

# CARSON CITY ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE

## Minutes of the June 10, 2002 Meeting

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A regular meeting of the Carson City Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife was scheduled for 7:00 p.m. on Monday, June 10, 2002 in the City Hall Capitol Conference Room, 201 North Carson Street, Carson City, Nevada.

**PRESENT:** Chairperson Norman Pedersen  
Bill Allyn  
Steve Walker  
Gil Yanuck

**STAFF:** Kathleen King, Recording Secretary

**NOTE:** A tape recording of these proceedings is on file in the Clerk-Recorder's Office and is available for review and inspection during regular business hours.

**1. CALL TO ORDER, DETERMINATION OF QUORUM (1-0001)** - Chairperson Pedersen called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. A quorum was present. Vice Chairperson Davis was absent.

**2. ACTION ON APPROVAL OF MINUTES - April 24, 2002 and May 6, 2002 (1-0010)** - Member Allyn moved to approve the minutes. Member Walker seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

**3. MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA (1-0026)** - None.

**4. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDIZED ITEMS (1-0029)** - C.K. Baily advised of a contact from Park Maintenance Operations Director Scott Fahrenbruch, who informed him that the aerator has been installed in Ross Gold Pond, the pond has been filled with water, and a chemical equivalent to Aquashade has been added to the water. He explained the properties and benefits of the chemical and advised that it has turned the pond a "pea green" color. In response to a question, he advised that the aerator is operational but that there is no reason to operate it at this time. He further advised that Mr. Fahrenbruch has indicated an uncertainty regarding any fish planting in the near future due to the water temperature. The water will be tested in the near future to determine its quality. Mr. Baily responded to questions regarding the number and species of ducks near the pond.

(1-0140) Dan Greytak, a member of the Carson River Advisory Committee, introduced himself.

**5. DISCLOSURES (1-0130)** - Chairperson Pedersen advised of conversations with Tom Hall, of the Carson River Advisory Committee, who was also in attendance at the meeting.

**6. DISCUSSION OF POINTS OF INTEREST FROM THE MAY 10 AND 11, 2002 WILDLIFE COMMISSION MEETING (1-0155)** - Member Walker referred to his comments reflected on page 5 of the May 10 and 11, 2002 draft Wildlife Commission minutes, and provided an overview of the same. He discussed the PowerPoint presentation on wind power generators and comments he provided, on behalf of the Board, regarding the M-44 predator control device.

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Member Yanuck discussed the budget presentations made during the Saturday meeting and NDOW's proposal to provide the requested budget amounts less the balance each county has in its account at the end of the fiscal year. He advised of comments provided regarding the Wildlife Commission meeting schedule, the Sage Grouse Conservation meetings, and potential alternative revenue sources for NDOW. In response to a question, he provided an overview of the discussion which took place regarding proposed non-consumptive user fees, NDOW's request to revert from a division to a department, and the time table for publishing the Wildlife Commission meeting agenda.

Member Allyn provided an overview of the discussion regarding allocation of elk and deer tags, advised that the status of the grey wolf has been changed from endangered to threatened and that grey wolves have been spotted in Elko County. He reported that \$200 million has been appropriated from the Farm Bill for High Desert Lakes and advised that NDOW has hired a predatory biologist. Chairperson Pedersen thanked the Board members for their reports.

#### **7. REPORT ON GOVERNOR'S SAGE GROUSE CONSERVATION PLAN - GIL YANUCK**

(1-0650) - Member Yanuck referred to the May 14, 2002 and June 4, 2002 letters included in the agenda materials and summarized the same. He responded to questions regarding field trip and meeting attendance and available sage grouse habitat in Carson City.

#### **8. REVIEW, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON INFORMATIONAL REPORTS TO BE PROVIDED AT THE JUNE 21, 2002 JOINT MEETING OF THE NEVADA BOARD OF WILDLIFE COMMISSIONERS AND THE CALIFORNIA FISH AND GAME COMMISSION: (1-0807)**

Chairperson Pedersen provided background information on the annual meeting between the Nevada Board and the California Commission.

**8-A. MULE DEER MANAGEMENT - NEVADA DIVISION OF WILDLIFE AND CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME (1-0841)** - Chairperson Pedersen referred to the report provided by NDOW Biologist Walter Mandeville at the April 24, 2002 Board meeting regarding migrating mule deer herds.

