## IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

EDWARD J.P. TIERNEY,

Appellant,

vs.

THE STATE OF NEVADA, BOARD OF WILDLIFE COMMISSIONERS,

Respondent.

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## ORDER DISMISSING APPEAL

This is a proper person appeal from a minute order dismissing appellant's petition for judicial review for lack of prosecution. At a hearing on January 24, 2000, the district court orally granted respondent's motion to dismiss appellant's petition for failure to prosecute, and directed counsel for respondent to prepare a written order. Appellant filed a notice of appeal on February 1, 2000, before the entry of a written order.

Our review of the documents transmitted pursuant to NRAP 3(e) reveals a jurisdictional defect. Specifically, the notice of appeal is premature under NRAP 4(a) because it was filed before the entry of a final written judgment, and is therefore of no effect. <u>See NRAP 4(a)(1); Rust v. Clark Cty.</u> School District, 103 Nev. 686, 747 P.2d 1380 (1987). No appeal may be taken from a minute order. <u>See Rust</u>, 103 Nev. at 689, 747 P.2d at 1382. Accordingly, we

ORDER this appeal dismissed.<sup>1</sup>

J. J. Shearing J.

<sup>1</sup>We note that an appeal may be taken in accordance with NRAP 4 after the entry of a final written judgment.

cc: Hon. Lee A. Gates, District Judge Attorney General Edward J.P. Tierney Clark County Clerk

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