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RE: LCB Draft Proposed Regulation R113-22

Dear Dave,

The Nevada Department of Wildlife (NDOW) appreciates the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection (NDEP) coordination with us regarding LCB Draft Proposed Regulation R113-22 and, specifically, the process for nominating certain State waters that have exceptional or special water quality characteristics or important ecological, aesthetic, or recreational value as an "ecological or aesthetic water" (EAW).

The Nevada Department of Wildlife is responsible for and committed to the conservation and management of the State's wildlife resources and associated habitats. The proposed designation which is intended to preserve water quality in the most pristine aquatic habitats within the State would be beneficial to that mission.

The NDOW supports the proposed process for nominating certain State waters as "ecological or aesthetic waters". We appreciate the opportunity to review and comment on the ongoing proposed regulation and look forward to assisting NDEP in development of criteria for inclusion in the EAW program to ensure protection of Nevada's most sensitive, important, and pristine aquatic habitats. If there are any questions or need for additional information or input, please contact Kim Tisdale at (775) 688-1535.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "K. Tisdale".

Kim Tisdale
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