**8-B. SAGE GROUSE - NEVADA DIVISION OF WILDLIFE AND CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME (1-0857)** - Chairperson Pedersen referred to the report previously provided by Member Yanuck. Member Yanuck advised that California received a grant to fund their sage grouse study but that it will not be completed for two years. He discussed the time table imposed by Governor Guinn for completion of Nevada's study and its correlation to the recommendation to be made by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service ("USFWS") regarding whether or not to list the sage grouse. Discussion took place regarding differences in habitat area between Nevada and California, bureaucracy, and funding for the studies. Member Yanuck advised that information gathered during the Nevada study will be made available for the California study.

**8-C. LAHONTAN CUTTHROAT TROUT - NEVADA DIVISION OF WILDLIFE AND CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME (1-0966)** - Mr. Baily read into the record a quote from Executive Order 12962, Recreational Fisheries, from Vol. 61, No. 107, p. 27978 of the Federal

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Register. He advised of a “fear in the angling public” that efforts to recover the Lahontan cutthroat trout in the Truckee River, the Carson Basin, and the Walker River will prohibit one-day recreational fishing, and that eventually recreational fishing will be prohibited altogether in the Truckee River. He explained that the creel census conducted following the planting of 1 million Lahontan cutthroat trout in the Truckee River revealed two survivors. He expressed a concern that the angling public will lose fisheries to the USFWS and that all non-native species will be removed in the effort to recover the Lahontan cutthroat trout. He advised of an executive order issued by former President Clinton requiring the USFWS to provide for the continuation and enhancement of recreational fisheries while attempting to recover endangered fish species.

**8-D. TAHOE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM - NEVADA DIVISION OF WILDLIFE (1-1085)** - Neither the Board members nor the public had any comment on this item.

**8-E. CALIFORNIA FISH AND GAME COMMISSION STRATEGIC PLAN - CALIFORNIA FISH AND GAME COMMISSION (1-1092)** - Neither the Board members nor the public had any comment on this item.

**8-F. BEAR AWARENESS PROGRAM - NEVADA DIVISION OF WILDLIFE AND CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME (1-1113)** - Chairperson Pedersen discussed population statistics provided by NDOW Biologist Craig Lackey, and a presentation provided by NDOW staff at the April Wildlife Commission meeting. Member Yanuck referred to the *Reno Gazette-Journal* article included in the agenda materials and provided an overview of the same. Chairperson Pedersen discussed Nevada’s bear awareness program.

**8-G. COMMISSION FIELD TOUR - MARLETTE LAKE (1-1178)** - Member Yanuck acknowledged that the tour will be conducted following the joint meeting between the Nevada Board and the California Commission. In response to a question, he provided information on the location of the joint meeting.

**9. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION AT THE JUNE 22, 2002 WILDLIFE COMMISSION MEETING:**

**9-A. TABLE MOUNTAIN WIND GENERATION PROPOSAL - DOUG HUNT AND TABLE MOUNTAIN WIND COMPANY, LLC (1-1222)** - Member Yanuck discussed the advantages and disadvantages of the proposal, and expressed a concern regarding the need for balance. Member Walker responded to questions regarding the proposed location, and discussed the increase in wind power permits on Bureau of Land Management property. He expressed an interest in the biologists’ opinions, and Mr. Greytak discussed the environmental impact study process required for federal lands. Discussion took place regarding alternative power sources, and Chairperson Pedersen read a portion of a NDOW report into the record. Member Yanuck noted that NDOW is opposed to proposed alternatives a and b and read a portion of the same report into the record.

**9-B. COMMISSION REGULATION 03-01 THROUGH 03-13 AUCTION TAG VENDORS**

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(1-1420) - Member Walker discussed the Foundation for North American Wild Sheep (“FNAWS”) annual meeting at the Hilton, and advised that last year’s sheep tag was auctioned for \$67,000. He expressed a concern regarding the California chapter of FNAWS requesting a Nevada sheep tag and then holding its annual meeting in Sacramento. He suggested that unless the California chapter is willing to hold their annual meeting in Nevada, NDOW should not provide a tag.

**9-C. REQUEST TO EXTEND THE TIME FRAME TO COMPLETE THE SPRUCE MOUNTAIN GUZZLER PROJECT FUNDED PARTIALLY BY HERITAGE TRUST ACCOUNT FUNDS (1-1516)** - The recording secretary noted a revision between the draft Commission agenda upon which the Board’s agenda was based and the finalized Commission agenda provided to the Board members. Consensus of the Board was that this item is more of an internal concern to NDOW.

**9-D. STILLWATER NATIONAL REFUGE PLANS (1-1522)** - Member Walker noted that no information was included in the Commission agenda materials, and suggested obtaining copies of Alternative E at the Wildlife Commission meeting. Mr. Greytak offered to provide CD versions of the final plan to the Board members. Member Allyn read into the record a portion of a letter from Wildlife Commission Chairman John Moran to the Director of the USFWS, indicating the Commission’s support of Alternative E.

