

Predatory Animal and Rodent Committee (PARC) Minutes Monday, June 29, 2015 3:00 P.M.

Nevada Department of Agriculture

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AGENDA

- Open meeting-call meeting to order by Chair Pete Paris Present: Pete Paris, Boyd Spratling, Darrell Pursel, Grant Wallace, Dr. Ihsan Azzam, Flint Wright, Director Barbee, Jerri Conrad, Bryan Stockton, Shawn McFalls, Damon Hernandez, Tim Duffurena, Mark Jensen, Pat Jackson, Gerry Lent, Daryl Capurro
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance
- 3. Public Comment
 - Request for PARC to review Nevada Department of Wildlife's predator plan
- 4. *Approve meeting minutes of June 3, 2014, September 2, 2014, June 4, 2015 *(for possible action)*

Darrell Pursel moves to approve, Dr. Azzam seconds. Motion passes unanimous.

- 5. *Raven permit increase Director Barbee, Nevada Department of Agriculture (*for possible action*)
 - Discussion regarding what/how to word an increase should it be a number, a percentage

Darrell Pursel moves to approve comments to increase permit take to USFWS by an annual percentage and update the NEPA analysis letter, Boyd Spratling seconds. Motion passes unanimous.

- *Proposed action squirrel abatement in Paradise Valley and elsewhere, possible public and private land action – Tim Duffurena, Board of Agriculture member (*for possible action*)
 - A. Presentation by Robert Little, Deputy Division Administrator, Nevada Department of Agriculture
 - Comments about what ranchers and farmers have tried to do to stop squirrels
 - Request that NDA come out to areas where there are problems and Robert Little says yes, NDA staff can come out if needed

No action taken

 *Review and approval of new committee member draft application content and application process – Director Barbee, Nevada Department of Agriculture (*for possible action*) Questions and topics recommended to consider on application: Describe your philosophy regarding lethal predator control. Describe your experience as a licensed guide and/or sportsman. Describe your wildlife or livestock background. Describe your understanding of the interaction of predators with livestock and wildlife. Have you been active on your country wildlife board or attended wildlife commission meetings in the past? Have you participated in or contracted to have predator control or work with wildlife services, NDOW or NDA before?

Boyd Spratling moves to approve application content and background check and process to apply and review applications, Darrell Pursel seconds. Motion passes unanimous.

- 8. Wild Life Services annual update Mark Jensen, Wildlife Services (for information only)
- 9. Public Comment
 - A. Gerry Lent and Daryl Capurro provided public comment on AB 78.

10. Adjournment

Darrell Pursel moves to adjourn, Boyd Spratling seconds. Motion passes unanimous.