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A regular meeting of the Carson City Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife was scheduled for 6:00 p.m. on Monday, October 29, 2007 in the City Hall Capitol Conference Room, 201 North Carson Street, Carson City, Nevada.

PRESENT: Vice Chairperson Gil Yanuck
Wes Clyde
John Valley
Stan Zuber

STAFF: Kathleen King, Recording Secretary

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1. **CALL TO ORDER, DETERMINATION OF QUORUM (1-0012)** - Vice Chairperson Yanuck called the meeting to order at 6:16 p.m. A quorum was present. Chairperson Walker was absent. Member Valley arrived at 7:15 p.m.
2. **ACTION ON APPROVAL OF MINUTES - September 17, 2007 (1-0016)** - Member Zuber moved to accept the minutes. Member Clyde seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.
3. **MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA (1-0025)** - None.
4. **PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDIZED ITEMS (1-0028)** - C.K. Baily announced the Carson Fly Fishing Club Annual Banquet scheduled for 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, November 3rd at the Gold Dust West Casino.
5. **DISCLOSURES (1-0056)** - None.
6. **REPORT AND DISCUSSION OF POINTS OF INTEREST FROM THE SEPTEMBER 21 AND 22, 2007 WILDLIFE COMMISSION MEETING (1-0061)** - Vice Chairperson Yanuck provided an overview of the commission meeting, at which discussion included the quagga mussel, the TAAHC, and the 2008 commission meeting schedule.
7. **REVIEW, DISCUSSION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE TAG ALLOCATION AND APPLICATION HUNT COMMITTEE'S ("TAAHC") PHASE 2 POWERPOINT PRESENTATION AND PRELIMINARY MOTIONS MADE AT THE SEPTEMBER 21ST TAAHC MEETING IN LAS VEGAS and 8. REVIEW, DISCUSSION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE TAAHC'S "RETURN OF TAG FOR ANY REASON" PROPOSAL (1-0163)** - Vice Chairperson Yanuck introduced and provided an overview of the PowerPoint presentation, copies of which were included in the agenda materials. He reviewed the TAAHC's "Return of Tag for Any Reason" proposal, copies of which were included in the agenda materials. He requested

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input of the board members. Member Clyde expressed a preference for being able to return a tag for any reason. He expressed support for proposal two in that the sheep and goat tags are proposed to be reallocated. He suggested that all tags should be returned a minimum of two weeks prior to the season opening date in order to be reallocated. Discussion followed. Vice Chairperson Yanuck entertained a motion to recommend approval of tag return proposal two, with additional modifications such that tagholders for every species would be required to return tags two weeks prior to the opening date and that the reallocation policy will apply to every species. **Member Clyde so moved. Member Zuber seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.**

Vice Chairperson Yanuck provided background information on the new proposals to return tags for any reason. He referred to Topics A.6.2 and A.6.2.1, slide no. 39 in the PowerPoint presentation, and reviewed the proposed provisions. Following discussion, he proposed the following action: To recommend denial of the proposal to require a one-year waiting period if successful in a deer tag draw. **Member Clyde so moved. Member Zuber seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.**

Member Clyde expressed disagreement with proposal A.6.2.2, slide 40, and a preference for the current regulation to remain unchanged. Following discussion, Vice Chairperson Yanuck suggested a motion to recommend denial of the proposal for the once-in-a-lifetime California Bighorn sheep, Rocky Mountain Bighorn sheep, and Rocky Mountain goat tags, and the ten-year waiting periods for Rocky Mountain elk and Desert Bighorn sheep, and to leave the current regulation as it is. **Member Clyde so moved. Member Zuber seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.**

Vice Chairperson Yanuck reviewed proposals A.6.2.3 and A.6.2.4, slide 45. Member Clyde expressed agreement with the proposal to not allow hunters to accrue bonus points during a waiting period. He advised "they do need to close that loop on the antelope." He responded to questions of clarification. Vice Chairperson Yanuck entertained a motion. **Member Clyde moved to concur with the TAAHC on proposals A.6.2.3. and A.6.2.4. Member Zuber seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.**

The board members reviewed proposals A.6.3. and A.6.3.1, slide 49. Following discussion, **Member Clyde moved to concur with the TAAHC on proposals A.6.3. and A.6.3.1. Member Zuber seconded the motion.** Following additional discussion, **Member Clyde amended his motion to also indicate concurrence with proposals A.6.3.2. through A.6.3.4. Member Zuber continued his second. Motion carried 3-0.**

The board members reviewed and discussed proposal A.6.4, slide 53. Following discussion, Vice Chairperson Yanuck proposed the following motion: That the CCABMW recommends January 31st remain a fixed date for return of harvest reports. **Member Zuber so moved. Member Clyde seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.** [Member Valley arrived at 7:15 p.m.]

