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**MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** April 6, 2017

**TO:** County Advisory Boards to Manage Wildlife (CABMW) Members

**FROM:** Chairman Grant Wallace *Grant Wallace*  
Commission Secretary Tony Wasley *Tony Wasley*

**SUBJECT: CABMW PROCESS**

First, we want to thank you for serving in the important role as a CABMW member. We understand that as volunteers, most of you have regular jobs and we truly appreciate the time you donate away from your jobs and your family responsibilities. We value the CABMW process tremendously along with the input and recommendations from each county.

Representation and communication are two important responsibilities of a CABMW member. Per Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) 501.297, *each County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife shall solicit and evaluate local opinion and advise the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners on matters relating to the management of wildlife within their respective counties.* Having each county represented at our Commission meetings ensures that many major viewpoints in the state are examined, that local viewpoints and nuances are considered, and that issues are thoroughly vetted.

The Commission relies on input and recommendations from the CABMWs for quota, season and bag setting, policies and/or regulations, and also other issues related to wildlife management. Per NRS 501.303 (1) *The boards shall submit recommendations for the management of wildlife and setting seasons for fishing, hunting and trapping, which must be considered by the Commission in its deliberation on and establishment of regulations; and (2) The chair, vice chair, or members of the board appointed by them: (a) **Shall attend the meetings of the Commission;** and (b) Are entitled to receive such travel and per diem expenses as are allowed by law (emphasis added).* Without the communication from each county, the Commission does not know the concerns or values of your communities.

The Commission has noted that the participation of CABMW members has been noticeably low during some of its meetings over the past year. In order for the Commission to do the job they are appointed to do and make the best decisions for Nevada's wildlife, it is extremely important to have CABMW engagement at the Commission meetings. The Commission and the Department try to provide all CABMW members the tools they need to succeed. The success of the CABMW process affects the success of the Commission. Therefore, we strongly encourage Commission meeting attendance and participation from at least one of your members at each Commission meeting.

We also acknowledge that several CABMW members are very dedicated to the process, attend most every meeting, and have done so for many years. We thank you tremendously for your committed time and motivation and we look forward to your continued devotion. If anyone has ideas or inputs on how to improve communications between the Commission and the CABMWs please contact either of us at any time to discuss.