**9-E. ASSEMBLY BILL 9, NATURAL RESOURCES BOND INITIATIVE (1-1598)** - Member Yanuck referred to the letter from Hazel Wong of The Nature Conservancy included in the Commission agenda materials. He responded to questions regarding the purpose of the bill, and consensus of the Board was to monitor this matter.

### **9-F. LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS**

- **Technical amendments to license structure**
- **License, tag stamp and permit fee increases**
- **Habitat conservation fee**
  
- **Reversion of the Division to a Department (1-1732)** - Chairperson Pedersen discussed the benefits to NDOW of reverting to a department, including less oversight by the Wildlife Commission. Discussion took place regarding the Wildlife Commission’s statutory purview over NDOW and the existing structure. Mr. Baily suggested that the Wildlife Commission should be provided more statutory authority over NDOW whether or not NDOW becomes a department. He discussed the relationship between the California Department of Fish and Game and the California Fish and Game Commission. Member Walker reviewed the Nevada Wildlife Commission’s authority as provided by the statute. Discussion took place regarding agendizing a presentation with regard to this issue for the next meeting, and consensus of the Board was to monitor this matter at the Commission level.
  
- **Commission approval of the Division budget (1-2262)** - Discussion took place

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regarding the Commission's authority with regard to the Division's budget.

- **Advertising in agency publications**
- **Use of private printing firms for Division publications (1-1640)** - Member Walker advised of the statutory requirement for NDOW publications to be printed by the State Printing Office. He suggested monitoring this matter, and discussion took place regarding the purpose of the proposal.

**9-G. REVOCATION OF MASTER GUIDE LICENSE OF WILLIAM S. GIBSON AND REFUSAL OF REISSUANCE OF LICENSE FOR PERIOD OF FIVE YEARS (1-2304)** - In response to a question, Member Yanuck explained the process by which the Commission addresses license revocations. He advised that information pertaining to license revocations is kept very confidential and is presented only at the Commission meeting. Member Walker advised that the Board has never been provided written information on license revocations.

**9-H. LICENSE REVOCATION APPEAL OF RODGER GORHAM (1-2387)** - Chairperson Pedersen noted that no information was provided in the Commission agenda materials and that this item will also be addressed at the Commission meeting.

**9-I. COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS (1-2407)** - Neither the Board members nor the public had any comment with regard to this item.

**10. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON INFORMATIONAL REPORTS TO BE PROVIDED AT THE JUNE 22, 2002 WILDLIFE COMMISSION MEETING (1-2455)** Chairperson Pedersen introduced each of the informational items and invited the Board members and the citizens present to make comments.

**10-A. OVERVIEW OF AMPHIBIANS - ANITA COOK (1-2458)** - Neither the Board members nor the public had any comment on this item.

**10-B. NEVADA WILDLIFE DATA SYSTEM UPDATE - PATTY WAGNER (1-2459)** - Neither the Board members nor the public had any comment on this item.

**10-C. ELKO COUNTY ELK SUBPLAN - GREGG TANNER (1-2462)** - Neither the Board members nor the public had any comment on this item.

**10-D. CENTRAL NEVADA ELK SUBPLAN - COMMISSIONER OLSEN (1-2464)** - Neither the Board members nor the public had any comment on this item.

**10-E. LITIGATION - DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL RONDA MOORE (1-2469)** - Member Yanuck provided an overview of the pending litigation for which Ms. Moore provides a status report at each Commission meeting.

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**10-F. PRIVATE LANDS WILDLIFE - COMMISSIONER BRADLEY (1-2483) - Chairperson**  
Pedersen noted that a subcommission will provide a report at the Commission meeting.

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**10-G. WILDERNESS AREAS IN CLARK COUNTY - DOUG HUNT (1-2488)** - Chairperson Pedersen read into the record a May 17, 2002 letter from Wildlife Commission Chairman John Moran and the attached sample letter of support. He referred to the attached resolution and provided an overview of the same. He discussed concerns raised regarding ingress and egress to wilderness designated lands, providing for water during drought conditions, etc., and expressed the opinion that the interests of the sporting public are adequately represented in the proposed resolution. **Member Yanuck moved to support Chairman Moran and the Commission in their request to various legislative representatives, and to appoint Chairperson Pedersen to write letters of support to the various legislative representatives. Member Walker seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.**

**10-H. COMMERCIAL COLLECTION OF WILDLIFE - RICH HASKINS AND TOM ATKINSON (1-2758)** - Neither the Board members nor the public had any comment on this item.