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Vice Chairperson Yanuck advised that the TAAHC had reviewed proposal A.6.5., regarding the landowner program, to establish a limit on the number of tags a sportsman can obtain in one year, and decided to consider the issue no further. (1-1166) Following discussion, Vice Chairperson Yanuck suggested indicating advisory board agreement that proposal A.6.5 should be considered no further. **Member Clyde so moved. Member Zuber seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0-1, Member Valley abstaining.**

Vice Chairperson Yanuck reviewed proposals A.6.6. and A.6.6.1, slide 55. (1-1184) Vice Chairperson Yanuck proposed the following motion: With regard to resident / non-resident quotas and allocating remaining non-resident tags to residents next in line, the advisory board agrees with the TAAHC in giving no further consideration to this proposal. **Member Clyde so moved. Member Zuber seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0-1, Member Valley abstaining.**

(1-1229) Vice Chairperson Yanuck suggested agreeing with the TAAHC to give no further consideration to proposal A.6.7. **Member Valley so moved. Member Clyde seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.**

Vice Chairperson Yanuck pointed out that the TAAHC had taken action to give no further consideration to proposal A.6.8, slide 57. Following discussion, Vice Chairperson Yanuck advised that the commission had already passed a regulation making a non-resident guided hunt applicant ineligible for the big game draw. He suggested a motion that the advisory board agree with the TAAHC to give no further consideration to proposal A.6.8. **Member Zuber so moved. Member Clyde seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.**

The board members reviewed and discussed proposal A.6.9, slide 58. Vice Chairperson Yanuck entertained recommendations and, when none were forthcoming, a motion to agree with the TAAHC. **Member Clyde so moved. Member Valley seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.**

Member Valley explained the intent of proposal A.6.10, and discussion followed. Vice Chairperson Yanuck suggested agreeing with the TAAHC to give no further consideration to the proposal and to provide no recommendation for change. **Member Zuber so moved. Member Valley seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.**

In response to a question, Member Valley explained the intent of proposal A.6.11. Following discussion, Vice Chairperson Yanuck suggested agreeing with the TAAHC to give no further consideration to the proposal and to provide no recommendation for change. **Member Clyde so moved. Member Zuber seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.**

9. ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE CONSENT AGENDA. All matters listed under the Consent Agenda are agendaized for the November 2 and 3, 2007 Wildlife Commission meeting and may be acted upon by the Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife with one action and without extensive hearing. Any member of the Board or any citizen may request that an item be taken from the consent agenda and acted upon separately during this meeting (1-1478) - Vice Chairperson Yanuck entertained requests to remove items from the consent agenda. Items 9-A, 9-E, 9-G,

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9-H, and 9-I were removed from the consent agenda. Vice Chairperson Yanuck entertained a motion to accept the remainder of the consent agenda. **Member Zuber moved to accept the remainder of the consent agenda. Member Valley seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0-1, Member Clyde had temporarily left the meeting room.**

9-A. ACTION REGARDING ORIENTATION COMMITTEE - CHAIRMAN BENTLEY. The commission will be asked to create a temporary committee to revise the Commission Guidebook, including incorporation of new guidelines and expectations for county advisory board to manage wildlife members (1-1519) - Vice Chairperson Yanuck advised that he had been drafted to participate in this temporary committee. He provided background information on the commission guidebook, and entertained a motion. **Member Zuber moved to approve the recommendation to establish a committee. Member Valley seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.**

9-B. ACTION REGARDING GAME MANAGEMENT COMMISSION POLICY #21 - CHIEF OF GAME RUSS MASON. The commission will conduct a second reading of Commission Policy #21 and be asked to adopt the policy.

