE | | 3 | | 31.00 | 93.00 | 5.58 | |
| | 89005 | COYOTE | | 13 | | 39.00 | 507.00 | 30.42 | |
| | 89006 | COYOTE | | 16 | | 39.00 | 624.00 | 37.44 | |
| | 89007 | COYOTE | | 21 | | 38.00 | 798.00 | 47.88 | |
| | 89008 | COYOTE | | 15 | | 30.00 | 450.00 | 27.00 | |
| | 89010 | COYOTE | | 27 | | 30.00 | 810.00 | 48.60 | |
| | 89011 | COYOTE | | 30 | | 29.00 | 870.00 | 52.20 | |
| | 89012 | COYOTE | | 17 | | 27.00 | 459.00 | 27.54 | |
| | 89013 | COYOTE | | 33 | | 10.50 | 346.50 | 20.79 | |
| | 89015 | COYOTE | | 20 | | 26.00 | 520.00 | 31.20 | |
| | 89016 | COYOTE | | 12 | | 20.00 | 240.00 | 14.40 | |
| | 89017 | COYOTE | | 5 | | 20.00 | 100.00 | 6.00 | |
| | 89022 | COYOTE | | 1 | | 84.00 | 84.00 | 5.04 | |
| | 89023 | COYOTE | | 1 | | 58.00 | 58.00 | 3.48 | |
| | 89027 | COYOTE | | 1 | | 32.00 | 32.00 | 1.92 | |
| | 89029 | COYOTE | | 1 | | 52.00 | 52.00 | 3.12 | |
| | 89031 | COYOTE | | 2 | | 48.00 | 96.00 | 5.76 | |
| | 89034 | COYOTE | | 21 | | 26.00 | 546.00 | 32.76 | |
| | 89036 | COYOTE | | 13 | | 5.50 | 71.50 | 4.29 | |
| | 89039 | COYOTE | | 8 | | 15.50 | 124.00 | 7.44 | |
| | 89040 | COYOTE | | 7 | | 30.00 | 210.00 | 12.60 | |
| | 89084 | COYOTE | | 4 | | 5.00 | 20.00 | 1.20 | |
| | 89085 | COYOTE | | 10 | | 5.00 | 50.00 | 3.00 | |
| | 89086 | COYOTE | | 8 | | 4.00 | 32.00 | 1.92 | |
| | 90092 | SWIFT FOX | | 1 | | 11.00 | 11.00 | .66 | |
| | 89009 | COYOTE | | 6 | BB | | | | |
| | | | SOLD | 309 | | | 8176.00 | 490.56 | 7685.4 |
| | | | BB | 6 | | | | | 7685.4 |

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 RENO, NV 89502

CONSIGNEE NO.

4699

DATE

01/30/78

EXHIBIT NUMBER

14061

YOUR SALES RETURNS

| OLD LOT NO. | NEW LOT NO. | PELT DESCRIPTION | SEX | QUANTITY | BUY BACK | SALE PRICE | AMOUNT | COMMISSION | TOTAL NET SALES |
|-------------|-------------|------------------|-----|----------|----------|------------|--------|------------|-----------------|
| | 89009 | COYOTE | | 6 | | 20.00 | 120.00 | 7.20 | |
| | | TOTAL | | 6 | | | 120.00 | 7.20 | 112.8 |

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STATEMENT DATE

U.S. FISH & WILDLIFE SERVICE
 PO BOX 649
 ELKO, NV 89801

| DATE | REFERENCE | DESCRIPTION | CHARGES | CREDITOR NET SALES | PAYMENT TO YOU | BALANCE |
|----------|-----------|-------------|----------|--------------------|----------------|---------|
| 12/19/77 | BAL | FWRD | | | | 93 |
| 12/19/77 | J | 1909 | CLEANING | 93.60 | | 132 |
| 12/29/77 | C | 8342 | FREIGHT | 38.46 | | 213 |
| 12/29/77 | C | 8348 | FREIGHT | 81.58 | | 245 |
| 01/10/78 | C | 8410 | FREIGHT | 31.95 | | 7,439 |
| 01/05/78 | S | 1902 | | | 7,685.44 | |
| 01/05/78 | C | 9060 | | 7,439.85 | 7,439.85 | |

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CONSIGNEE NO. 4699 DATE 2/14/78 NUMBER 3285

