



**Predatory Animal and Rodent Committee (PARC)
Minutes
Thursday, June 4, 2015 8:00 A.M.**

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AGENDA

1. Open meeting-call meeting to order by Chair Pete Paris at 8:05 a.m. Present: Pete Paris, Flint Wright, Jim Barbee, Jerri Conrad, Tim Duffurena, Bryan Stockton, Mark Jensen, Boyd Spratling, Darrell Pursel, Grant Wallace, Brian Wakeling, Gerry Lent, Daryl Capurro, Pat Jackson
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Public Comment – no public comment
4. *Approve meeting minutes of June 3, 2014 and September 2, 2014 **(for possible action) – No action taken**
5. Review AB 78 and new authorities – Jim Barbee, Director, Nevada Department of Agriculture (NDA) **(for information only) –**
 - NDOW approved predator 2016 plan with the intent that 80 percent of the funds will go toward predator management

Public comment:

- Daryl Capurro – some organizations don't feel the percentage of the \$3 fee that goes towards predator management is enough, they want at least 80 percent to go to lethal predatory management, expand interest in bag limits and areas, and add two members (sportsman and guide) to the PARC committee
 - Jim Barbee, Nevada Department of Agriculture (NDA) – review 2016 plan and give comments to NDOW commission for the 2017 plan
 - Brian Wakeing, Nevada Department of Wildlife (NDOW) – they will take comments on projects conducted this year and share those with the commission in November 2015
 - Gerry Lent – has past committee documents regarding predatory management, ranchers and farmers and sportsmen know what's happening on the ground
 - Pete Paris, Chair – it is our plan to use the funds as they were intended
 - General discussion about if inventory is considered a part of lethal action since inventory must take place before lethal action
 - Brian Wakeing says NDOW looks at the intent of the project so, in general, inventory is a part of lethal action
- *add raven permit increase request on next PARC agenda
6. *Discussion to develop process for required additional committee members – Jim Barbee, Director NDA **(for possible action) –**

- Discussion to identify what items we want the chair to consider when reviewing applications, background check info from NDA enforcement officer, NDA and NDOW, NV guide association and partners will promote the openings, guide that has knowledge of predator control, describe your philosophy as it relates to predator control and how it relates to wildlife and livestock, have all committee members review applications, members fully understand how the committee is funded (sheep money), describe your understanding of the interaction of predators with wildlife and livestock, please describe wildlife and livestock background, experience as a guide and/or sportsmen, have you been active on your county advisory board or attended wildlife commission meetings in the past, describing your philosophy on lethal predator control, have you conducted or been involved with predatory control or worked with wildlife services or NDA or NDOW
- Pete Paris, Chair would like to have majority committee agreement on new members but that he will make the decision if necessary
- Boyd Spratling motions to have NDA create a draft application that includes all necessary background info for a background check and questions discussed here and bring back a draft application to the next meeting. Grant Wallace seconds, motion passes unanimous.

7. Wildlife Services annual update – Mark Jensen *(for information only)*

- Pat Jackson and Brian Wakeing are new to NDOW
- Looking for new pilot in Elko and plan to have someone in place by the fall

8. *Proposed action squirrel abatement in Paradise Valley and elsewhere, possible public and private land action – Tim Duffurena NDA *(for possible action)*

- Tim Duffurena – as a member of the Board of Agriculture citizens in his area asked him to come to PARC about this issue, strychnine works early, zinc phosphate pellets in bait station but squirrels won't take the pellets, they would like earlier (Jan or Feb) access to strychnine from NDA
- Flint Wright, NDA – how much we can store safely and how secure the storage is are both concerns
- Discussion about what might entice the squirrels to consume the pellets or other edible control measures
- Mark Jensen – will look into other options
- Pete Paris, Chair – greens early in season and grains later when they are prepared to hibernate
- Tim Duffurena – seems the strychnine is not consistent in strength, what about a buffer between public and private land because there are no controls on public land, can we have a meeting with Robert Little out there with producers to look and see there are issue and share best management practices

- Mark Jensen – Wildlife Services give technical advice on how to manage squirrels
- Jim Barbee – could Board of Ag add a PARC donation option on livestock head tax or alfalfa applications as optional

No action taken

9. Public Comment –

Gerry Lint – suggested PARC members review 2016 predatory plan

10. Adjournment

Darrell Pursel motions to adjourn meeting, Grant Wallace seconds, motion passes unanimous. Meeting adjourns at 10:01 a.m.