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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.

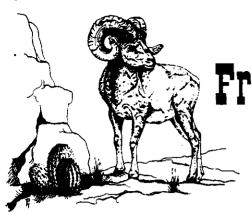
In this time of heightened expectations -- and lowered revenues! -- it is imperative that we act in such proactive, soundly-based measures to ensure Nevada's wildlife conservation programs.

Sincerely,

David Small

President, SCI Desert-Las Vegas Chapter

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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 Crawforth

Administrator

Dear Mr. Crawforth:

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.

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State of Nevada Division of Wildlife Mr. Terry Crawforth February 5, 2003 Page 2 of 2

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

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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.

4434 Swandale Ave.

Las Vegas, NV 89121-7133

January 29, 2003

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

Dear Mr. Crawforth:

I am aware that there is pending legislation that will affect the Division of Wildlife. I 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 an increase on fees. I endorse an increase of up to 20% on license fees.

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

If you have any questions or I may be of further assistance, please call me at 702-295-2721 (work) or 702-736-4182 (home).

Sincerely yours,

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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.

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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

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DATE: October 16, 2002

TO: Board of Wildlife Commissioners

ATTN: Chairman John T. Moran, Jr.

FROM: Pershing County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife

Dear Chairman Moran:

At our October 9, 2002 meeting the Pershing County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife members unanimously agreed that the Nevada Division of Wildlife revert back to the Nevada Department of Wildlife with the Nevada Wildlife Commission having full budget review and approval authority.

Sincerely.

James Jurad Chairman

Carson City Advisory Board To Manage Wildlife

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9/30/02

To: Nevada Wildlife Commission- Attn: Chairman Moran

Subject: Legislative Proposals

Reference: Meeting 9-28-02

Dear Chairman Moran,

Please consider this letter a formal position of the Carson City ABMW with regard to the Legislative Proposals, item # 14 that was discussed on 9-28-02 at Fallon, Nevada. Our board was not in support of license, tags and other fee increases proposed by NDOW. We did see the chart prepared by NDOW showing NDOW going into the red around the year 2005 and this was well presented by Commissioner McKenzie at our last meeting. Many concerns were presented by our board members and the attending public with regard to these proposed increases. In some cases, the proposed increases are 300% over current fees! Further, it was suggested that NDOW did not do a very good job in reducing current expenses. As you have already heard, the Ford Excursions appear to be a concern of many. Yes, we were told that NDOW had to purchase vehicles that used alternative fuel (diesel)? But, to be honest with you, the public has a real hard time with that explanation... Another issue with our board is the lack of apparent NDOW interest in making certain that all volunteer help is documented and the required forms are filled out and submitted. For example, in approximately 6 years of local fish plants (twice a year) in my area, only once were volunteer forms provided by NDOW. Now on the surface, this may not seem like a lot, but the federal government allows \$90 per hour, plus additionally pays mileage! In that we get 6 to 12 volunteers at each plant, this could be thousands of dollars of loss! Finally, if NDOW is granted this proposed increase, what will happen to the fee structure when big game tags sales go up (currently down approximately 25%)? Will the fees go down? Most think not...

On a positive note, our board was in high support of a vehicle license plate scheme-provided that NDOW receive the majority of the fee. Please do not consider this a no vote for NDOW, I feel they are doing a very good job, I'm just trying to pointing out areas of possible improvement.

Best Regards,

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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 <u>approve</u> 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 To; Suzame, NDOW From Elko CABMW, meeting September 24, 2002

Item #13 petition for non-resident Mountain goat tag. Elko voted to accept the petition with a 10% total quota and 1 heritage tag.

CGR302- Elko voted to approve as now amended.

CGR304- Elko voted to approve as written.

CGR305- Elko voted to approve as written

Legislative proposals-Elko voted to support the legislation, to change NDOW to a department.

The second proposal to change the fee schedules and include the use of the CPI, had no members willing to make a motion. Elko had several concerns about this including.

- 1. The fees for tags, were raised just a few months ago.
- 2. By using the CPI there would be fee's with very odd dollars and cents
- 3. The general public would not understand why the fees were being raised every year.

Thank you, Matthew Deck, Elko CABMW

Clark County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife

Chairman, Daniel D. Swanson Vice-Chairman, Kensen Lee Dr. Ron Meek Shawn Fairbairn Dan Gildner

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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