



# Bleats and Blats

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## 2019 DBC Meeting Update

Chaired by Nevada Department of Wildlife  
Submitted by Steve Kimble

We are looking forward to hosting the April 17-19, 2019 Desert Bighorn Council Meeting in Mesquite, Nevada. The venue has been selected and the registration link should be live soon. The meeting will be hosted at the Casablanca Resort <http://casablancaresort.com/>. Reservations can be made at a special rate (\$64/night) using the group code 1DBC19 until March 17, 2019 when the price will go up. Call 877-830-6451 to get this rate. A minimum number of people need to stay at the Casablanca Resort for group rates to apply, so please take that into consideration.

Registration information can be found at <https://www.desertbighornCouncil.com/meetings/> and at WAFWA at [https://www.wafwa.org/workshops/desert\\_bighorn\\_council/](https://www.wafwa.org/workshops/desert_bighorn_council/). Early registration of \$200 ends on March 15, 2019; when the rate will go up to \$250. Sponsorships and vendor registrations are available.

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## 2019 DBC Call for Papers

Chaired by Nevada Department of Wildlife  
Submitted by Brian Wakeling

The theme of the 2019 Desert Bighorn Council Meeting is **Beyond Borders: Collaborative management recognizing connectivity, disease, and genetics.**

We welcome papers and posters on all current research and management issues related to bighorn sheep management. Special guests will focus on this theme. Please submit abstracts for consideration to Brian Wakeling at [bwakeling@ndow.org](mailto:bwakeling@ndow.org). **Please submit abstracts electronically by March 15, 2019.**

Instructions for Oral Presentation and Poster Abstracts (In Microsoft Word format):

1. Type the title in capital letters and bold font.
2. List all authors in capitals using first and last names, followed by their affiliation, address, and contact information in standard letters.
3. Abstracts are restricted to 250 words and should summarize findings. Please identify whether the abstract is for an oral presentation or poster presentation immediately after the abstract.

## 2019 DBC Call for State Data

We encourage each state to provide data to Mike Cox at [mcox@ndow.org](mailto:mcox@ndow.org) so that we may present a summarized bighorn sheep status update. Individual state status reports will be included in the *Transactions*, but each state bighorn sheep lead should confirm their participation and identify who will represent the state on a panel following the summary presentation.

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## DBC Transactions

We invite and encourage you to publish your work in the DBC Transactions. The 2017 Transactions are complete and can be found as a downloadable electronic version on the website with a “Print on Demand” purchase option (coming soon). Please remember that any manuscript addressing the ecology, biology, management, and conservation of desert bighorn sheep, even if not presented at a Desert Bighorn Council meeting, may be submitted for publication in the Transactions. For more information, please email Jimmy Cain at [jwcain@nmsu.edu](mailto:jwcain@nmsu.edu).

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## Tech Staff Position

There is a vacant Technical Staff position that will be filled at the DBC meeting in April. The term of this position is through 2021. Please email me ([ebutler@azgfd.gov](mailto:ebutler@azgfd.gov)) or Clay Brewer ([CBrewer@wildsheepfoundation.org](mailto:CBrewer@wildsheepfoundation.org)) with nominations.

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## Call for Awards Nominations

The Awards Committee is requesting nominees to be considered for recognition by the Desert Bighorn Council at our meeting in Mesquite during April 2019. Names of nominees to be considered for the Council's Ram Award or Honor Plaque should be sent to Vern Bleich, Awards Committee Chair ([vcbleich@gmail.com](mailto:vcbleich@gmail.com)) by **December 31, 2018**. Please be sure to include a list of meaningful accomplishments and justifications for each nominee.

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*Happy Holidays to you and yours!*

*For more information about the Desert Bighorn Council or to download a membership form, please visit our website at [www.desertbighornCouncil.com](http://www.desertbighornCouncil.com).*

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