MEMORANDUM

Date: September 22, 2017

To: Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners, County Advisory Boards to Manage Wildlife, and Interested Publics

From: Alan Jenne, Habitat Division Administrator

Title: Commission Policy 65 – Designation of Wildlife Management Areas – First Reading

Description: The Commission will conduct a first reading of Commission Policy 65, Designation of Wildlife Management Areas, and may take action to revise the policy. The Commission may advance the policy to a second reading for possible adoption at a future meeting.

Summary:

The Department has updated Commission Policy 65.

The Administrative Procedures, Regulations, and Policy (APRP) Committee reviewed the revisions to Commission Policy 65 on August 10, 2017. The Committee voted to approve the revisions to Commission Policy 65 as presented by the Department.

Recommendation:

The Department and APRP Committee recommend that the Commission VOTE TO APPROVE COMMISSION POLICY 65 AS PRESENTED AND MOVE IT TO A SECOND READING AT THE NOVEMBER COMMISSION MEETING.
Purpose

To establish guidelines for the designation of cooperative wildlife management areas and state-owned or controlled wildlife management areas and to list same.

Policy

Cooperative Wildlife Management Areas

Any area shall be so designated when the Department, subject to the approval by the Commission, enters into an agreement to establish areas and to enforce regulations thereby providing a greater opportunity for the public to hunt, fish, camp, boat or participate in other compatible recreational activity on private lands and to protect the landowner or lessee from damage due to trespass or excessive pressure. The following areas have been designated:

1. Fort Churchill Cooling Pond Cooperative Wildlife Management Area.

Wildlife Management Areas

Any areas shall be designated when the Commission acquires lands and waters to effectuate a coordinated and balanced program resulting in the maximum revival of fish and wildlife and in the maximum recreational advantages to the people of the State. The following areas have been so designated and are identified by NDOW administrative region:

Western Region

1. Mason Valley Wildlife Management Area.
2. Scripps Wildlife Management Area.
3. Fernley Wildlife Management Area.
5. Alkali Lake Wildlife Management Area.
Eastern Region

1. Kingston Canyon Wildlife Management Area (including the Birch Creek Unit).
2. Cave Lake Wildlife Management Area (including the Willow Creek Unit).
3. Franklin Lake Wildlife Management Area.
5. Steptoe Valley Wildlife Management Area.

Southern Region

1. Overton Wildlife Management Area.
4. Schroeder Reservoir Wildlife Management Area.
5. Eagle Valley Reservoir Wildlife Management Area.

The lands and waters designated as wildlife management areas under the provisions of this policy are subject to any Commission regulations established pursuant to Chapter 504 of the Nevada Revised Statutes.

This policy shall remain in effect until amended, repealed, or superseded by the Board of Wildlife Commissioners.


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