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 RENO NV 89502

YOUR SALES RETURNS

| OLD LOT NO. | NEW LOT NO. | PELT DESCRIPTION | SEX | QUANTITY | BUY BACK | SALE PRICE | AMOUNT | COMMISSION | TOTAL NET SALES |
|-------------|-------------|------------------|------|----------|----------|------------|---------|------------|-----------------|
| | 89003 | COYOTE | | 3 | | 64.00 | 192.00 | 11.52 | |
| | 89005 | COYOTE | | 4 | | 56.00 | 224.00 | 13.44 | |
| | 89009 | COYOTE | | 13 | | 31.00 | 403.00 | 24.18 | |
| | 89020 | COYOTE | | 7 | | 64.00 | 448.00 | 26.88 | |
| | 89022 | COYOTE | | 5 | | 45.00 | 225.00 | 13.50 | |
| | 89027 | COYOTE | | 17 | | 44.00 | 748.00 | 44.88 | |
| | 89029 | COYOTE | | 19 | | 30.00 | 570.00 | 34.20 | |
| | 89052 | COYOTE | | 1 | | 11.00 | 11.00 | .66 | |
| | 89095 | COYOTE | | 3 | | 50.00 | 150.00 | 9.00 | |
| | 89096 | COYOTE | | 2 | | 44.00 | 88.00 | 5.28 | |
| | 89097 | COYOTE | | 1 | | 42.00 | 42.00 | 2.52 | |
| | 89110 | COYOTE | | 1 | | 45.00 | 45.00 | 2.70 | |
| | 89112 | COYOTE | | 4 | | 52.00 | 208.00 | 12.48 | |
| | 89113 | COYOTE | | 2 | | 33.00 | 66.00 | 3.96 | |
| | 89114 | COYOTE | | 1 | | 34.00 | 34.00 | 2.04 | |
| | 89115 | COYOTE | | 8 | | 32.00 | 256.00 | 15.36 | |
| | 89116 | COYOTE | | 2 | | 30.00 | 60.00 | 3.60 | |
| | 89117 | COYOTE | | 7 | | 19.00 | 133.00 | 7.98 | |
| | 89118 | COYOTE | | 6 | | 32.00 | 192.00 | 11.52 | |
| | 89119 | COYOTE | | 1 | | 20.00 | 20.00 | 1.20 | |
| | 89120 | COYOTE | | 1 | | 82.00 | 82.00 | 4.92 | |
| | 89122 | COYOTE | | 1 | | 38.00 | 38.00 | 2.28 | |
| | 89127 | COYOTE | | 4 | | 6.00 | 24.00 | 1.44 | |
| | 89128 | COYOTE | | 4 | | 4.00 | 16.00 | .96 | |
| | 89128 | COYOTE | | 1 | | 4.00 | 4.00 | .24 | |
| | 89129 | COYOTE | | 1 | | 4.00 | 4.00 | .24 | |
| | 89130 | COYOTE | | 1 | | 2.00 | 2.00 | .12 | |
| | 89131 | COYOTE | | 1 | | 1.00 | 1.00 | .06 | |
| | | | SOLD | 121 | | | 4286.00 | 257.16 | 4028.84 |
| | | | BB | | | | | | 4028.84 |

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STATEMENT DATE

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 RENO, NV 89502

| DATE | REFERENCE | DESCRIPTION | CHARGES | CREDIT OR NET SALES | PAYMENT TO YOU | BALANCE |
|----------|-----------|-------------|----------|---------------------|----------------|-----------|
| 02/11/78 | BAL FWRD | | | | | .00 |
| 02/11/78 | C 9388 | FREIGHT | 27.12 | | | 27.12 |
| 02/13/78 | J 1926 | CLEANING | 18.80 | | | 45.92 |
| 02/14/78 | S 3285 | | | 4,028.84- | 3982.92- | 3,982.92- |
| 02/14/78 | C 10587 | | 3,982.92 | | | .00 |