**10-I. WILDLIFE DAMAGE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE - COMMISSIONER QUILICI (1-2767)** - Neither the Board members nor the public had any comment on this item.

**11. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO PROVIDE COPIES OF THE CCABMW STANDARDIZED EXPENSE REPORT FORM TO OTHER COUNTY ADVISORY BOARDS TO MANAGE WILDLIFE (1-2796)** - Member Yanuck referred to the minutes of the May 10 and 11, 2002 Wildlife Commission meeting wherein Chairperson Moran requested that the Carson City Board distribute copies of the expense report to the other county advisory boards. Member Yanuck indicated he would draft a letter to the advisory board chairmen. Chairperson Pedersen suggested notifying Chairman Moran, in writing, that the Board complied with his request.

**12. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING SPORTSMAN LICENSE PLATES (1-2955)** - Member Allyn advised of the recent development of a sportsman license plate and the possibility of NDOW using it as a revenue source. He and Member Yanuck commented on the nature of the design, and Member Yanuck suggested that a contest should be conducted to attract additional interest and design submittals. Chairperson Pedersen provided background information on this item, and expressed a concern regarding how the revenue will be allocated between NDOW and the Department of Motor Vehicles & Public Safety. Discussion took place regarding the number of specialized license plates in Nevada, the cost of personalized license plates, and the possible amount of revenue to be generated.

**13. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO RECOMMEND THAT THE COMMISSION ALLOW RESIDENT AND NON-RESIDENT PARTY HUNTS (1-3230)** - Discussion took place regarding the elements and benefits of the proposal, and Member Walker suggested it would be more properly addressed in the form of a Commission petition. He commented that the issue of bonus points will have to be addressed, and extensive discussion took place with regard to developing a comprehensive petition which addresses all the issues and mechanics of the proposal. Chairperson Pedersen suggested reagendaizing this item for further discussion at the next meeting.

**14. REPORT AND DISCUSSION REGARDING STATUS OF CCABMW BUDGET (1-3630)** - Member Yanuck advised that approximately \$900 remains in the budget with one more Commission

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meeting scheduled prior to the end of the fiscal year. He anticipates receiving the requested \$2800 less the amount remaining in the account. He noted that the Board has conscientiously attended Commission meetings over the last couple years which has, in turn, increased budget expenditures. Chairperson Pedersen commended former member Larry Blank and Member Yanuck on development and submission of the Board's budget requests. Member Yanuck discussed the miscellaneous items included in the budget request such as postage, telephone charges, etc.

**15. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO DESIGNATE A CCABMW REPRESENTATIVE TO ATTEND THE JUNE 21 AND 22, 2002 WILDLIFE COMMISSION MEETINGS IN SOUTH LAKE TAHOE, CALIFORNIA AND STATELINE, NEVADA (1-3813) -**

Chairperson Pedersen reviewed the locations of the June 21<sup>st</sup> and June 22<sup>nd</sup> meetings. Member Yanuck pointed out that Vice Chairperson Davis had previously volunteered to attend the meetings. Member Walker suggested that Chairperson Pedersen contact Vice Chairperson Davis to confirm his attendance and advise the Board members accordingly. Chairperson Pedersen encouraged all the Board members to attend the meetings, and discussion took place regarding the agendas for both days. In response to a question, Chairperson Pedersen advised that representatives from adjacent states make presentations to the Commission from time to time, but that the joint meeting between the Nevada and California Commissions is unique. Discussion took place regarding migratory herds.

**16. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO SCHEDULE NEXT CCABMW MEETING (2-0082) -**

The next Wildlife Commission meeting is scheduled for August 9 and 10, 2002 in Las Vegas. Discussion took place regarding possible dates, the agenda, hotel rates, and the possibility of changing the meeting time to 6:00 p.m. Consensus of the Board was to schedule the next advisory board meeting for July 29, 2002 at 6:00 p.m.

**17. DISCUSSION ONLY REGARDING FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS (2-0259) -**

Chairperson Pedersen requested staff to agendize Board member interviews, selection of a Board representative to attend the August Commission meeting, and discussion and possible action regarding resident/non-resident party hunts.

**18. ACTION ON ADJOURNMENT (2-0270) -**

Member Walker moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:15 p.m. Member Allyn seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

The Minutes of the June 10, 2002 meeting of the Carson City Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife are so approved this \_\_\_\_\_ day of July, 2002.

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NORMAN PEDERSEN, Chair