9-C. ACTION REGARDING COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 349 - PROGRAM OFFICER III MAUREEN HULLINGER. The commission will clarify the calculation of days whenever a game animal or parts thereof are required to be presented to a department representative within a specified number of days; establish requirements for the submission of turkey tag questionnaire language; amend the deadline for the receipt of big game tag questionnaires to January 31; and establish mail and electronic procedures for payment of administrative fines and questionnaire information when a person has failed to submit questionnaire information by the established deadline. *See commission agenda item #4 for support material. This item is agendized as part of a commission workshop on Friday, November 2nd and for commission action on Saturday, November 3rd.*

9-D. ACTION REGARDING COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 350 - STEVE ALBERT. The commission will be asked to adopt language prohibiting trapping within 1,000 feet of certain trails in the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest, and other matters properly related thereto. *See commission agenda item #5 for support material. This item is agendized as part of a commission workshop on Friday, November 2nd and for commission action on Saturday, November 3rd.*

9-E. ACTION REGARDING COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 351 - PROGRAM OFFICER III MAUREEN HULLINGER. The proposed regulation change would establish provisions for a one-day group "Take Me Fishing" fishing permit pursuant to Assembly Bill 573. *See commission agenda item #6 for support material. This item is agendized as part of a commission workshop on Friday, November 2nd and for commission action on Saturday, November 3rd* (1-1589) - Vice Chairperson Yanuck introduced this item. In response to a question, he read pertinent portions of AB 573 into the record and provided an overview of the

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same. Following discussion, Kevin Baily expressed support for the proposed amendment. Vice Chairperson Yanuck entertained a motion to approve CGR 351. **Member Clyde so moved. Member Zuber seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.**

9-F. ACTION REGARDING COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 352 - PROGRAM OFFICER III MAUREEN HULLINGER. The commission is being asked to adopt language clarifying the number of years a person is eligible to apply for a junior hunt; automatically transferring certain bonus points accumulated by a person in junior hunts to bonus points in the antlered mule deer category; and other matters properly related thereto. *See commission agenda item #7 for support material. This item is agendized as part of a commission workshop on Friday, November 2nd and for commission action on Saturday, November 3rd.*

9-G. ACTION REGARDING APPEAL OF DIEDRE HANACH. Ms. Diedre Hanach is appealing to the commission for reallocation of a 2007 deer tag (1-1700) - Vice Chairperson Yanuck introduced and provided background information on this item. He read portions of the pertinent agenda materials into the record, and expressed the opinion that the existing procedure should be updated to designate e-mail as a viable means of contact. Discussion followed regarding the subject appeal circumstances and possible solutions to the problem. Vice Chairperson Yanuck entertained a motion. **Member Clyde moved to recommend that Wildlife Administrative Services update the means by which they communicate with applicants. Member Valley seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.**

9-H. ACTION REGARDING APPEAL OF TODD ECKHARDT. Mr. Todd Eckhardt is appealing for reinstatement of elk and desert bighorn sheep bonus points (1-2017) - Vice Chairperson Yanuck introduced this item and reviewed the pertinent agenda materials. He expressed support for the commission's position to deny the appeal. Discussion took place, and Vice Chairperson Yanuck expressed the opinion the commission would have no grounds for reinstating the bonus points, as requested. He entertained a motion to support denial of the reinstatement of Mr. Eckhardt's bonus points. **Member Zuber so moved. Member Clyde seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.**

9-I. ACTION REGARDING EUREKA COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE PETITION. The commission will consider a petition from the Eureka County Advisory Board to Management Wildlife members for a "Silver State Tag" which could be obtained through the application draw process as delineated in support material for this item. **The commission may accept and initiate regulatory action or deny the petition (1-2090)** - Vice Chairperson Yanuck introduced this item and reviewed the pertinent commission agenda materials. Discussion took place to clarify details of the proposal. Member Valley expressed support for the proposal, but concern over whether "all the kinks have been worked out yet." He noted the revenue generated by the partnership in wildlife tag, and suggested the proposed Silver State Tag could do the same. Additional discussion took place to clarify details of the proposal. Member Clyde expressed support for the concept, but concern over details which have yet to be worked out. Discussion continued, and Vice Chairperson Yanuck entertained a motion. Discussion took place

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with regard to the appropriate action, and **Member Clyde** moved to recommend that the commission accept the petition and initiate regulatory action. **Member Valley** seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

- 10. DISCUSSION REGARDING INFORMATIONAL REPORTS TO BE PRESENTED AT THE NOVEMBER 2 AND 3, 2007 WILDLIFE COMMISSION MEETING.** A report on each of the following informational items will be provided by a Nevada Department of Wildlife representative or a Wildlife Commissioner at the upcoming Commission meeting (1-2838) - Vice Chairperson Yanuck entertained requests to designate specific discussion items. Consensus of the board was to designate items 10-A, 10-B, and 10-D for specific discussion.