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4699 5/03/78 4322

YOUR SALES RETURNS

| OLD LOT NO. | NEW LOT NO. | PELT DESCRIPTION | SEX | QUANTITY | BUY BACK | SALE PRICE | AMOUNT | COMMISSION | TOTAL NET SALES |
|-------------|-------------|------------------|------|----------|----------|------------|---------|------------|-----------------|
| | 89012 | COYOTE | | 3 | | 24.00 | 72.00 | 4.32 | |
| | 89014 | COYOTE | | 1 | | 22.00 | 22.00 | 1.32 | |
| | 89015 | COYOTE | | 2 | | 14.00 | 28.00 | 1.68 | |
| | 89016 | COYOTE | | 1 | | 10.00 | 10.00 | .60 | |
| | 89045 | COYOTE | | 2 | | 30.00 | 60.00 | 3.60 | |
| | 89046 | COYOTE | | 1 | | 28.00 | 28.00 | 1.68 | |
| | 89047 | COYOTE | | 7 | | 20.00 | 140.00 | 8.40 | |
| | 89048 | COYOTE | | 1 | | 36.00 | 36.00 | 2.16 | |
| | 89050 | COYOTE | | 1 | | 24.00 | 24.00 | 1.44 | |
| | 89051 | COYOTE | | 4 | | 10.00 | 40.00 | 2.40 | |
| | 89057 | COYOTE | | 4 | | 38.00 | 152.00 | 9.12 | |
| | 89071 | COYOTE | | 1 | | 17.00 | 17.00 | 1.02 | |
| | 89072 | COYOTE | | 5 | | 6.00 | 30.00 | 1.80 | |
| | 89073 | COYOTE | | 1 | | 6.00 | 6.00 | .36 | |
| | 89074 | COYOTE | | 3 | | 3.00 | 9.00 | .54 | |
| | 89087 | COYOTE | | 1 | | 46.00 | 46.00 | 2.76 | |
| | 89088 | COYOTE | | 2 | | 44.00 | 88.00 | 5.28 | |
| | 89089 | COYOTE | | 1 | | 44.00 | 44.00 | 2.64 | |
| | 89092 | COYOTE | | 1 | | 38.00 | 38.00 | 2.28 | |
| | 89094 | COYOTE | | 4 | | 34.00 | 136.00 | 8.16 | |
| | 89095 | COYOTE | | 1 | | 22.00 | 22.00 | 1.32 | |
| | 89110 | COYOTE | | 1 | | 20.00 | 20.00 | 1.20 | |
| | 89111 | COYOTE | | 1 | | 28.00 | 28.00 | 1.68 | |
| | 89112 | COYOTE | | 3 | | 12.00 | 36.00 | 2.16 | |
| | 89113 | COYOTE | | 3 | | 12.00 | 36.00 | 2.16 | |
| | 89115 | COYOTE | | 2 | | 8.00 | 16.00 | .96 | |
| | 89116 | COYOTE | | 3 | | 8.00 | 24.00 | 1.44 | |
| | 89117 | COYOTE | | 4 | | 8.00 | 32.00 | 1.92 | |
| | 89118 | COYOTE | | 5 | | 5.00 | 25.00 | 1.50 | |
| | 89119 | COYOTE | | 4 | | 2.00 | 8.00 | .48 | |
| | 89120 | COYOTE | | 2 | | 5.00 | 10.00 | .60 | |
| | 89121 | COYOTE | | 1 | | 2.00 | 2.00 | .12 | |
| | 89125 | COYOTE | | 1 | | 23.00 | 23.00 | 1.38 | |
| | | | SOLD | 77 | | | 1308.00 | 78.48 | 1229.52 |
| | | | BB | | | | | | 1229.52 |

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STATEMENT DATE

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| DATE | REFERENCE | DESCRIPTION | CHARGES | CREDIT FOR NET SALES | PAYMENT TO YOU | BALANCE |
|----------|-----------|-------------|----------|----------------------|----------------|-----------|
| 03/22/78 | BAL FWRD | | | | | .00 |
| 03/22/78 | J 1940 | CLEANING | 30.80 | | | 30.80 |
| 03/24/78 | C 10996 | FREIGHT | 40.96 | | | 71.76 |
| 05/03/78 | S 4322 | | | 1,229.52- | 1157.76- | 1,157.76- |
| 05/03/78 | C 12576 | | 1,157.76 | | | .00 |

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Memorandum

Atch #7

TO : All Personnel

DATE: 21 Feb. 1979

FROM : State Supervisor

EXHIBIT

SUBJECT: Fur Salvage

We are being criticized by the Nevada Legislature because of the small number of furs saved in proportion to the total take and also for not saving furs after they begin to rub. I talked to the Seattle Fur Exchange today and learned that because of the strong demand for coyotes, rubbed furs will sell well at a price in proportion to the amount of good fur on the pelt. In other words, we could end up with \$30 to \$40 for a pelt rubbed on the flank or rump.

This is to instruct you to save all furs that appear to have any value through the end of March. We will evaluate and give further instructions then.

Joe E. Miner
JOE E. MINER



Save Energy and You Serve America!

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