10-A. BLACK BEAR MANAGEMENT - WILDLIFE STAFF SPECIALIST KEVIN LANSFORD (1-2872) - Member Valley advised of having heard a presentation by Wildlife Staff Specialist Kevin Lansford. Member Valley expressed concern with regard to politics associated with the possibility of establishing a hunting season, and the method by which a season would be financed. Discussion followed, and Member Valley expressed an interest in the subject report.

10-B. RECLASSIFICATION OF WOLVES AS A BIG GAME SPECIES - WILDLIFE STAFF SPECIALIST KEVIN LANSFORD (1-3000) - Member Clyde inquired as to whether the Department is being proactive on this issue. Discussion followed.

10-C. GREAT BASIN ECOSYSTEM HEALTH INITIATIVE - WILDLIFE STAFF SPECIALIST MARK ATKINSON

10-D. HATCHERY REFURBISHMENT - CHIEF OF FISHERIES RICH HASKINS AND WILDLIFE STAFF SPECIALIST DAVE SANGER (1-3107) - Mr. Baily expressed an interest in the status of the Lake Mead hatchery and other hatcheries across the state.

10-E. ADVERTISING REVENUE - MARKETING COORDINATOR LYNNE FOSTER

10-F. HUNTER EDUCATION PROGRAM UPDATE - CONSERVATION EDUCATOR JOHN McKAY

10-G. COMMISSION POLICIES - MANAGEMENT ANALYST III KIM JOLLY

10-H. DEPARTMENT BUDGET - DIRECTOR KEN MAYER

10-I. AUDIT COMPLIANCE UPDATE - DIRECTOR KEN MAYER

10-J. DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES REPORT - DIRECTOR KEN MAYER

10-K. NEVADA WILDLIFE DATA SYSTEMS REPORT - CHIEF OF OPERATIONS BOB HAUGHIAN AND DON SEFTON

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10-L. RETURN OF TAGS FOR ANY REASON - COMMISSIONER ROBB

10-M. TAG ALLOCATION AND APPLICATION HUNT COMMITTEE (“TAAHC”) - COMMISSIONER JEFFRESS

10-N. ELK DAMAGE, ELK INCENTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT - CHAIRMAN CLINT BENTLEY

10-O. LITIGATION REPORT - DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL NHU NGUYEN

11. REPORT ON NEVADA SAGE GROUSE CONSERVATION TEAM - GIL YANUCK (1-3161) - Vice Chairperson Yanuck advised of a rescheduled meeting, and that he would have more to report at the next advisory board meeting.

12. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING NDOW’S REVISED TRAVEL POLICY AND ITS EFFECT ON COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE MEMBER PARTICIPATION IN COMMISSION MEETINGS (1-3180) - Vice Chairperson Yanuck introduced this item and provided an overview of the pertinent agenda materials. He responded to questions regarding per diem rates.

13. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE CARSON CITY ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE BUDGET - Previously covered.

14. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING WILDLIFE HERITAGE TRUST ACCOUNT PROJECTS (1-3584) - Vice Chairperson Yanuck introduced this item and provided an overview of the Heritage Trust Account Program in response to a question.

15. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE 2007 WAYNE E. KIRCH CONSERVATION AWARD (1-3655) - Vice Chairperson Yanuck noted that nomination forms had been provided to the county advisory board members.

16. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING BOARD MEMBER COMMITMENTS TO UPCOMING WILDLIFE COMMISSION MEETINGS (2-0003) - Vice Chairperson Yanuck offered to attend the upcoming commission meeting in Reno. Member Clyde advised he would be available on Friday until approximately 3:00 p.m.

17. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO SCHEDULE NEXT CCABMW MEETING. The next meeting of the Wildlife Commission is scheduled for February 8 and 9, 2008 in Las Vegas. The next meeting of the CCABMW is tentatively scheduled for Monday, February 4, 2008 (2-0039) - Consensus of the board was to schedule the next meeting for Monday, February 4th.

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18. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING NEW CCABMW MEETING VENUE FOR 2008 (2-0043) - Ms. King discussed the possibility of moving the board meeting venue to the new Sheriff's Office conference room. The board members expressed no opposition.

19. STATUS REPORTS FROM STAFF (2-0098) - None.

20. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS - None.

21. ACTION ON ADJOURNMENT (2-0102) - Member Clyde moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:58 p.m. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

The Minutes of the October 29, 2007 Carson City Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife meeting are so approved this 17th day of March, 2008.

GILBERT A. YANUCK, Vice Chair